

Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making





Practical examples of Vienna

- **EIA for the Vienna International Airport**
- **SEA for the Viennese Waste Management Plan**
- **The Austrian standards for public participation.**



Early ...

- **early public participation, when all options are open and effective public participation can take place (Article 6 (4))**



Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Vienna International Airport



The project

- **Expansion, 3rd runway → protest by neighbours**

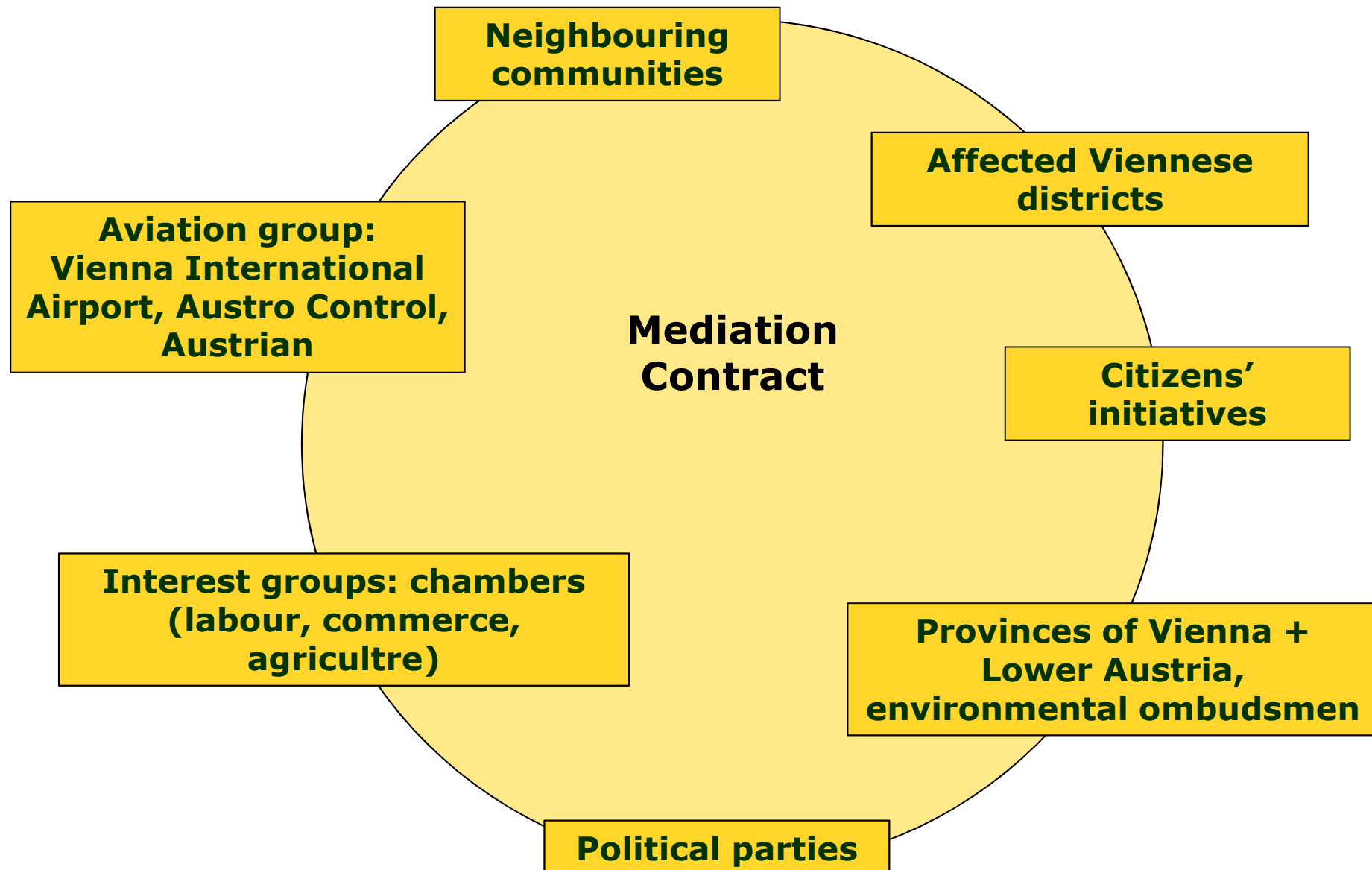


Mediation process

- **2001: mediation process for conflict resolution**
- **2005: binding contract signed by 55 organisations in consensus**
- **position of 3rd runway, regulation of night flights, noise protection measures, ...**



Mediation partners





Mediation → EIA

- **The new 3rd runway → environmental impact assessment**
- **Continuous evaluation and monitoring**
- **Final EIA decision open.**



Results

- **Better solutions for the neighbours**
- **Less resistance against the airport.**

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Round Table for the Viennese Waste Management Plan



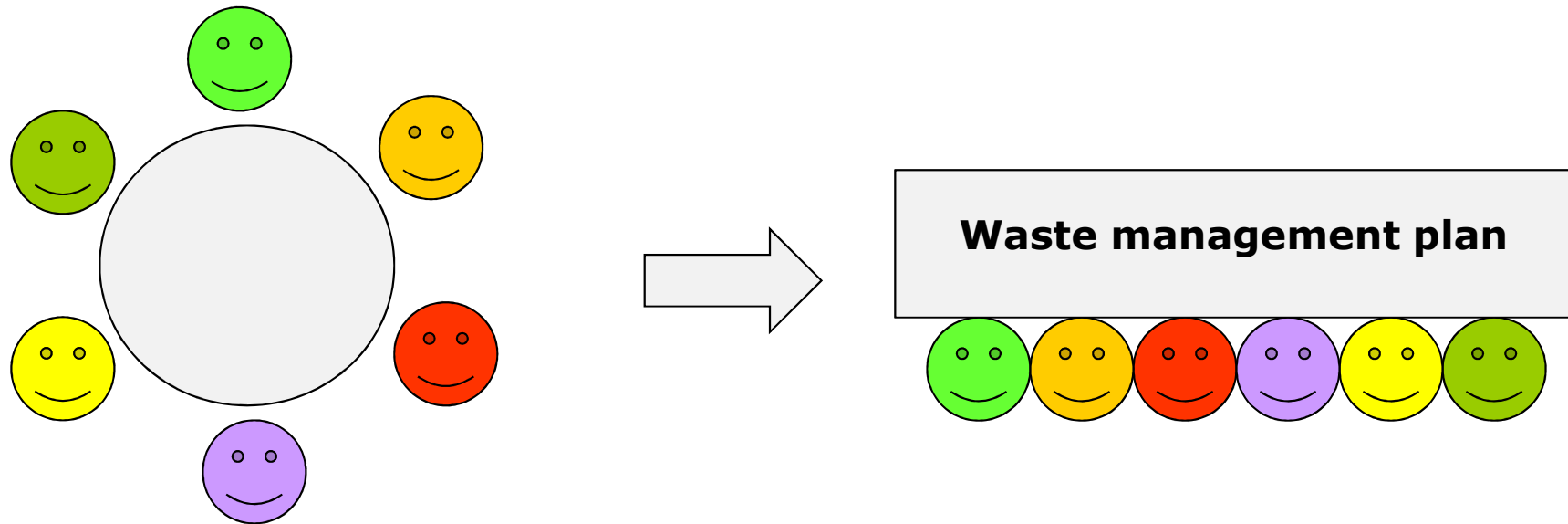


Aims of public participation in SEA

- ... to come up with a good waste management plan which can be implemented without delays**
- **better quality
through involving external knowledge, especially
for environmental aspects**
- **better acceptance
through involving those who are concerned.**



SEA Round Table

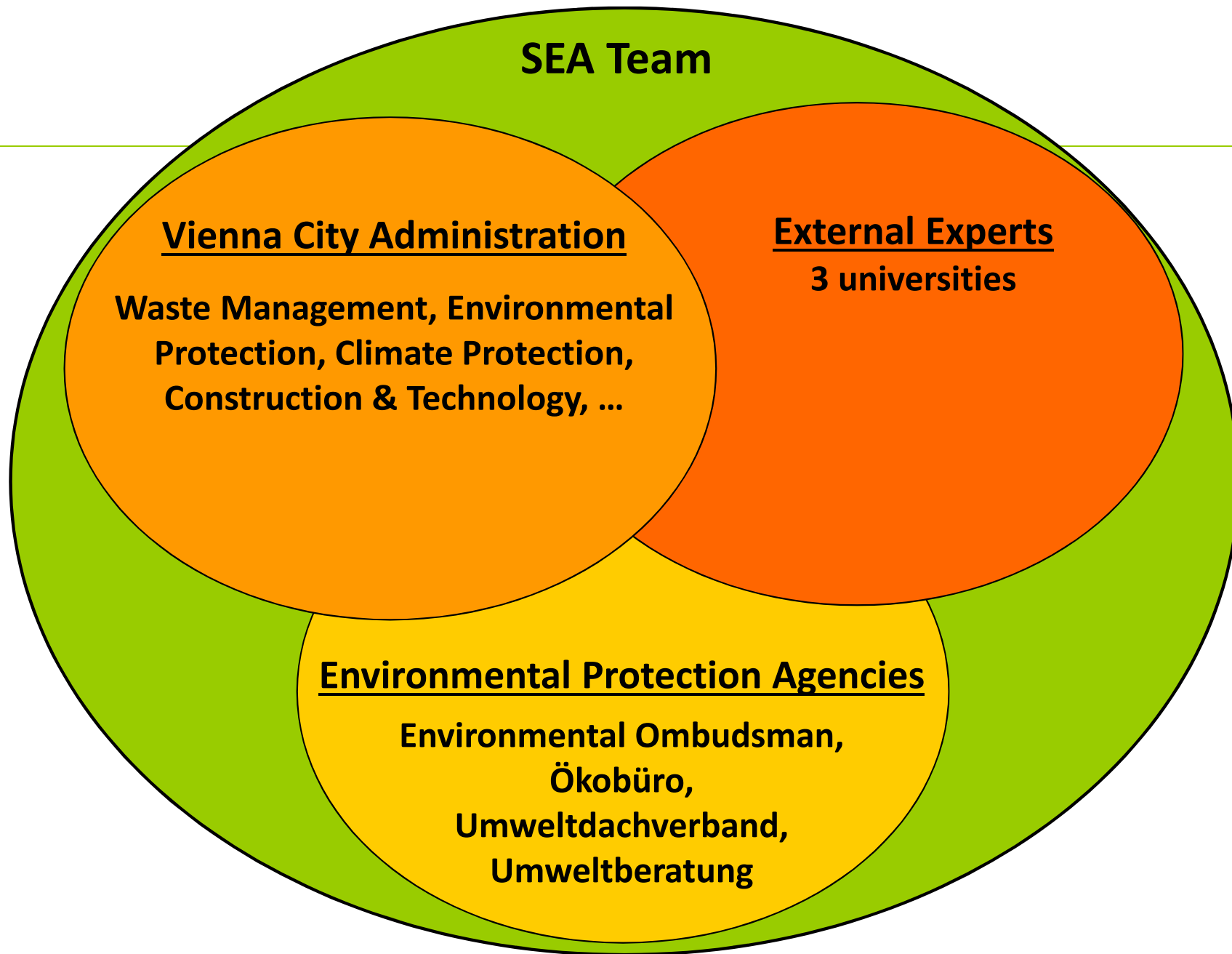




“SEA Round Table” means:

- **Stakeholders cooperate throughout the process**
- **Equal partners**
- **To reach consensus draft plan → decision makers**
- **Share responsibility for draft plan and SEA.**






Cooperation right from the start

Feedback-Workshop



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- ~30 further interested departments and organisations, e.g. NGOs, teachers, interest groups, chambers
 - Consulted on interim results.



Public display

= legal provision

- **Everybody: submit comments to draft plan**
- **8 weeks at 3 different departments**
- **Announced in 2 daily newspapers**
- **Download on website of waste management department.**



Results

- **SEA team**
reached a consensus on the final draft plan →
recommendation for politicians
- **Viennese government**
adopted waste management plan without changes
- **Implementation:**
- **1999-2001: new waste incinerator, new biogas plant**
→ in operation
- **2006-2007: new waste logistic center** → autumn
- **2011-2012: higher landfill for ashes of incinerators**
(in the long term: 2050).

Celebrate





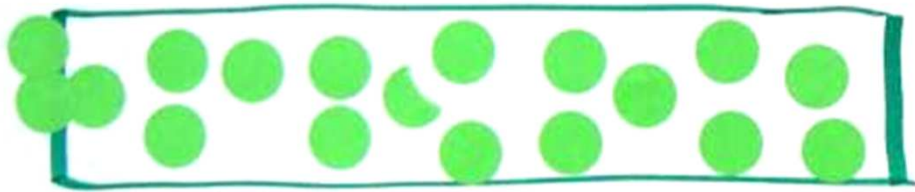
Hilfe!
Die wollen alle
eine Biotonne!



SUP 2011-2012

Hat sich die Erarbeitung des Wr-AWP & AVP
2013-2018 in einem SUP-Team bewährt?

ja



nein



Was it worth carrying out this SEA in an SEA team?

yes

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no



Standards of Public Participation

- **Quality criteria for public participation**
- **Adopted by government in 2008**
- **Increase the chance for effective public participation**
- **www.partizipation.at/standards_oeb.html (English, Russian)**

