**Interview guideline for the coDesign interviews, WP1**

**Part A: Questions to all interview participants**

1.General questions about the energy transition

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| **Questions** | ***Follow-up questions*** |
| 1. Have you ever heard of the term energy transition?   What do you think of when you hear the term energy transition? | *If “no”: Do you think that climate change is caused by humans? / Do you think that humans have an influence on climate change?* |
| 1. Do you think that the energy transition is important for Austria?   How important is the energy transition in Austria? | *If “yes”: What are the most important aspects of the energy transition in Austria?*  *How do you assess the 2030 and 2050 climate and energy targets to which Austria has committed itself? What has to happen in Austria in order to achieve these goals?*    *If “no”: Focus questions on individual aspects of the energy transition (renewable energies, building renovations, changes in behavior, energy efficiency): Which do you consider beneficial for Austria and which do not? How so?* |
| 1. Have you ever heard of Climate and Energy Model Regions (KEM)? / | If “yes”: What role do KEM regions play in the Austrian energy transition?    If “no”: What do you spontaneously associate with this term? What kind of regions could these be? |
| 1. What are the main reasons and advantages of being part of a KEM? (only if the above question is answered with "yes")     @ KEM level: for your region  @ federal and state level: Why do municipalities generally participate?  @ Companies and citizens: Why do you / the company cooperate with the KEMs? | *Is the need to support the energy transition the main reason for your participation / the participation of your organization / your company in the KEM process?*  *Who else is involved in the region?* |
| 1. Do the KEM regions or the KEM program, in your opinion, contribute successfully to the implementation of the energy transition? | *If “yes”: ask for specific examples,*  *if “no”: why not? What should be done?* |

2. Identify implementation gaps

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| 1. In your opinion, which measures have been successfully implemented in your KEM region (or the KEM program in general)? What contributed to this successful implementation?   If question 3 answered with “no”: Are you aware of successful projects on climate protection and the energy transition in the Freistadt / Baden region?  Which ones do you remember positively and why?  Which did not meet their expectations? How so? |  |
| 1. What measures and initiatives can you think of that could not be implemented successfully or that did not deliver the expected results? |  |
| 1. What have you learned from the successful and unsuccessful implementations?   Which challenges can be derived from this for the KEM regions program? Which ones could be overcome, which ones failed?  If question 3 answered with “no”: What challenges do you face when actively participating in climate protection projects and events? | *(Even if you answered “no” to question 3) How and why do these challenges arise?*  *Who contributes (actively or passively) to increasing them?*  *What is the role of local politics?* |
| 1. Which incentives would motivate different actors to take measures to implement the energy transition? | *What encourages / discourages you / other stakeholders?*  *Which conflicts arise where?* |
| 1. How do you deal with these challenges? |  |

3. Governance of the KEM process

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| 1. What role do you personally and your institution play in the KEM region program?   If question 3 answered with “no”: What role do you play in the region, in your job, in your circle of friends when it comes to energy saving / energy efficiency, renewable energy and / or climate protection? |  |
| 1. Which institutions are involved in the KEM process?   If question 3 answered with “no”: Which institutions and organizations do you find out more about the energy transition? What knowledge have you gained through these institutions and organizations? |  |
| 1. What roles and responsibilities do these institutions take on? | *What are the tasks of these institutions?*  *What is the main purpose of these institutions?* |
| 1. How much do these institutions contribute to the success of the KEM (the KEM program)? | *Which actors are most important for the success of the CEM regions?*  *According to which criteria are they evaluated?* |
| 1. How do you / your organisation work with other institutions on a daily basis? | *What is the relationship between these institutions?*  *How are decisions made?* |
| 1. How do citizens participate in the KEM process? | *What are the options? Which are used? / Are there regular meetings or is it more of an ad hoc basis?* |
| 1. What would be an ideal institutional framework that would allow the KEM regions to achieve their political goals?   If question 3 answered with “no”: What would be an ideal institutional framework that would enable you and the region to take climate protection measures and achieve their goals? |  |

**Part B: Specific Questions**

4. Potential RES Investors

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| 1. Have you ever invested in low carbon technologies? | *If “yes”: what have you invested in? Why did you invest?*  *Was it a good investment?*  *Would You Invest Again*?    *If “no”, what specific reasons would you give why you did not invest? What would motivate you to rethink?* |

5. Federal and state authorities: KLIEN, KEM-QM

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| 1. What are the most important advantages of KEM-QM and how is KEM management improved and the success of the KEM region increased? | *Have these changes led to a better implementation of the political goals, both qualitatively and quantitatively?* |
| 1. How is the performance of the KEM program formally assessed? |  |
| 1. The KEM program has developed significantly since its inception in 2009. What insights and experiences have driven this development? | *Which findings were decisive for the introduction of KEM-QM and audit?* |
| 1. What other changes and improvements can be expected in the future? |  |
| 1. How do you rate the success of the KEM program? | *Which strengths and weaknesses can you think of?* |

**General questions at the end:**

Are there any aspects related to challenges and implementation gaps within the KEM that have not yet been mentioned in this interview?

Which aspect that we have discussed today would you like to highlight in particular?

May we contact you again if you have any questions?

Are you interested in occasional information about the further course of the project and its results?

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