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 LINS A 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