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The Kitchen Garden at Eutin Castle

50 volunteers as heart of a revitalized showgarden

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1. Location of Eutin in Germany



General Plan



Arial view



2. Historic outline of castle and garden



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Stiftung Schloss Eutin

Phase 1: Bishop's administrative court and medieval castle (1154-1640)



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- Administrative seat of the bishops of Lübeck at the Great Eutin Lake
- 1320 permanent episcopal residence with a medieval watercastle
- During Christian Reformation: Decay and neglect, no bishop resides in Eutin
- 1586 Eutin becomes the seat of a prince-bishop, after Gottorf Castle the second sovereign's residence in Schleswig-Holstein
- Consequence: Rudolph Matthias Dallin (ca. 1680 - 1743) transforms the fortified moated castle into an italian-style baroque palace
- After the reconstruction of the residence: construction of a **representative baroque garden area** through garden architect Johann Cristian Lewon (1690-1760). Nothing of that has been preserved except for 15 sheets of paper documenting the construction.
- The baroque garden existed until 1785



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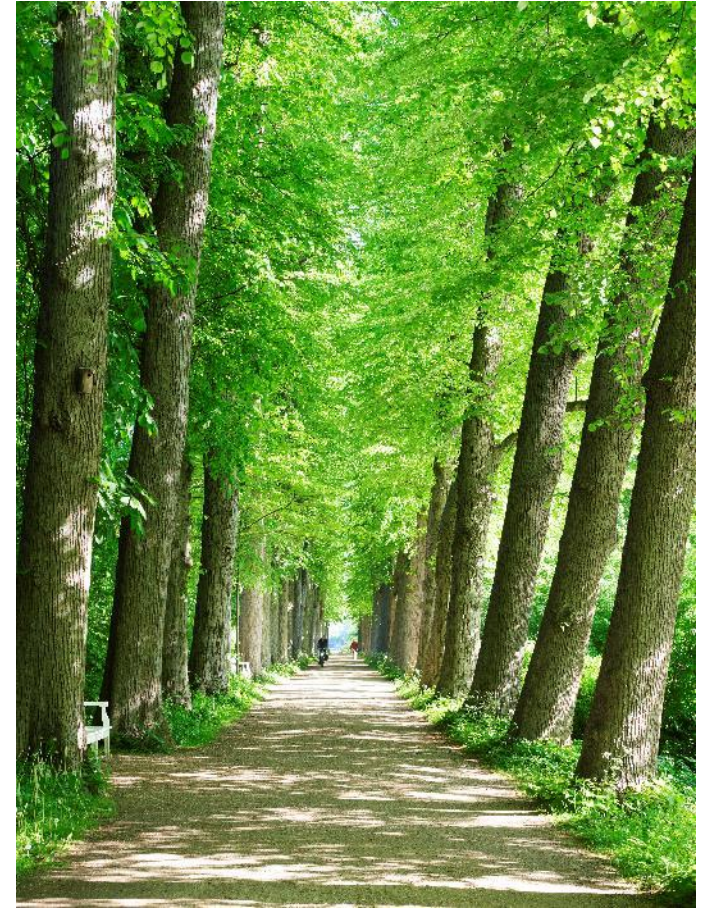
Fig.: Johann Christian Lewon, Prospect of the high prince-bishop's pleasure garden, 1732 –1742

Phase 2: Summer-residence and cultural centre (1773 – 1918)

- **1773** Contract of Zarskoje Selo: Union of the Prince-Bishopric of Lübeck with the Duchy of Oldenburg in the Russian-Danish exchange treaty. Prince-bishops from the House of Schleswig-Holstein-Gottorf become Dukes of Oldenburg.
- 1787/1788 transformation of the baroque castle garden into an extensive **English landscape garden** with following Elements:
 - Pleasure Ground
 - Lakeside pavilion with a panoramic view of Lake Eutin
 - Lindenallee with 55 Dutch linden trees, approx. 235 years old
 - Small and Great waterfall
 - Monopeterus
 - Chinese arch bridge
- **1803** Complete relocation of the dukes' court to Oldenburg: Eutin becomes a summer residence.
1815: The Duchy of Oldenburg becomes a Grand Duch
- During that time a lot of scholars, poets and artists visit the castle like Johann Heinrich Wilhelm Tischbein. The so called "Goethe-Tischbein". Eutin is known as "The nordish Weimar".



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Fig.: Ludwig
Philipp Strack,
Ansicht des
Eutiner
Schlossgartens,
um 1800



Phase 3: The castle becomes a museum (1918 – 1992)



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- **1918:** The end of the constitutional monarchy in Germany: Castle Eutin becomes a private residence of the former grand ducal family of Oldenburg.
- Eutin castle remains property of the ducal family but opens partially up for visitors.
- Between the End of the Second World War and the 1950s, refugees are accommodated in the castle.
- After a long-termed restauration, first rooms can be opened for public again. **1961** the castle gets listed as a **historical monument**.



Phase 4: Foundation Stiftung Schloss Eutin and Museum (since 1992)

- **1992:** Establishment of the public-law foundation “**Stiftung Schloss Eutin**” (Foundation Castle Eutin) through the ducal family. The castle, wide parts of the collection and the castle gardens are part of this foundation.
- The state of Schleswig-Holstein will continue the renovation and restauration work and the maintenance of the castle.
- **Since 2006** Museum
- **2016: Landesgartenschau Eutin (Horticultural show of Schleswig-Holstein)** with the area of the castle gardens and the lavishly restored Kitchen Garden



3. About the foundation

- Foundation has two bodies: Foundation Council and Foundation Board
- Chairmen: A State Secretary who is responsible for culture and the duke of Oldenburg
- Managing Direktor: Mrs. Brigitta Herrmann
- 32 Employees in administration and Museum
- Of which 0,5 position in the kitchen garden at Eutin Castle



4. Revitalisation Kitchen Garden



Phase 1 (since 1790)



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- Integration of the Kitchen Garden into the English Landscape Garden
- The Kitchen Garden lies amidst the English Landscape Garden like a foreign body (area of 1.8 ha)
- Idea: Through walls and grown sight protection barely recognizable
- Historically preserved and restored elements
 - 1790: Construction of the Kitchen Garden Wall with bricks, original preserved
 - Climate-wall served the optimization of the climatic conditions of northern Germany
 - Orangerie:
 - At first Fig house for the cultivation of tropical fruits (1716 – 1784)
 - Comedy house (1784 – 1791)
 - After 1791 again an Orangerie
 - New Dutch House
 - 1739 Construction of a Geranium House (Temperature South Africa, Winter 8 – 12 degree)
 - 1791: Construction of a Pineapple-House (Price Pückler ordered Pineapples from Eutin to Bad Muskau)
 - 1842/43 Construction of the new Dutch House as a warm house for tropical plants (Australia / New Zealand)



Phase 2 (1918 - 2006)



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- **1927:** Reconstruction of the New Dutch House into a gardener's house
- **Until 1963:** Flower and ornamental plant company
 - Clearing of the orchard, only the Holsteiner Cox remains
 - Use as a tree nursery
- **1964:** Piping of the open ditches
- **1970:** The nursery is given up
- **1970 – 1988:** Maintenance and care on behalf of the city of Eutin
- **Until 1990:** Spruce protection and fallow land
- **2000:** The New Dutch House gets used as living space

Phase 3 Revitalization (2006 – 2016)

- **2005:** Revitalization contest Kitchen Garden
- **2006:** 1. Kitchen Garden Symposium
- **2007:** Refurbishment of the outer walls
- **2009:** 2. Kitchen Garden Symposium
- **2009** Preliminary archaeological investigations
 - rediscovery of the foundations of the climate wall, trenches, pathways
- **2014** Start of the works to revitalize the Kitchen Garden

Phase 3 Revitalization (2006 – 2016)



Reconstruction of the Kitchen Garden for the State Garden Show 2016 as part of an international competition with EU funding

- Restoration of the historical water regime, supplemented by pumps in Lake Eutin and Kleiner Piependieck
- Alleys of cherry trees, Mirabelle plums, Reneclauden, Plums, Apples and Pears (more than 150 fruittrees)
- Trained fruit
- Cordon hedges
- goblet shaped (Apples, Plums and Pears)
- Vines
- 3 orchards in quincus formation with sour cherries, apples, plums, cherries, pears and quinces
- 10 information boards about the historic Kitchen Garden
- Living furniture and a living fence

Phase 4 Lively Showgarden of a kitchen garden (since 2017)



Detail Plan



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Phase 4 Lively Showgarden of a kitchen garden (since 2017)

- Management of the Kitchen Garden with over all **50 Volunteers**
- **10 Parcels**
- **5 teams:**
 - Medicinal and poisonous plant garden
 - Orchard with dwarf fruit
 - Hildegard-von-Bingen Garden
 - VEN (Association of preservation of historic sorts of vegetables and herbs)
 - New Roots (garden for refugees)
- Total working hours in 2023: **2.941 h**
- Monetary value about **45.000 €** (minimum wage)
- In cooperation with the “Sparkassen Stiftung Ostholstein” with “Educational fun in the Kitchen Garden” (a free educational offer for kindergarteners, 2 parcels)
- Special gardens:
 - Mulch garden
 - Asparagus bed with white and green asparagus
 - Flowering meadow

Phase 4 Lively Showgarden of a kitchen garden (since 2017)

- Unique project in Germany
- Management of the Kitchen Garden: 0.5 position
- Stiftung Schloss Eutin ensures basic maintenance and protection of the buildings
- Base:
 - Stiftung Schloss Eutin,
 - Sparkassen Stiftung Ostholstein
 - volunteers
- Budget: 60,000 €
 - 40,000 € state,
 - 20,000 € city of Eutin

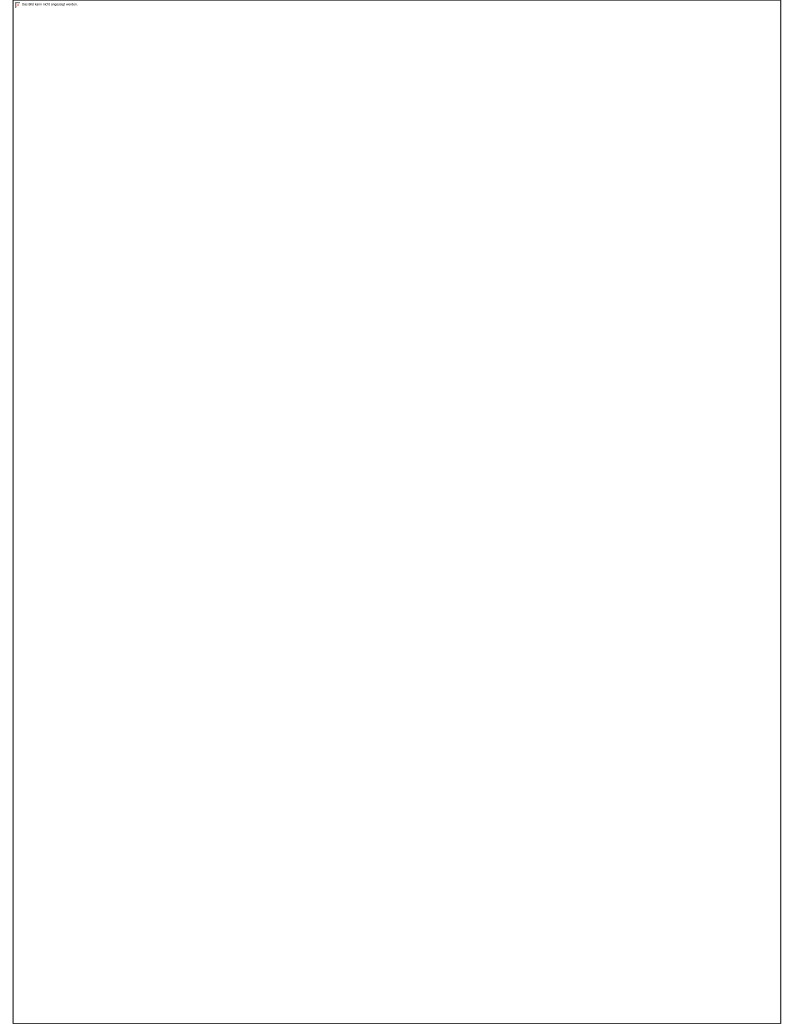
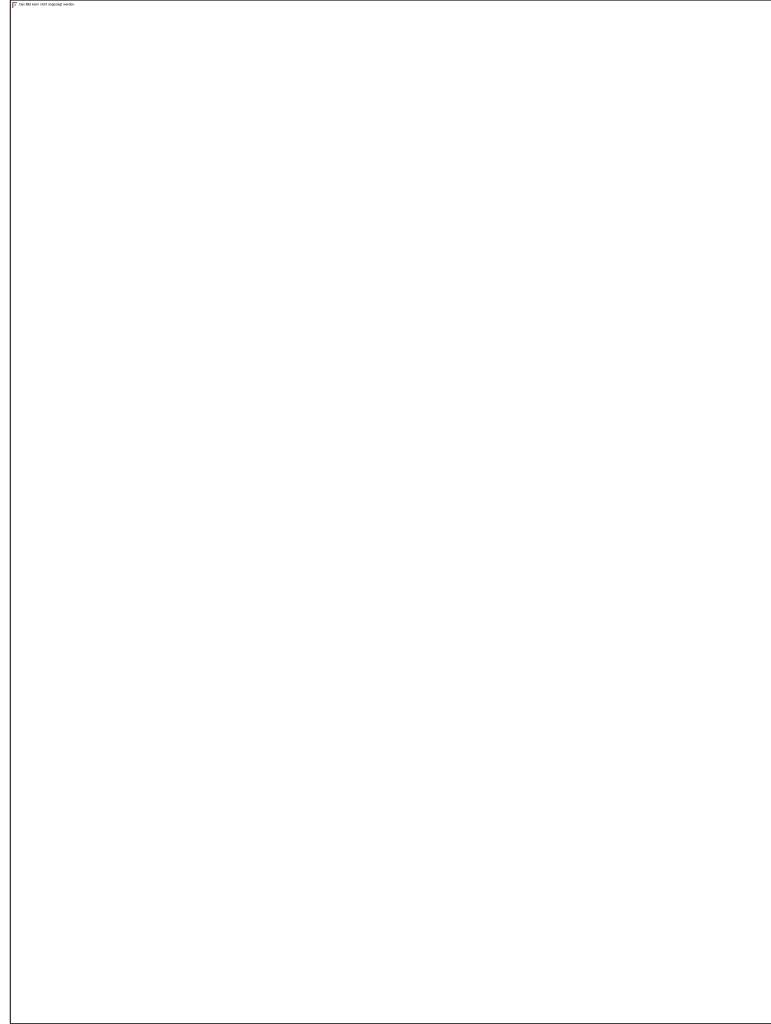


Elements of teamwork: Seeds & market stall

- **Winter:** Packaging of seeds,
- **Two Fridays in March in the Garden:** giveaway seeds for donation
- Meanwhile giveaway in the Shop of the castle (new target groups)
- **From april – october:** Market stall: giveaway of harvested fruits and vegetables every Friday between 15 and 17 o'clock
- Collection of surplus fruit from “Tafel Eutin”

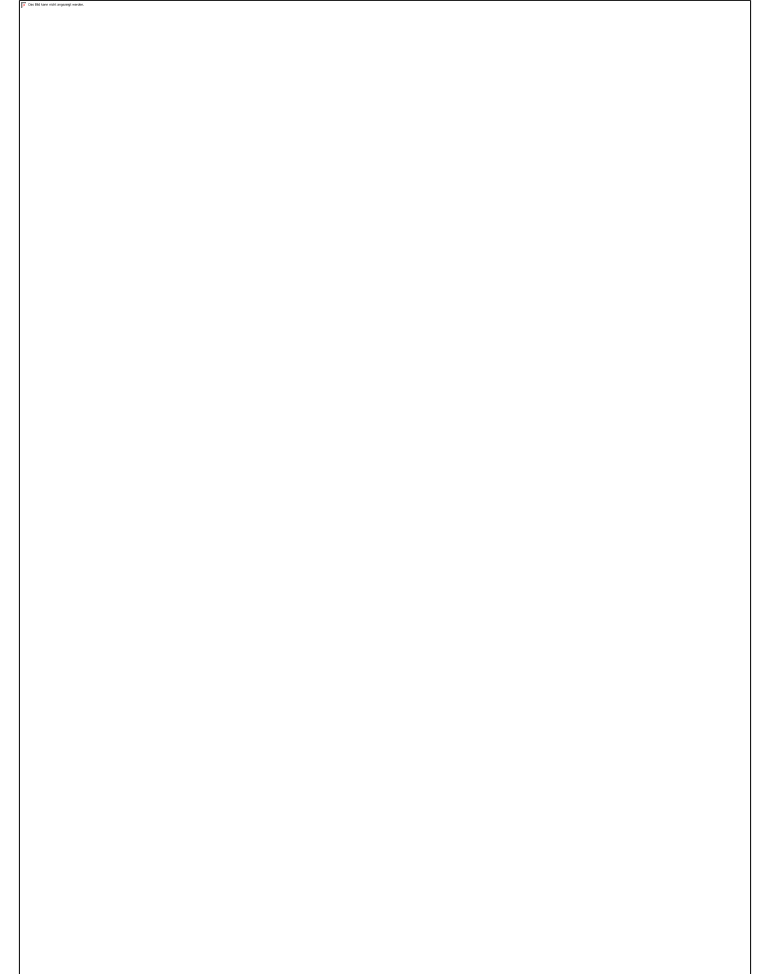
- Donation for seeds 2023: 895 €
- Donation for vegetable and fruits: :
 - 2021: 700€
 - 2022: 1.900 €
 - 2023: 2.600 €

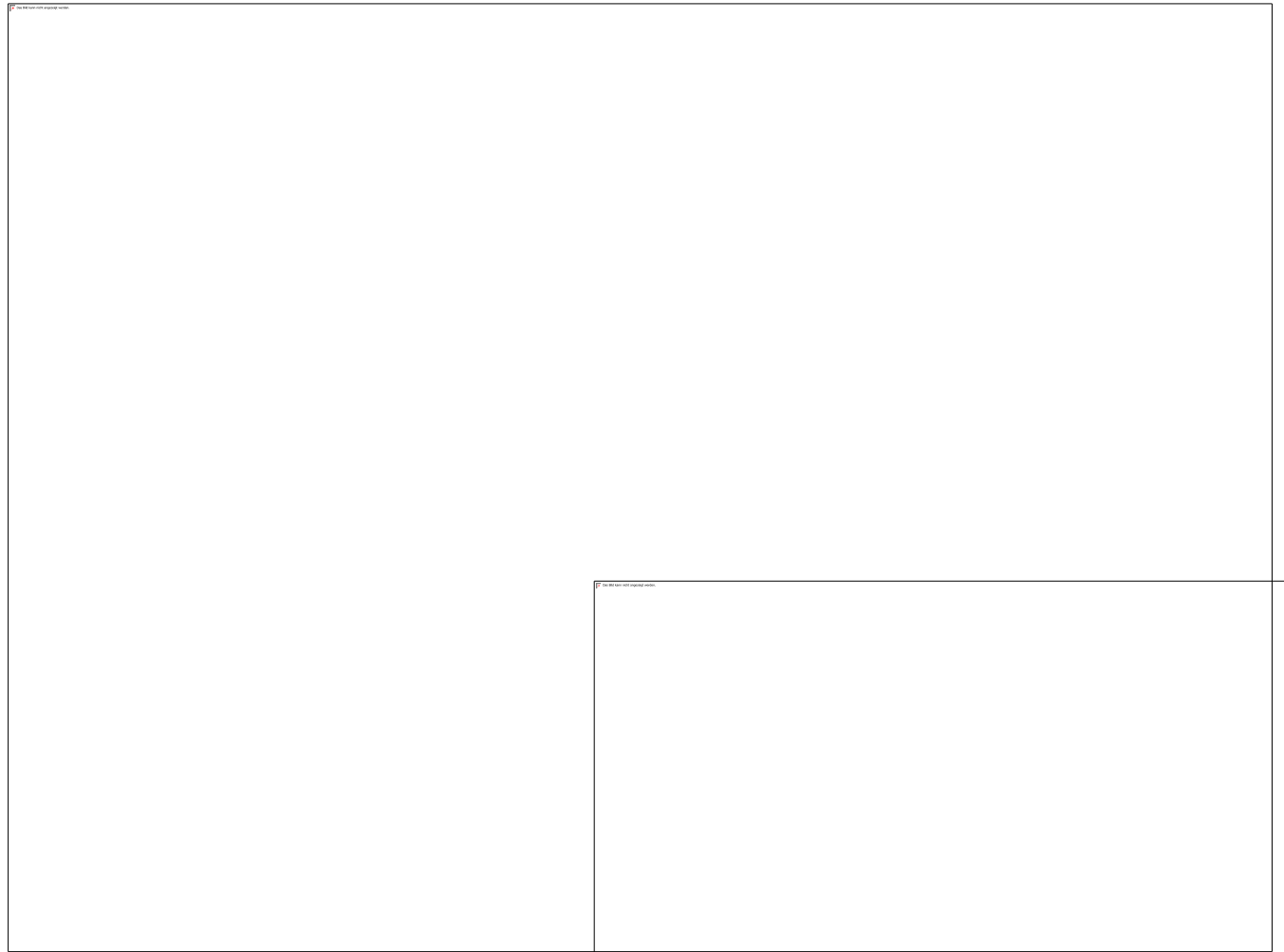
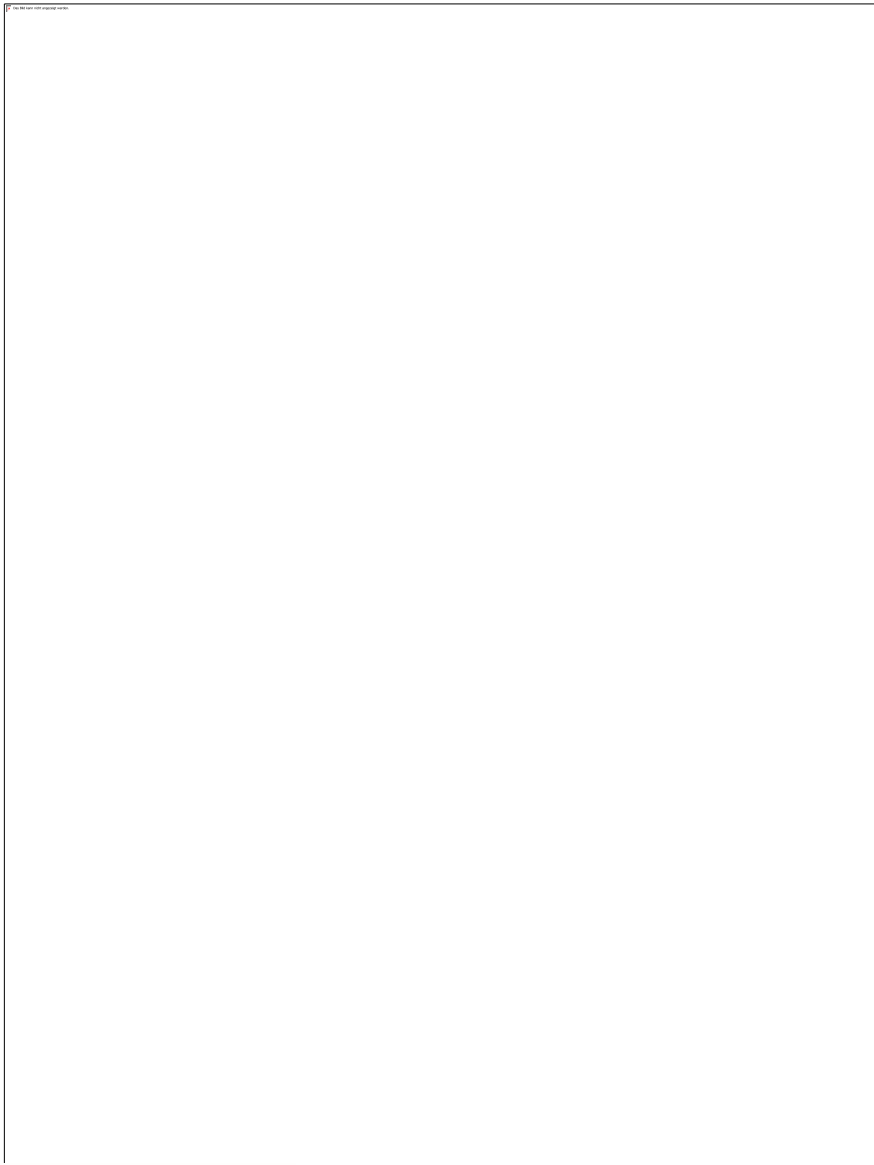




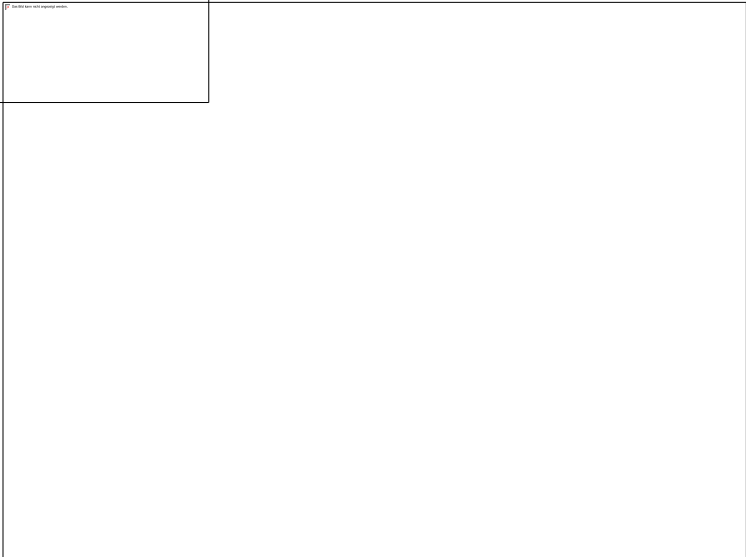
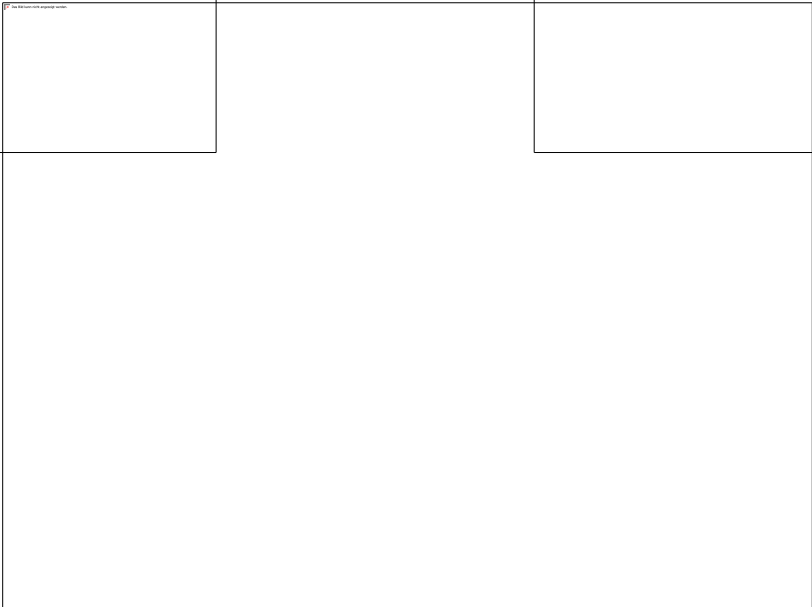
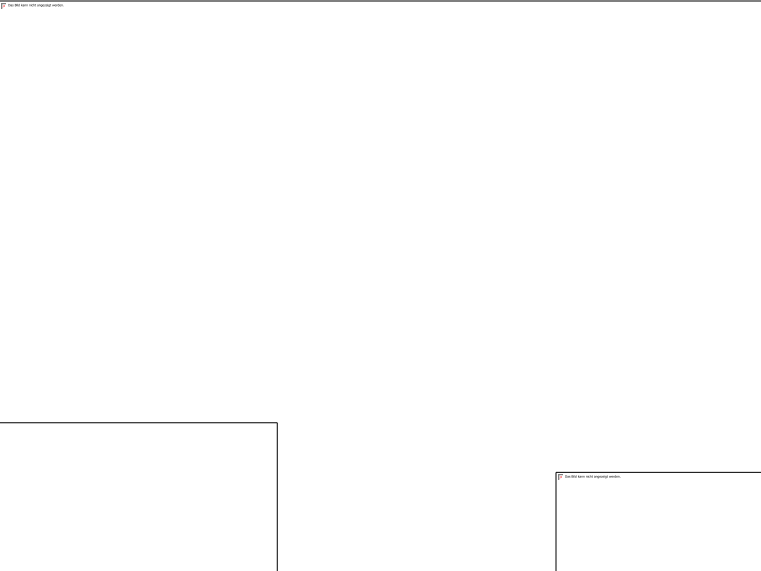
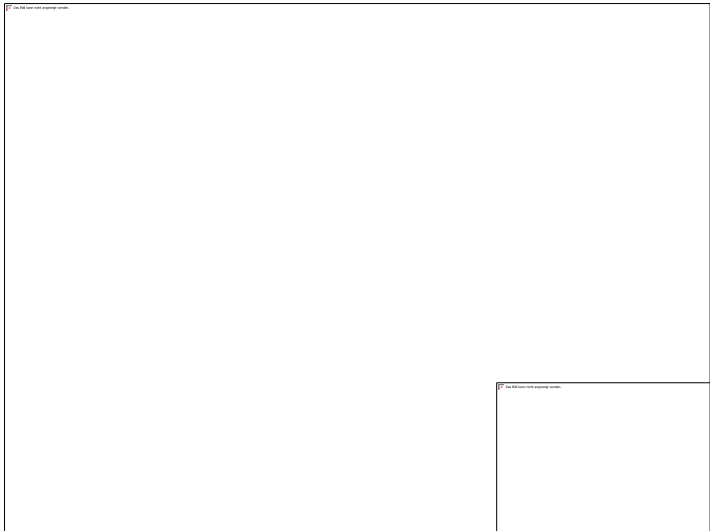
Elements of teamwork: Community time

- Social exchange and support with labour, knowledge, ideas, and tools
- Exchange of seeds and plants
- Social community:
 - Meetings of the teams
 - Fridays: Coffee time together, across teams
 - End of the season in November (technical input, review of the year and annual planning)
 - Uniform vests as a recognizable feature (sponsored, since season 2023)
- Thank you gifts:
 - Thank you dinner (organized by the Foundation Castle Eutin, 2. Sunday in September)
 - Participation in an expert guidance through the Kitchen Garden
 - Castle Guide
 - Expert guidance about species protection in the Castle Garden
 - Memorial Photo as a gift





Thank you dinner

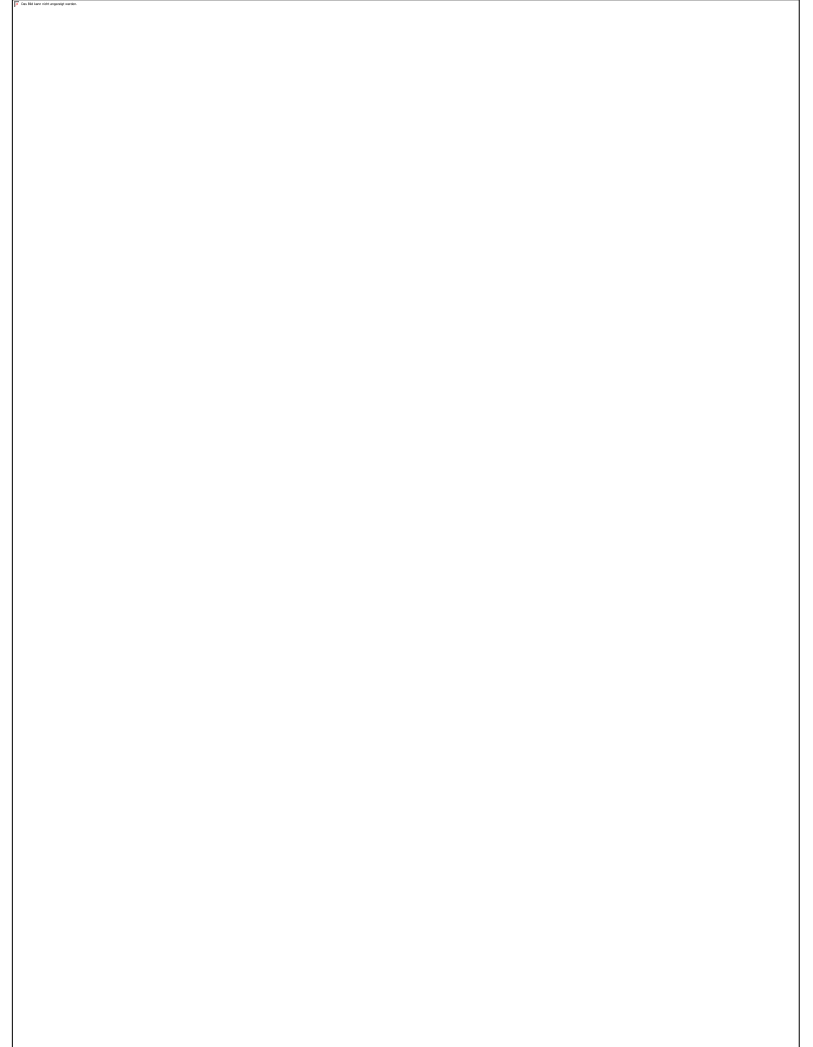
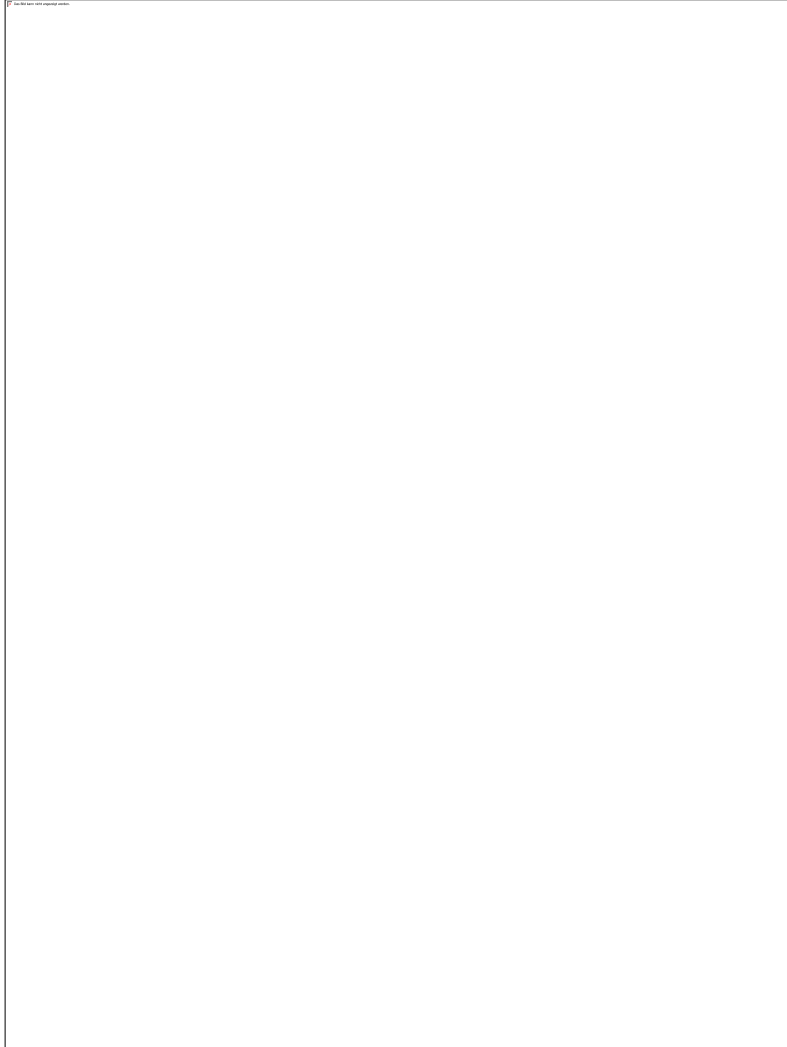
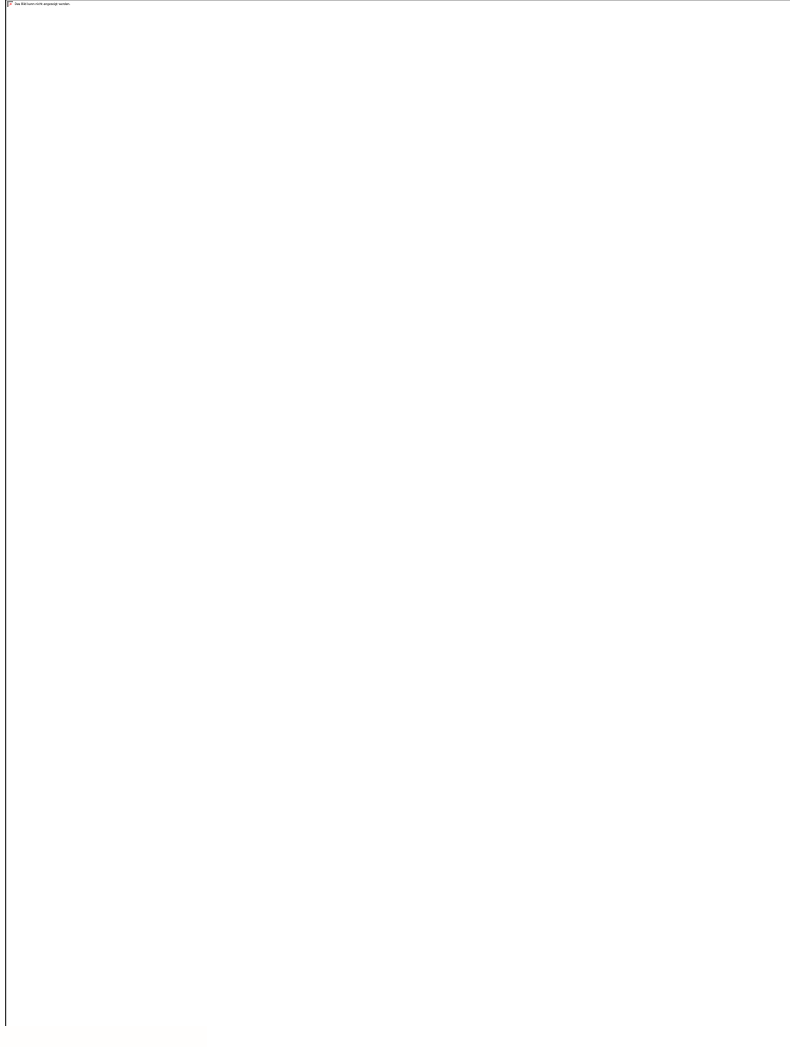


Elements of teamwork: Technical Education

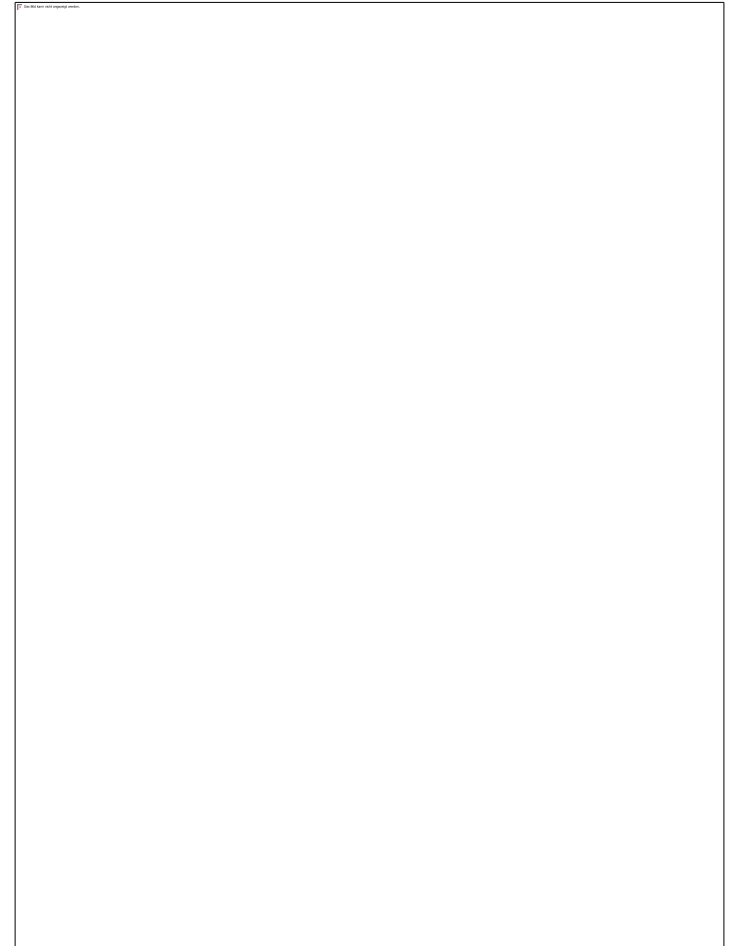
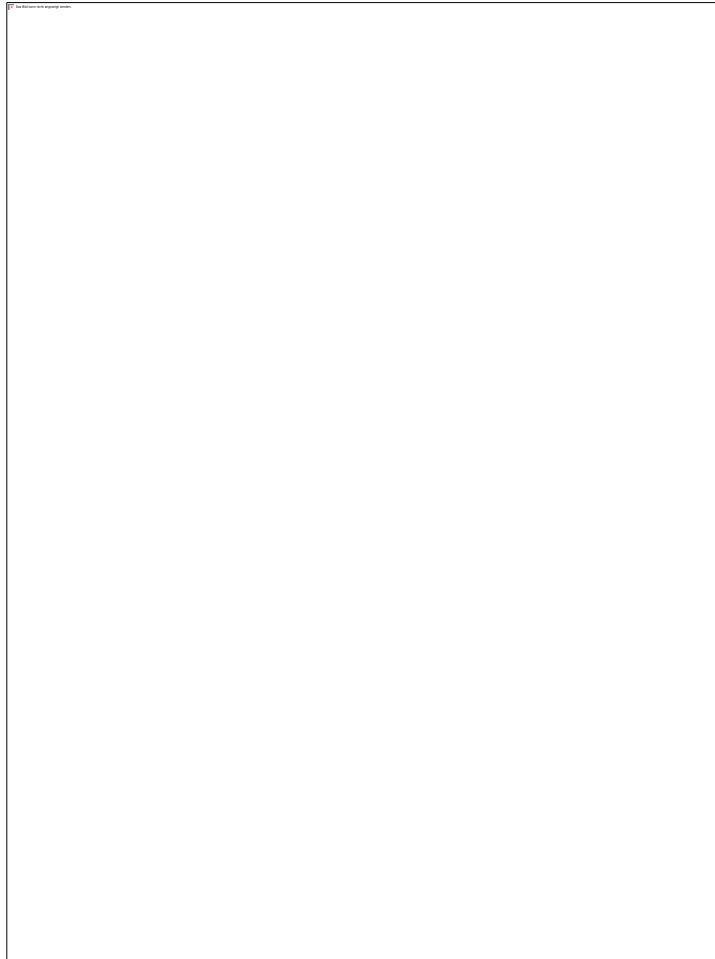
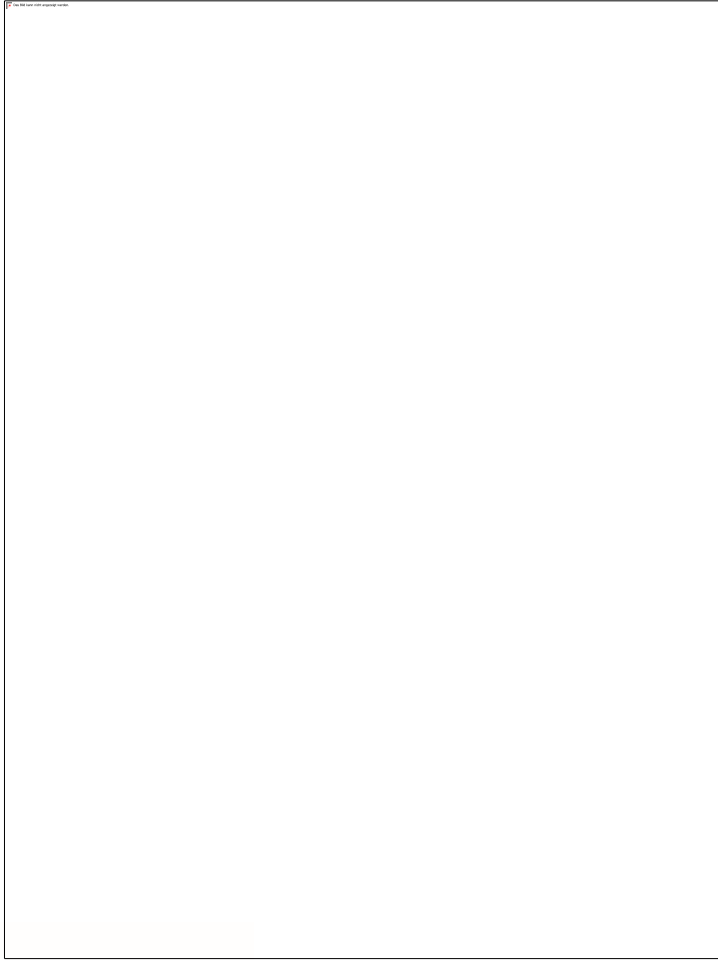


- Further education/training
 - Pruning workshop with grower (pruning kettle trees, espaliers and cordons)
 - Monetary value about: 1500 € in 5 h
 - Pruning of vines (ca. 150 €)
 - Introduction to irrigation techniques
 - Presentation about other Kitchen Gardens in Germany
- Monthly meeting of the team leaders for a joint technical planning
- Participation at the “Rendezvous in the garden” as a Kitchen Garden Party (Edutainment)

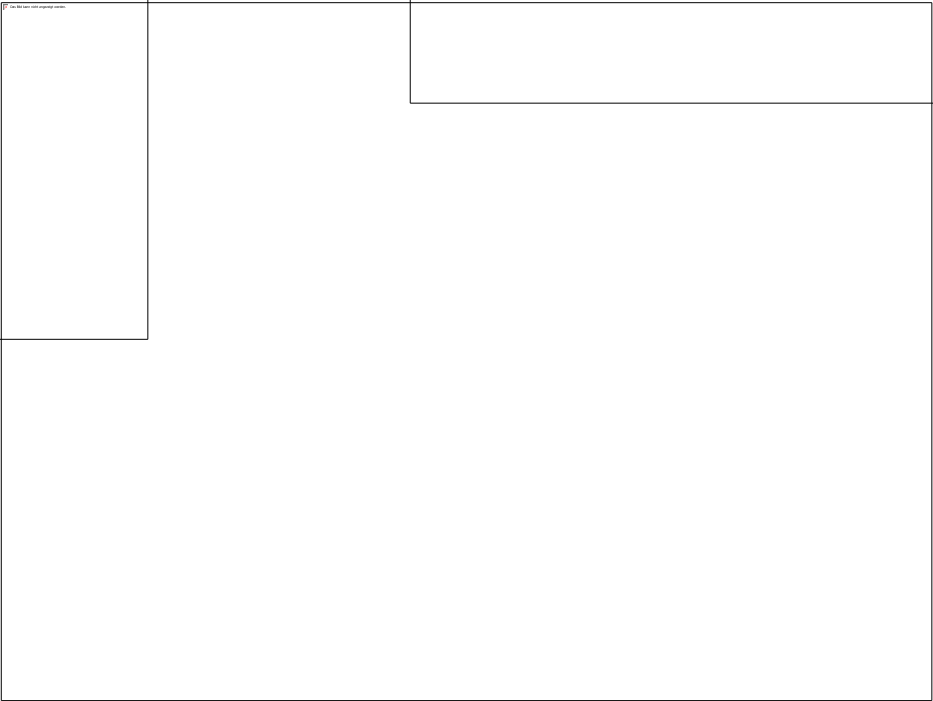
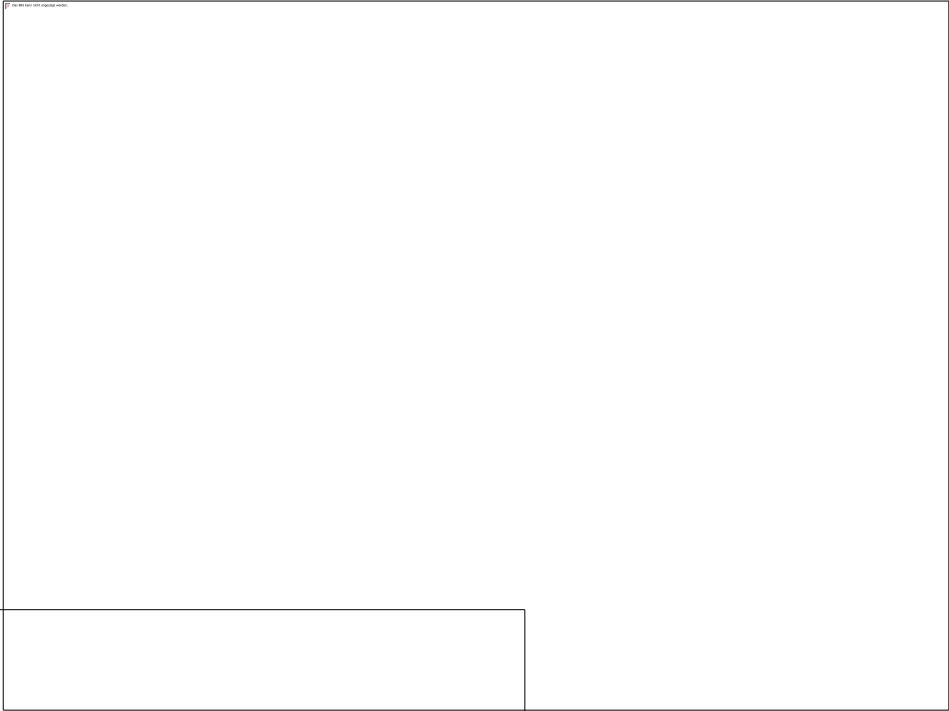




Teamleaders



Photoshooting













See you in Eutin ...

