











SWOMM 2013

"Product development for Railways. Development of the railway as a product.

 Illustrated on the example of the Mariazellerbahn"





























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Development of the Mariazellerbahn

Inauguration of complete line: : 1906

Great fear of closure: 1980er – 1990ies

Valley section: commuters

Alpine section: tourists

Takeover by NÖVOG: 2010

Huge investments of NÖVOG

- -New train materials
- -Tracks, Railway crossings etc.
- -Ski lift at Gemeindealpe- Mountain Mitterbach





























Which target groups? What is the

product?

Is the railway itself the product?

- "Ferrosexuals" or Railwayfans
- -loyal, small target group

What could be a product in the

surrounding area?





















Two experiental spaces – one railway line: Pielachtal





























Looking back:

1996:

•6 tourism boards with an umbrella organization and "Kulturpark Eisenstraße" – association

- •No brand(s) visible
- Many duplications
- Nature Park existing, but much smaller and less attractive
- •Mariazellerbahn part of ÖBB



















Development of the Pielachtal valley

Brand development "Dirndltal"

In German Dirndl means:

- -Dirndl young girl
- -Dirndl folcloristic dress
- -Dirndl very rarely known, small red fruit

Focus on sustainability

- -Eden Award 2007
- -Annual Conference on Sustainable Tourism



















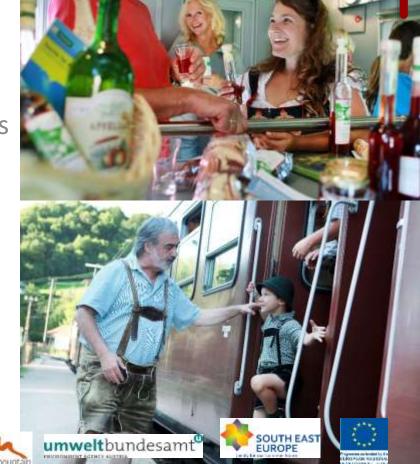




Benefits for the railway line?

Strengthening lonely pioneers Raised awareness

- Journalists, media
 Special rail- offers for conferences/ festivals
- -Dirndlkirtag
- -Conference on Sustainable Tourism
 Dirndl- Tastings inside the train
 Rail- usage as part of touristic packaging
 Regional Exhibition 2015





















Development of the Nature Park

Founded in 1971

For preventing an enormous power plant NATURPARK

"Mayors – Club"

Enlargement in 2001

Good start-little innovation

Conflicts between main characters

2008 LEADER Project Management 3 ye

- -Brand development process
- -New offers

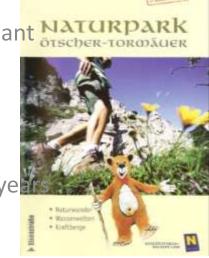
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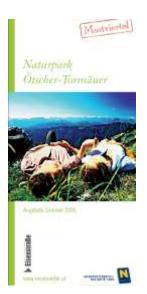
2012 Establishment of a PLC

2013 Establishment Catering plc

2015 Regional Exhibition

- Huge investment programmes



































Zauberhafte Mariazelierbahr

In der Sitesten elektritzserten Schmalsgurhahn de Wellt durcha Pielachtal.



Die Terrenduntscho at nicht nur die alteite elektroche Schmeligun-Gebrigsbehn der Weit, sie ist auch eine der entstellen Mehr au dem mitter durch einen Natursafel.

De 10 km vom St. Pällen nach Mariarell führen durch der exadende Fielectal, hvord is die Berge über Vodukte mit durch Turnels – mit einzigetigen Sich auf erschensubende i mitgistelbes und den Unstein

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Benefits for the railway line?

Combined Ticket Nature Park- Mariazellerbahn – 3000 sold/season

Creation of new attractions

- -Nature Park Center Wienerbruck (2015)
- -Renovation Alpine guest house "Vorderötscher"
- -Improvement of entrance Puchenstuben
- -New: Boating Lake Erlaufstausee (2015)
- -Improvement of other mobility offers
- -Packages with rail- usage included
- -Advertising

























Some Impressions....



















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