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**Mobility in rural areas**  
*„mobicult - a sustainable  
mobility culture“*

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# 1. Specific trends

## Economic and demographic change

- aging and shrinking of the population
- shrinking of pupil numbers
- Shrinking of the potential clientele for the bus and train-lines



More and more bus and rail lines in the public passenger transport are unprofitable

Public transport, which is offered in the regions today is mainly based on school buses!



**How much public transport in the area is profitable?**



## 2. Development and demands

- Consequences:  
The use of private vehicles and the dependency on a variety of lifts is going to take over the functions of traditional public transport!
- Politicians, scientists, planners and business operators innovate together solutions for a balanced range between services for local people and visitors and financial possibility



**This confronts us with the question whether more or less public transport, how to achieve an optimal accessibility of already existing commercial services can be combined with complementary single solutions!**



## 3. Aims for community transport

### New forms for community transport services

- making possible a sufficient service level
- bus and rail routes flexible services
- inter-modal co-operation
- future-oriented service provider
- new disposition-, communication- and service-possibilities
- financial base for community transport services
- social responsibility



## 4. Cooperation and networking

**In future participating companies and institutions are planning and financing together!**



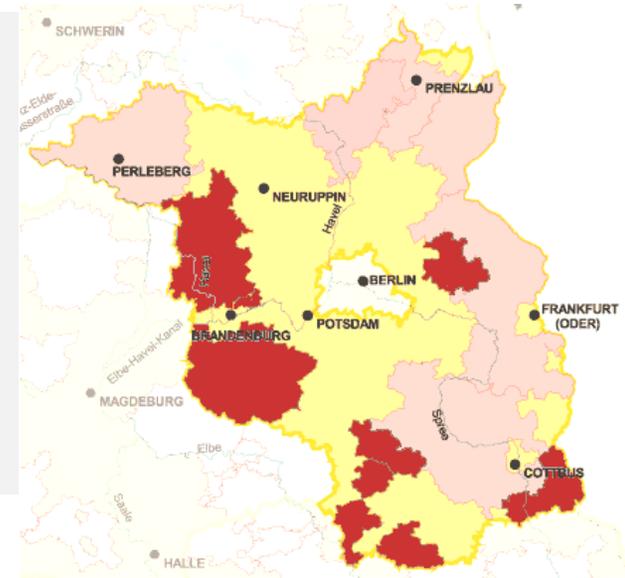


## 4. Cooperation and networking

**mōbikult**  
Mobilität ist Kultur

**mobicult - Mobility is culture**

- was funded by the European Union (LEADER +)
- 06/2005-08/2007
- 6 regions together in Brandenburg
- Technical University of Berlin
- Berlin Institut nexus



### Aims:

- to stabilize public transport in rural areas
- to promote cooperation on the ground
- expand civic engagement
- to gain new customers with new offers for public transport

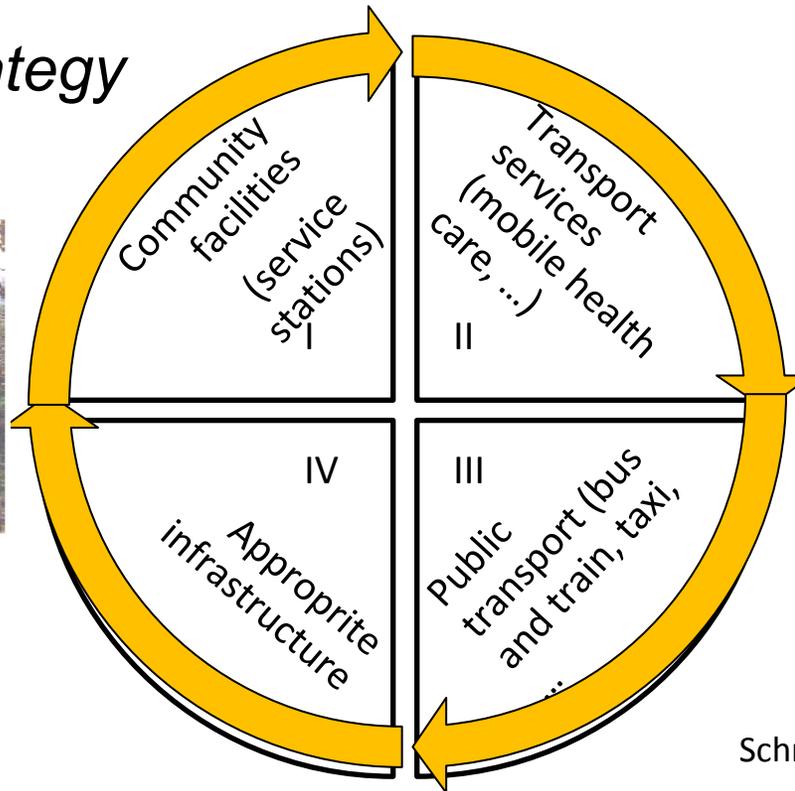


# 5. Mobility concepts

## How to find a demand matching supply?

### Good accessibility for all is central challenge

*development strategy*



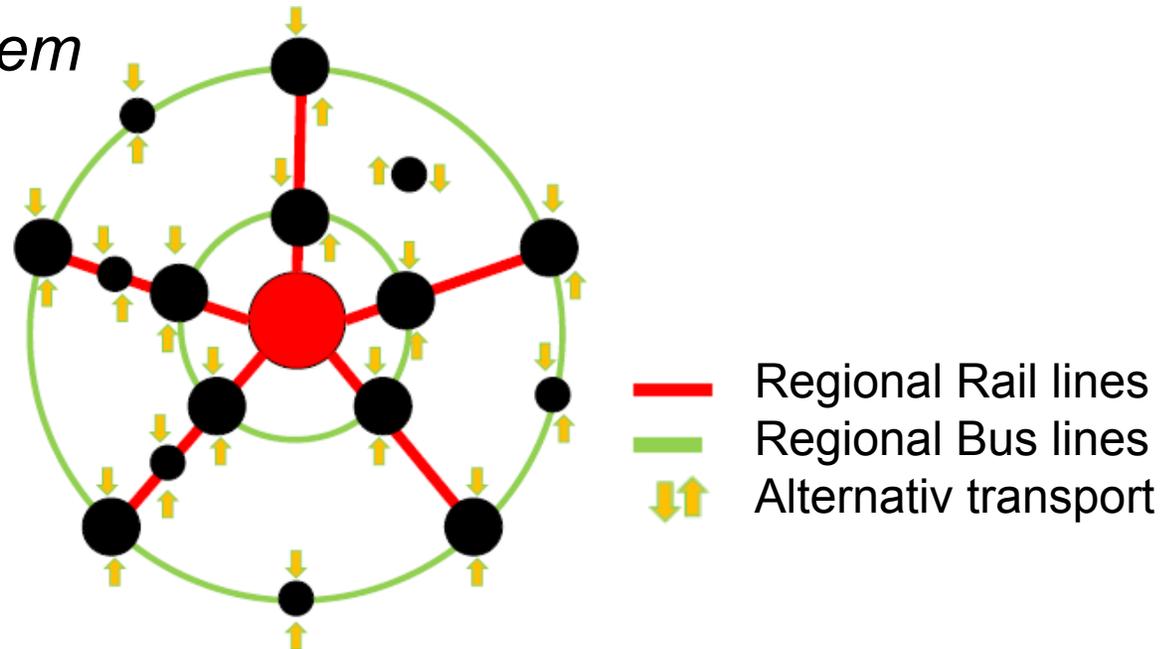
Schmidtman 2008



## 5. Mobility concepts

### Public transport - opportunities and limitations for the future

*public transport system*



Heinze, Kill 2009

Design of attractive transport models requires both an interdisciplinary and integrative approach to actor



## 6. Mobility solutions

### I Service station

**better quality of life through community facilities:**

**for foods, mobility, public and private services,  
medical and tourist services**

- concentration of public and private services,
- contact points for mobile providers, for passenger transportation,
- contact points health care services, neighborhood assistance and social activities in one place.



**WHERE - WHO - WHAT - HOW  
???**



## 6. Mobility solutions

### I Service station

Service station Plessa,  
Elbe-Elster / Brandenburg



Mobility agency city country  
bike in the model region  
Stettiner Haff districts of West  
Pomerania and Uecker-  
Randow, Mecklenburg-  
Vorpommern



# 6. Mobility solutions

## II Transport services

Shop in Shop

Mobil Shop

Home-Service



Kreissparkasse Euskirchen



Greifswald, Schwester AGNES



Chemnitz Bücherbus



## 6. Mobility solutions

### III Public transport

- mobility demand and services
- mobility management
- vehicle localisation and communication
- legal restrictions and business concepts

#### **Forms of community transport services with private individuals and civic engagement:**

- classical forms of bus and rail
- alternative forms, hotel-bus, club-bus, disco-taxi
- combination of bicycle transport and infrastructure
- services with other modes of transport, connection with various services to participate it
- park and ride, taxi, car-sharing, ....



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## III Public transport



RufBus  
Landkreis Prignitz



Fläming  
Skater-Shuttle



BürgerBus  
Hoher Fläming

It will be used where conventional traffic line is not economically viable.



## 6. Mobility solutions

### III Public transport



TheaterBus;  
Uckermärkischen Bühnen  
Schwedt/O.



VeloBus Unteres Odertal

## 6. Mobility solutions

### IV appropriate infrastructure

- for combination of bus, train, bike and car
- inter-modal infrastruktur for all people with and without disabilities / no barriers
- traffic safety

Hotel  
Rheinsberg



Station Zittau



Busstation, Eggesin



## 7. Innovations of the future

- legal standards
- organizational structures and responsibility of all actors
- self-determination to be mobile and access to shape itself
  - for every citizen and every citizen, regardless of the occasion, from physical abilities, age, or financial capabilities.
  - communication and cooperation

**Innovations of the future are not in engineering or technology, but in the adaption of institutional, financial, legal and organizational frameworks, involving new constellations of actors.**



# Thank you!

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