**Minutes for „The Politics of Sufficiency“: 04/09/2014**

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| **No.** | **Area/Tasks** | **Responsible** | **Deadline/****Status** |
| 1 | **Organization*** Summary by Prof. Schneidewind, Dirk of sufficiency & ideas
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| 2 | **Cluster*** Categorizing of brainstorming ideas
* 1. Step: what is sufficiency?
* 2nd step: influencing public opinion
* 3rd step: political implementation
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| 3 | **Key messages on sufficiency policy*** =politics for the good life
* Avoid an inherent judgement whether sufficiency is about the good life or eco-dictatorship
* Subjective evaluation!
* Book is on new labour time models, etc.
* Sufficiency policies are already existing, even though labeled/intended differently: energy transformation, etc.
* Energy tax can be ambigious: promotes efficiency and/or sufficiency
* Procedural/infrastructure instruments: streets for bicycles
* Incentive-based instruments: taxes
* Regulatory measures: bans
* Risk indirect rebound effects: regulation of one field leads to more consumption somewhere else
* Primate of social distribution: otherwise, price increase unequally burden lower incomes
* Hard policy instruments are hard to convey/communicate
* Paternalism can be unpopular!
 | Dirk from Öko-Institut |  |
| 4 | **Group work for 3 steps/categories/clusters** |  |  |
| 5 | **Group 3: Implementation: policy measures**1st part* Facilitate part-time working, reduce working hours
* Abolish environmentally harmful subsidies, e.g. Pendlerpauschale
* Incentives/presents for abandoning cars, e.g. Land
* Right for home office, co-working spaces: reduces working hours
* Progressive electricity tariffs
* No tax freedom for publicity
* Less strong regulation of trade categories in agriculture
* Tax for living space: Wohnflächensteuer
* Producer responsibility to prevent waste, to take back systems
* Quantitative goals beyond CO2: efficiency, reduction
* Resource tax
* Exchange platform for apartments: Wohnungstauschbörse
* Longer warrantee time of product
* …
* Labelling on basis of absolute consumption of products

2nd part* Politicians should be more open to education
* Participatory
* More communication
* Role models in politics
* Binding measures
* More decentral & local politics for strengthening
* New enquete commission with the task of tax analysis
* Let people exchange on sufficiency
* Resonanzräume
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| 6 | **Group 2: Influencing public opinion*** Rather do individual carbon footprint instead of limits to each consumption area
* Low level of intrusion into consumption choice
* Increase transparency of product process
* Education on sufficiency
* Campaigns accompanying policies
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| 7 | **Group 1: What is sufficiency?*** Sufficiency is not less but enough
* New vocabulary is necessary: positive terms, feelings to make it more attractive, popular
* Attraction by convincing people
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