Further Use and Reuse Of Products And Its Improvement

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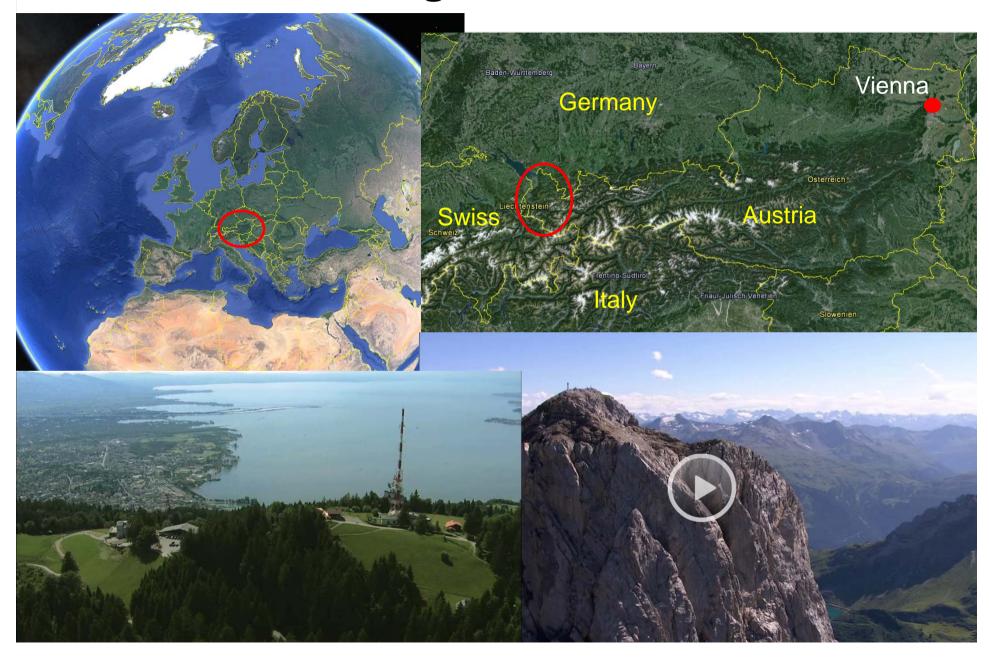
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Introduction

- Normally, private households prefer a further use of wellfunctioning products. Therefore, consumers would like to pass on well-functioning products they themselves do not need anymore to others who could make use of them.
- The present project is intended to cross the border between used products and waste to get an overview of the quantity of products that are still changing owners / users without becoming waste.
- Only because people do not have any information on who exactly could have need for their used products, inhabitants transport it to waste collection stations where it becomes waste.



Introduction

"Umweltverband Vorarlberg" started a project to investigate the current situation of the private trade of used products with the aim to know its contribution for waste minimisation and to get information to improve

- C to C-trade of used products
- Further Use / ReUse
- Preparation for ReUse.



The Approach

- 1. Assessing the current situation of the trade of used products including
 - the private market
 - commercial business
 - social-economic business
- 2. Investigations
 - on internet platforms for private trade,
 - inquiries with organizers of flea markets
 - commercial and social-economic trade of used products
- 3. Looking for lacks in the existing market as a basis to extend the market of used products, of ReUse and preparation for ReUse



Internet - Trading platforms Methodology

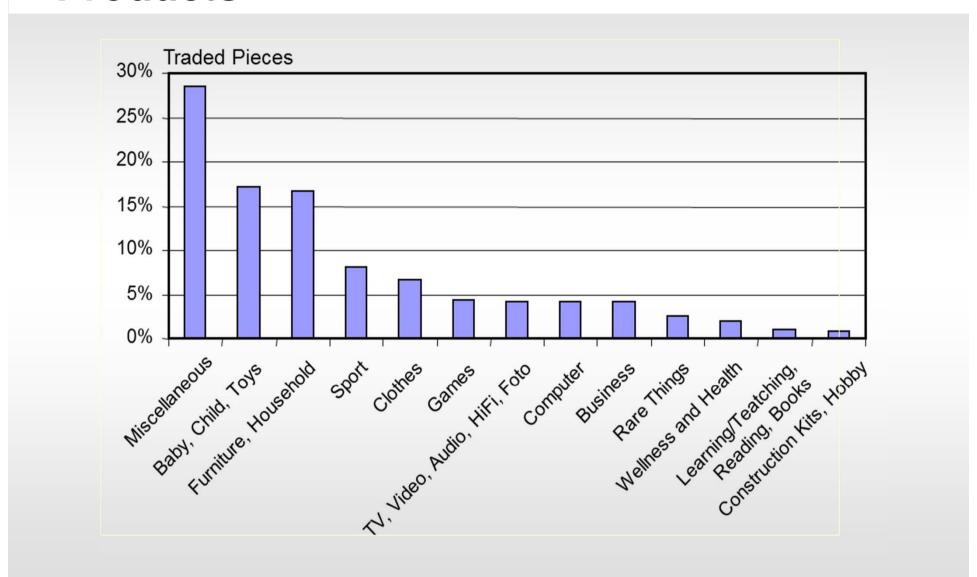
- Exclusion of
 - Services
 - Real Estates
 - Vehicles
 - Commercial offers
 - Offers of new products
- Splitting offers in product-categories
- Counting the offers for each product category
- Considering the average open time of offers
- Calculation of the mass by multiplying the number of sold products with average weights



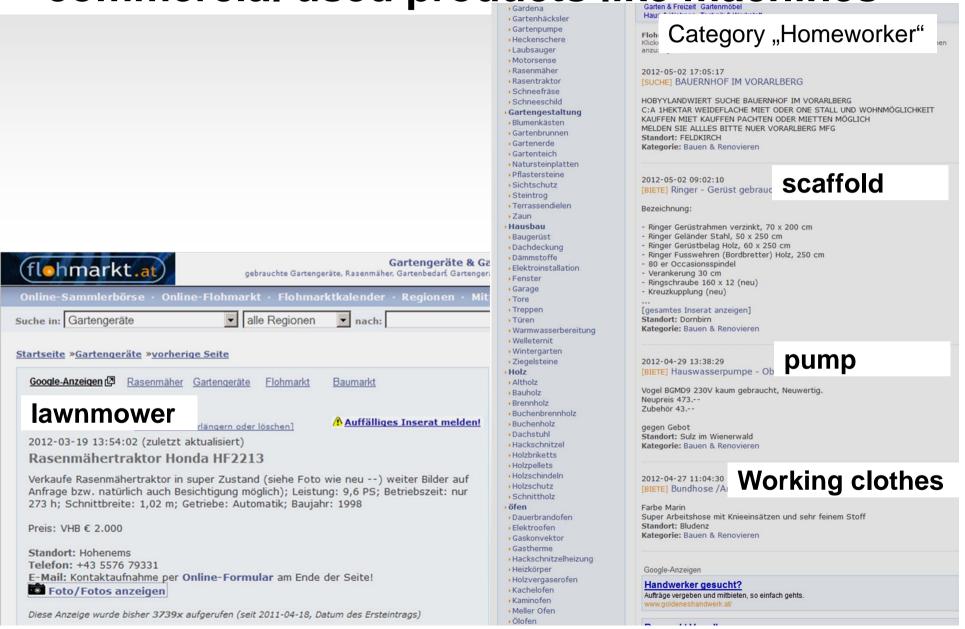




Distribution of the Number of traded Products



A Platform specialized on homeworker and commercial used products like machines



Flea Markets – manifold shapes

Huge market at exhibition site, once a year

Small, just for limited products like books, CD's, sticker, winter sport equipment, ...

Large, monthly, up to 200 seller



Quantity of Used Products traded

At Internet-Platforms

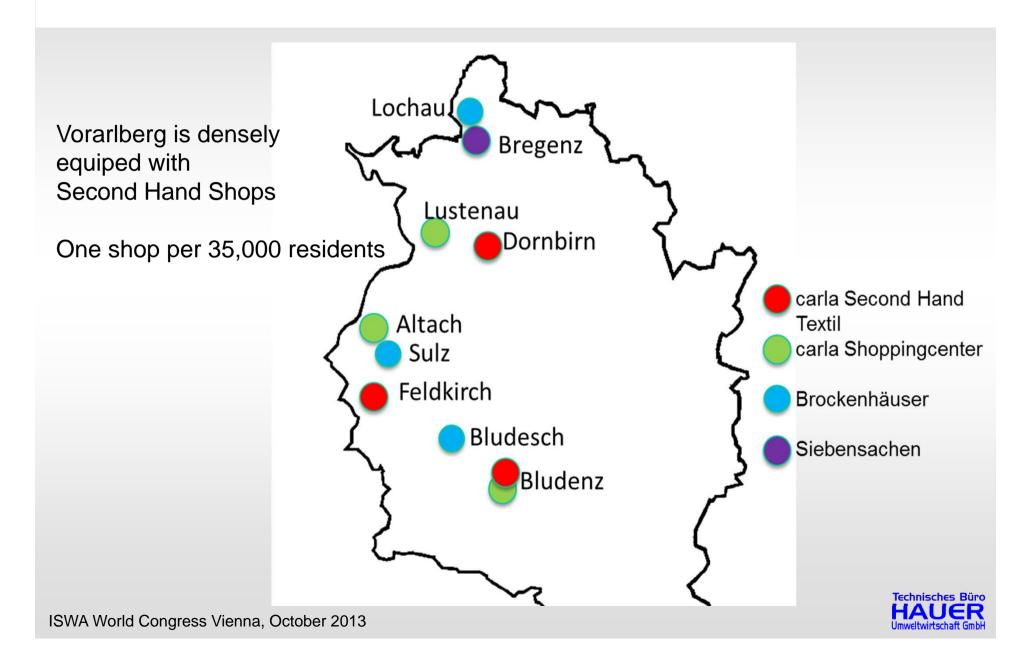
- -2,000 2,500 t/a
- e.g. 6 kg per resident and year

At Flea Markets

- More than 300 t/a,
- e.g. >1 kg per resident and year



Social Economic Enterprises



Social Economic Enterprises Shops for Second Hand Products



well designed causing better emotions than some shops for new products

Trade of Second Hand Products

	Use within Vorarlberg	Use outside Vorarlberg
Internet-Platforms	2,000 - 2,500 t/a	
Social Economic Enterprises		
Textiles	100 t/a	1,200 t/a
Other Products	250 t/a	
Commercial Enterprises	??	
Flea Markets	> 300 t/a	
Total, approximately	4,000 t/a	1,200 t/a
	11 kg/res.a	3.5 kg/res.a



Are Usable Products still wasted?



Further Investigation

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- Small Electro-Electronic Devices
- How to influence people bringing used products in a manner in which it can be used further
- Which share of products are in a shape to be used further with/without repair
- How to handle, store and transport devices foreseen for further use

