Agenda 21 – the challenge to sustainable local authorities. Conclusions of a countrywide evaluation in Bavaria

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## Conclusion

- Local authorities need a comprehension of the necessity, goals, benefits, order, and responsibility of Agenda 21.
- Local authorities need standards for sustainable development in their field of responsibility. Local authorities must achieve real sustainable effects.
- Local sustainability doesn’t refer only to environmental topics. It must be at the same level with economic and social topics as well as global equity.
- Local authorities have to combine the local Agenda 21 and other communal instruments.

## Conclusion

- The local Agenda 21 must be supported ideally, financially and personally.
- Agenda processes need a closely cooperation with administrations, associations and citizens. Local authorities have to take over the active part in the process.
- Agenda processes need an integrated conception with an overall concept, action program as well as quality management for the whole process.
- Rules and responsibility have to be defined. They must be transparent for all participants.

## Conclusion

- Agenda processes need continual success control.
- Contributions to sustainable development must be assessable and assimilable.
- Agenda processes need methodical, professional and social qualified specialists in all phases.
- Necessity and advantages of sustainable development must be communicated with the local participants.

Thank you very much!