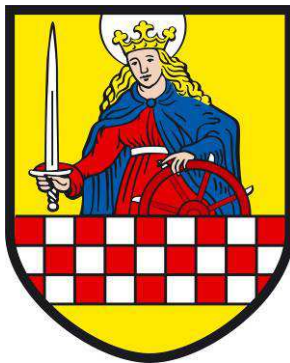


# Stadt Altena

Mayor

Dr. Andreas Hollstein



**Municipalities and the Europe of  
regions**

**in Coimbra on 7th of May 2019**



- Castle of Altena was built in 1120 to protect the iron production in the area
- Castle of Altena is also the first youth hostel in the world
- German wire museum, museum of the dukes of Mark
- 20 % of the worldwide steel wire production is coming from Altena
- ca. - 43 % citizens 1970-2014; 17.800 inhabitants





## Modernisation of town center

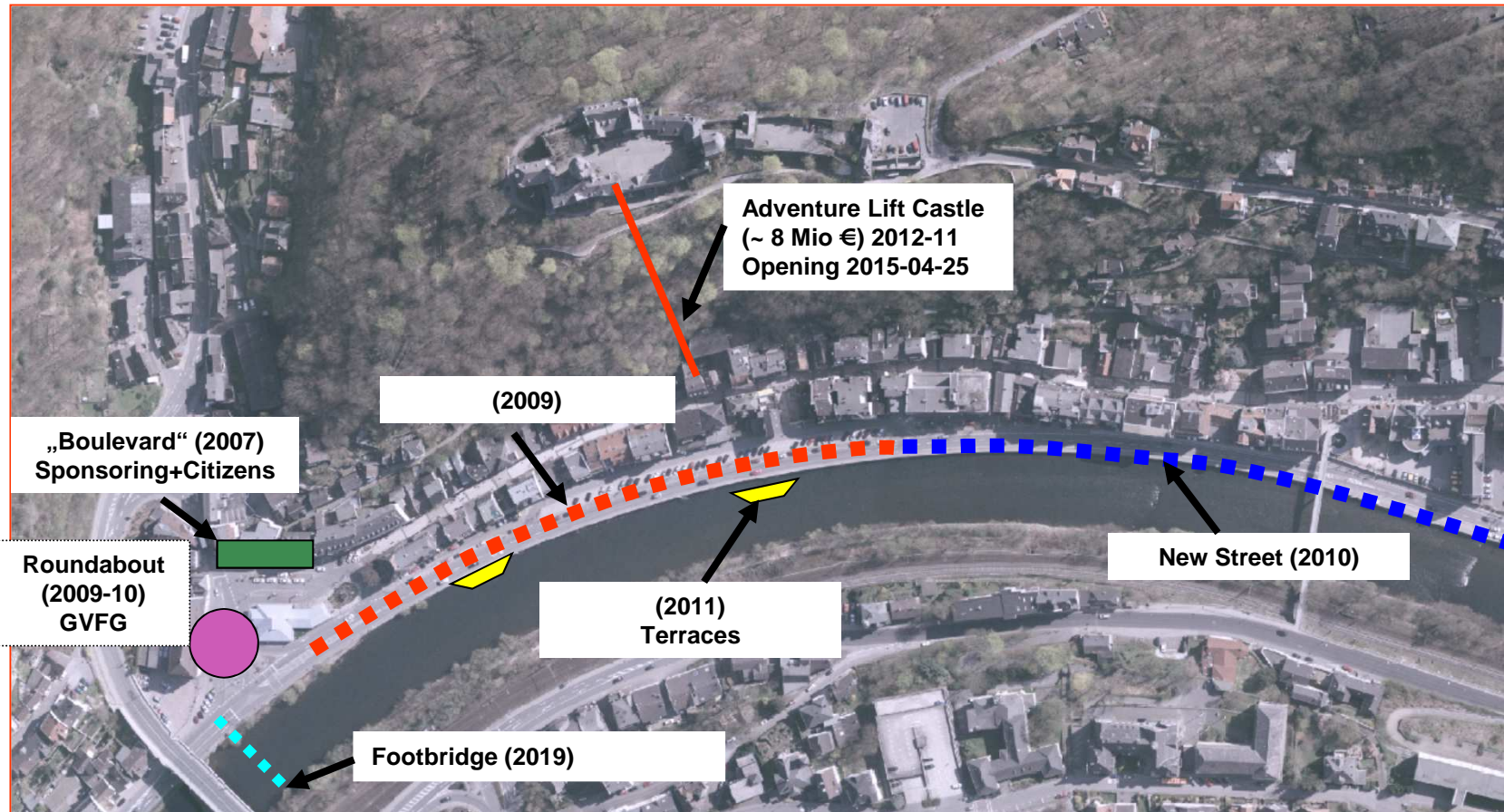
**Approach to solve the problem:  
2007, Local action plan with  
314 actions in 10 fields**

stepstones:

- Connexion of castle and town center
- Attractive riverside
- strengthening of tourism
- Medieval festival:  
25000 visitors since 2009
- Civic involvement  
1000 persons took part in Altana 2015  
20000 visited the building site



# Local Action Plan 2015



New Trainstation (2014)

## Stadtumbau/Altena 2015



# Old - New promenade 2010



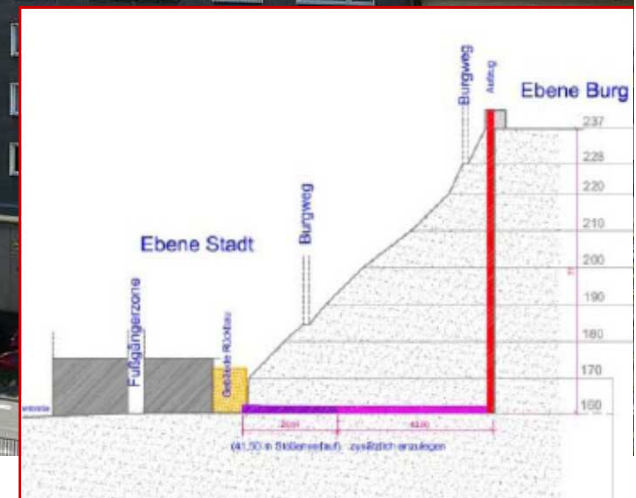
**Funding:**

**EU and  
North-Rhine Westfalia**

**7,3 Mio €**

**95 m**

**91 m**



# Event elevator

Start: 2014-04-25



# Breaking down 350 flats







## Citizens as co-producer

- 2005-2007 a pilot project  
Bertelsmann Foundation „New aging in town“)
- Volunteers founded „Stellwerk. It is a group of 500-1000 volunteers
  - Godfather for familys
  - group for familys with dementia members
  - courses for Mobilphones
  - Painting courses
  - Repair Cafe

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# Migration as a chance and a challenge

Citizens with foreign nationalities: ca. 10 %

Refugees in Stadt Altena

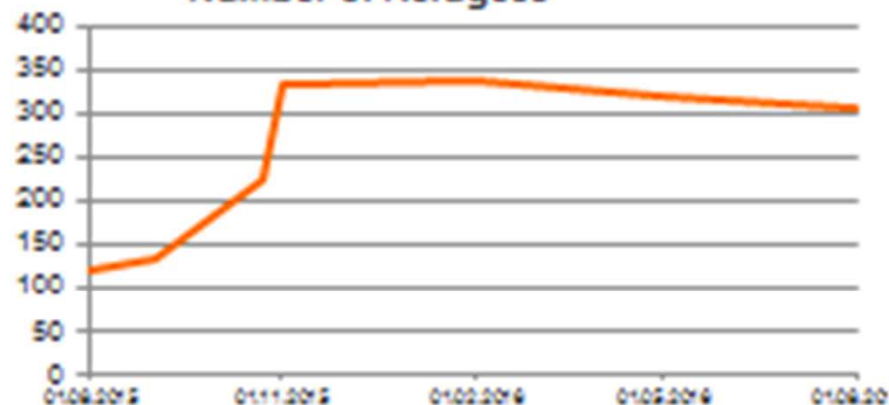
2013: 30

2014: 67

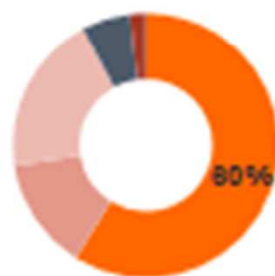
2015: 350 (davon 114 Kinder)

2017: 450

Number of Refugees



Nationalities of refugees



- Syrien
- Irak
- Afghanistan
- Sonstige
- Eritrea



# Integration: From Refugees to citizens

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- Language
- Decentralized housing
- Education
- Work
- Health and wellbeing

This in a co-production with volunteers:

Languages courses (partly with new technology)

Godfather model

# First National Integration Award 2017





For further information:

[www.erlebnisaufzug.com](http://www.erlebnisaufzug.com)

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