



URBAN GARDENING IN THE “ALLMENDE KONTOR” AT THE FORMER BERLIN-TEMPELHOF AIRPORT GERMANY



01. SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE SHOWCASE

- Berlin as capital of urban gardens (growth from 8 in Germany in 2002 to 100 in Berlin alone 2013)
- Divers motivations for individuals to participate (social, environmental, economic)
- Allmende Kontor:
 - particularly big initiative (900 members/ gardeners on 5000 m²)
 - temporary project (2011- max. 2016)
 - participatory governance approach
 - particularly well connected/founded by Berlins pioneers of urban gardens
 - strong focus on environmental and social aspects, aims to be a knowledge hub

02. MAIN FINDINGS OF THE SHOW CASE ANALYSIS (3 POINTS—REFER TO THE RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND ANALYTICAL CHARACTERISTICS)

Success factors are:

- highly motivated/capable activists working on an honorary basis in well connected networks
- the ease of access to urban gardening initiatives and a participatory governance approach and
- the (potential) availability of public (green) space.

Generally, the local framework is more important than national or EU regulations policy frameworks.

03. HOW CAN LINSA BE SUPPORTED?

Support is needed to overcome the following barriers:

- a. the fact that many gardens are planned on land that can only be used temporarily,
- b. there is a general, lack of financial support and
- c. a lack of acknowledgement by public administration of the provisionary services gardens provide and
- d. a general lack of legal structures to define rights and duties of urban gardeners.
- e. core demands of urban gardeners in Berlin: receive financial support to establish a coordination centre (“Koordinierungsstelle”) for urban gardening in Berlin

04. QUOTATIONS AND PICTURES

