

### The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Entlebuch What, how and what for?

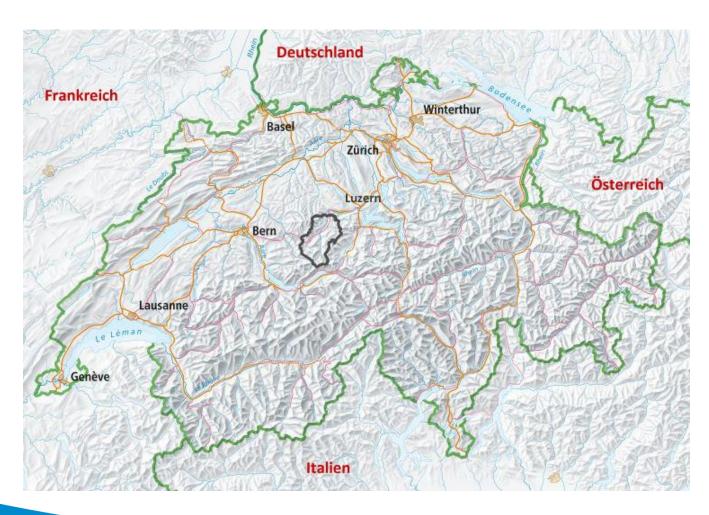
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#### Key data UBE



17'000 inhabitants

7 villages

394 km<sup>2</sup>

19 Jodel clubs

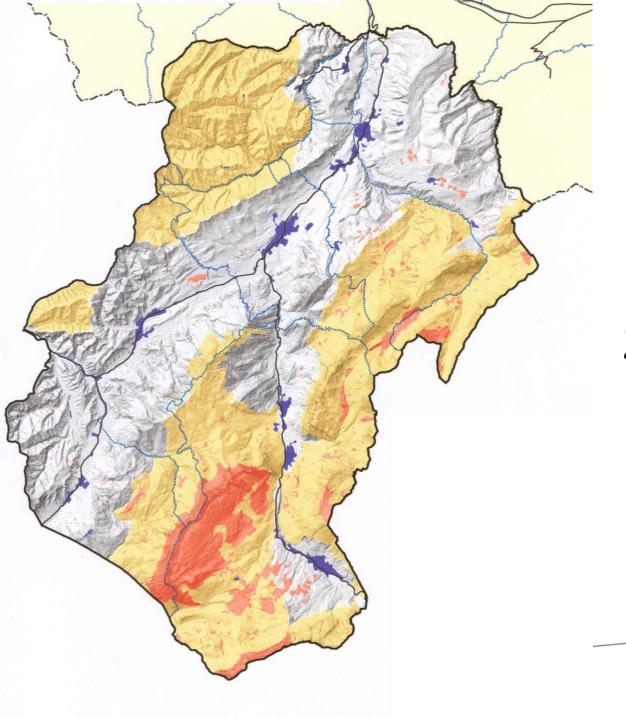
900 farms

22 Skilifts

110 nationally protected peatlands







#### Zonation

Core Zone: 8%

Buffer Zone: 42%

Development Zone: 50%









What is it...

...and how do we do it?





### Search for synergies and multiple positive outcomes













Introduce successful and self-subsistent activities

#### 9. Alpabfahrt

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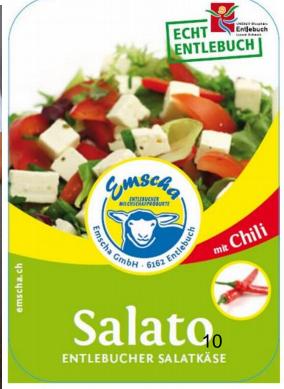


#### Foster innovation









Develop regional added value cycles

Cordon Bleu in Restaurant Engel





Eggs from Wermelingers farm, Hasle



Meat from butcher Giger, Entlebuch



Cheese produced in the dairy in Schüpfheim





Pigs from Schmidigers farm, Hasle



Milk from Müllers farm, Hasle



Wheat from 4 farms in Schüpfheim

# Involve the public into developing plans

#### Forest Development Plan:

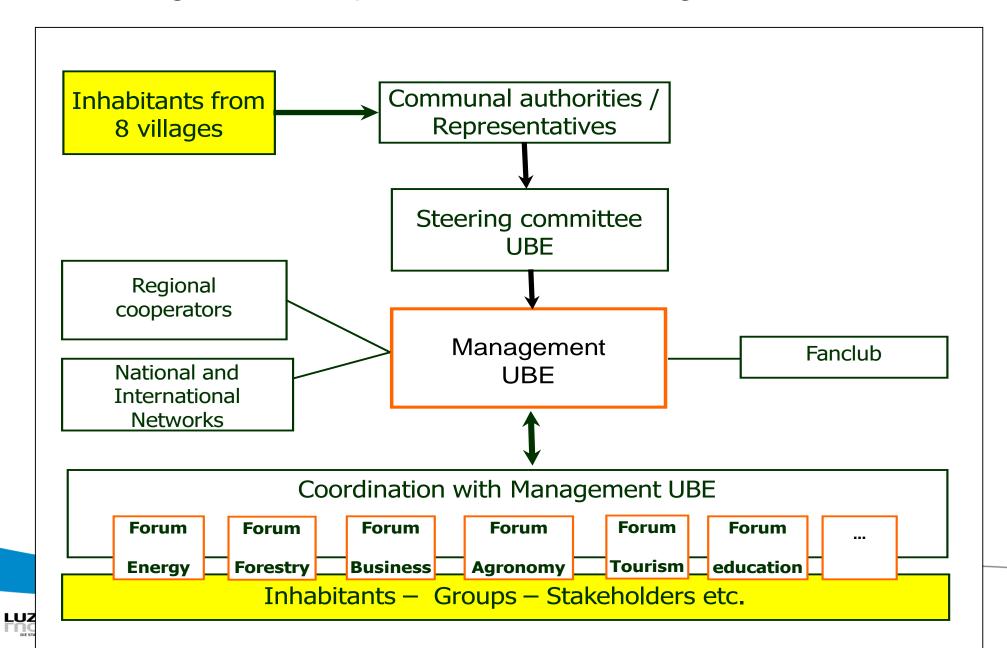
- involvement of all possible stakeholders (including researchers)
- stakes and trade-offs were identified, solutions proposed
- mutually agreed spatial solutions on different levels

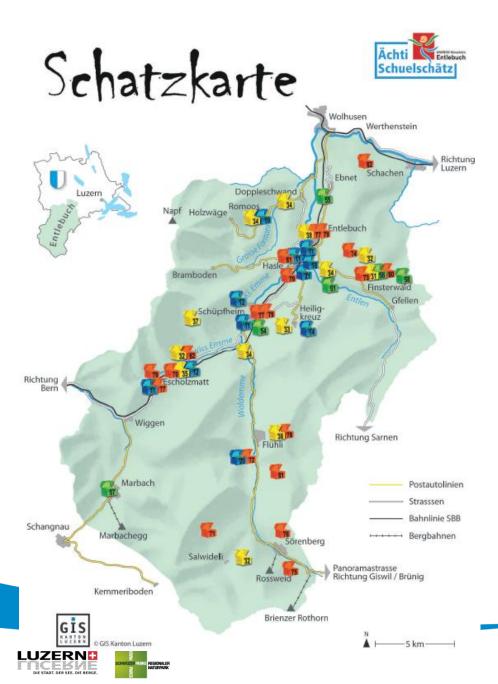






#### Involving the wider public into the management of the BR





# Educate future generations

- From Primary to High School: 2 days per year Biosphere in class
- A total of 250 involved teachers
- 2500 kids followed the courses



#### Accompany and support the activities with research

- Initializing, accompanying and supporting BSc, MSc, PhD theses as well as external and internal research projects
- Monitoring activities and long term research
- Active knowledge sharing towards important actors in the region (management, steering committee, municipalities, enterprises, institutions)
- Exchange within the national and international network

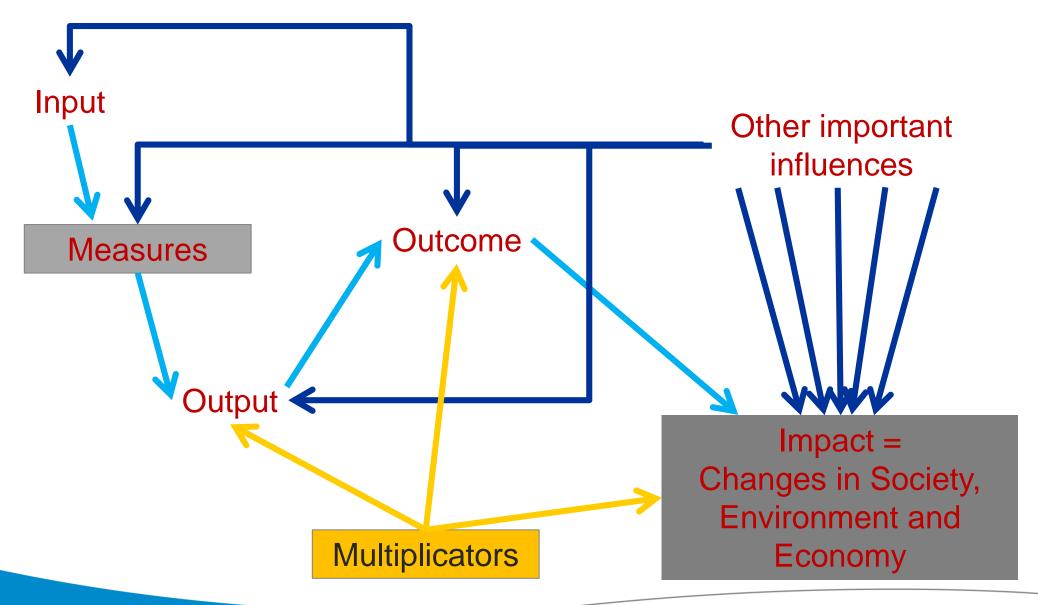




### What's the point?





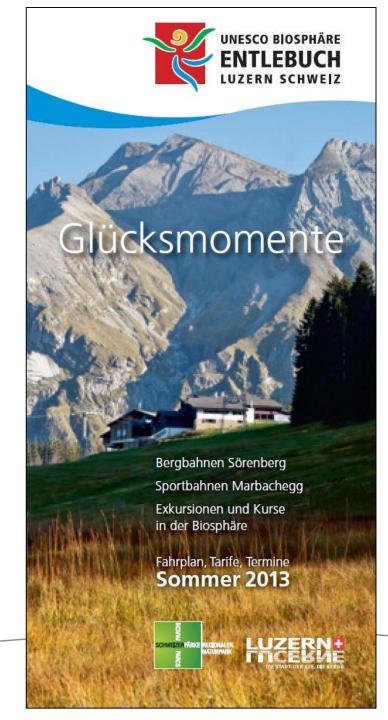






#### Example summer-tourism

- Ca. 300'000 guests in summer
- Spendings of CHF 32 110 per day
- CHF 36 Mio direct sales volume
- This corresponds to ca. CHF 31 Mio total value-added in the region
- 16% of the guests come to the region because of the BR
- → CHF 5 Mio value-added thanks to the BR
- → Corresponds to ca. 65 jobs







#### Example *Echt Entlebuch* products



- Ca. 60 producers create 300 different agricultural products
- The sales generate generate CHF 4.2 Mio gross turnover
- This corresponds to ca. CHF 2.8 Mio total value-added in the region
- → ca. 2% of the total value-added the agricultural sector or 6% of the value-added in the processing industry of agricultural products
- → Corresponds to ca. 33 jobs oder 3% of all jobs in the whole agricultural sector





#### And unexpected outcomes...

#### Bahnhofstrasse 5 Schüpfheim

- Zentrum der UNESCO Biosphäre Entlebuch
- Tor zum Emmental und zum Ferienort Sörenberg Flühli
- Emmenuferweg mit vielfältigen Naturerlebnissen
- Umfassendes Schulangebot bis Gymnasium
- Kultur und Brauchtum, reiches Vereinsleben
- S-Bahn-Anschluss nach Luzern, Langnau und Bern







## BRs develop regions in a synergistic, multifunctional manner towards sustainable development!

#### This involves...

- Moderating interests, stakes and processes
- Convincing stakeholders for taking the «right» decisions
- Filling gaps of existing governance structures
- Maintaining and expanding a regional up to international network

#### And leads to...

- Appreciation of local social, cultural and ecological values
- Creation of jobs in various fields
- Higher political relevance
- Opening up of valuable opportunities for project funding and implementation
- High return on (public) investment!



