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1.	Title of the practice	"Disco-Bus" Burgenland (P8)
2.	Precise theme/issue tackled by the practice	In rural areas for young people having no access to a private car it is a problem to go out at weekends.  Until the start of the "Disco-Bus", parents had either to worry about the safety of their kids – (does the person, who is supposed to bring them home, really not drink any alcohol) or meet them in the middle of the night at the disco
3.	Objectives of the practice	The objective is to enable young people cheap (return ticket: € 2.00) and save to go out at weekends.
4.	Location	- Burgenland (118 out of 171 communities take part).
5.	Detailed description o	f the practice

#### Origin /Timescale:

Started as a project of one village "Frauenkirchen" in 1993. As further more villages wanted to take part finally in 2004 the non-profit association "Discobus" was founded.

### Bodies involved/implementation:

The **association "Discobus"** works together with the main public bus company (**Postbus GmbH**) in Austria.

The **Regional Government of the Burgenland** owns the role of a kind of mentor of this project.

Postbus has contracts with all participating **118 villages/communities** of the Burgenland. Villages have to pay a certain amount to be on the routes of the different "Discobus-Tracks". From 2007 it has been possible for the villages to be funded up to 79 percent of their costs. Persons (15-25 years), who want to use the service are supposed to have a membership-card to be allowed to get the cheap ticket for 2 € (round trip) instead of 5 €.

#### Process and detailed content of the practice:

18 different "Discobus-Lines" work in the night from Saturday to Sunday from the very north to the south of the Burgenland and have their stops in 118 villages. The lines have traditionally two early evening tracks to the event-locations (between 8 and 10 p.m.) and two or three "home-tracks" (starting from midnight until 4-5 a.m.) Discobus also runs for special events as shuttle-service.

#### Legal framework:

"Discobus" is a non-profit association founded in 2004; the chairman of the association is Mr. Illedits, who is member of the regional parliament. The association has also an operational





# manager.

## Financial framework:

The villages who participate have to pay the delta between the bus-costs and the incomes.

The national government of Austria funds "nightbusses" to a certain degree.

The association Disco-Bus is always busy trying to find funding possibilities.

There are also some companies that do some sponsoring.

Until June 2012, 2.5 Million users were counted.

6.	Evaluation	An Austrian wide survey shows, that the future trend for injured or death people aged 15 to 25 shows much better figures in Burgenland than in the rest of Austria.
7.	Lessons learnt from the practice	An institution like this is necessary in all rural areas with young people.
8.	Contact information	Disco-Bus Christian Illedits Permayerstraße A-7000 Eisenstadt office@discobus.at www.discobus.at
9.	Other possible interesting information	Survey from the "Kuratorium für Verkehrssicherheit"



