

# YOUTH NETWORKS OF THE UPPER AUSTRIAN CHAMBER OF LABOUR

## Description

The Team Jugendnetzwerke (Youth Networks) of the division of Education, Youth and Culture of the Upper Austrian Chamber of Labour has been connecting stakeholders regarding in the transition from young people from school to job for more than ten years now. The achieved

network structures in all Upper Austrian regions provide a platform for exchange and reflection on the topic youth employment for 1,200 partners. This network system was evaluated in the year 2015 by the University of Linz.

## Problem

What can youth-employment-networking do?

## NEET in figures

In Upper Austria 5,5 percent of young people in the age between 15 and 24 were in risk of exclusion in the year 2017. That are 9,396 persons with a NEET status (NEET = Not in Employment, Education or Training).

(Eurostat: Nichterwerbstätige Jugendliche, die weder an Bildung noch an Weiterbildung teilnehmen, nach Geschlecht, Alter und Erwerbsstatus (NEET Rate). [http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=edat\\_ifse\\_225lang-de](http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=edat_ifse_225lang-de) (2017). Abgerufen 24. Okt. 2018)

## Overview of offers and funding providers

In Upper Austria there are 255 offers from 39 different carriers for young people in the sensitive phase of transition into the world of work. These three institutions provide the main funding: Arbeitsmarktservice OÖ, Land OÖ, Sozialministeriumservice OÖ

(Lentner, M, Rigler, S., Niederberger, K.: Evaluierung der Angebotslandschaft für Jugendliche in Oberösterreich. Institut für Berufs- und Erwachsenenbildungsforschung an der Universität Linz, 28 ff. (2015)

## History, goals and tasks of the Youth Networks

### History

*"Where would we be if everyone said where would we be and nobody went to see where we would be if we would go." (Kurt Marti)*

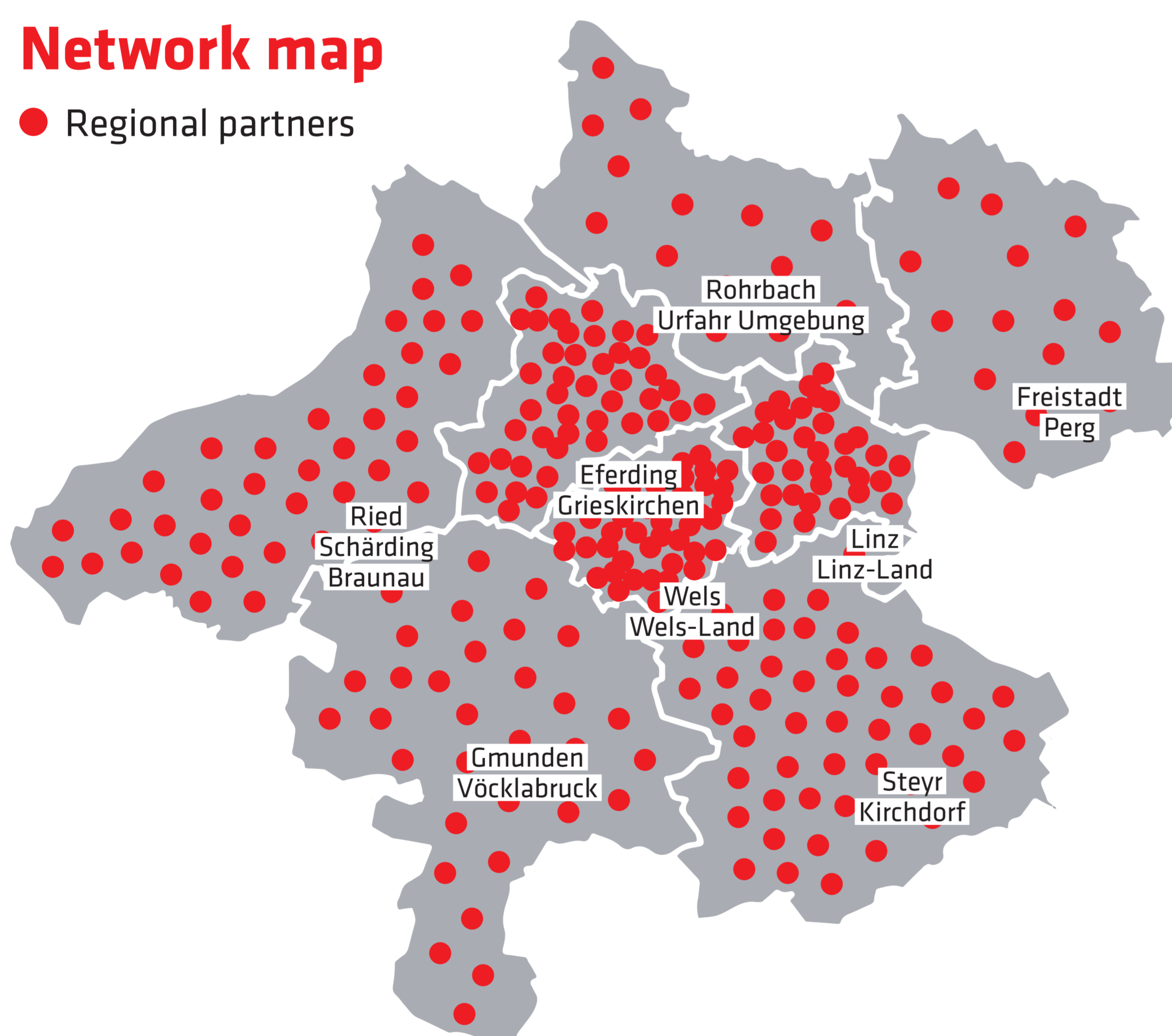
The first network meeting of the four regional organisations (AK, Volkshilfe, Bildungszentrum Salzkammergut, Nikolaus-Lenau-Schule) took place in the Chamber of Labour of Gmunden in June 2007. This was the beginning of the first Upper Austrian Youth Network.

### Goals and tasks

The goal is the reinforced integration of the political focus of the Upper Austrian Chamber of Labour on young people at a regional level. Offers should be bundled usefully, information about current developments and trends should be given and impulses for cooperation and know-how transfers should be initiated. The content concerns better conditions for the integration of young people into the labour market, the reduction of mechanisms on social exclusion and the participation of stakeholders, as well as the integration of environmental experiences.

## Network map

● Regional partners



## Results

The Youth Networks of the Upper Austrian Chamber of Labour are an important contribution to the transition from school to job. These contributions are perceived as follows:

- ➔ Creation of a better transparency of heterogeneous offers
- ➔ Bundling of regional resources
- ➔ Major time savings in daily work
- ➔ Perception of better informational transfer and more direct ways between network partners
- ➔ Increasing professionalism based on a common orientation on solutions
- ➔ An increase in trust through personal contacts and a simultaneous decrease in reservations
- ➔ Motivation through a common goal and formation of a solution-based cooperation
- ➔ Realization of the preset order regarding networking, as well as a simple establishment of new offers

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