

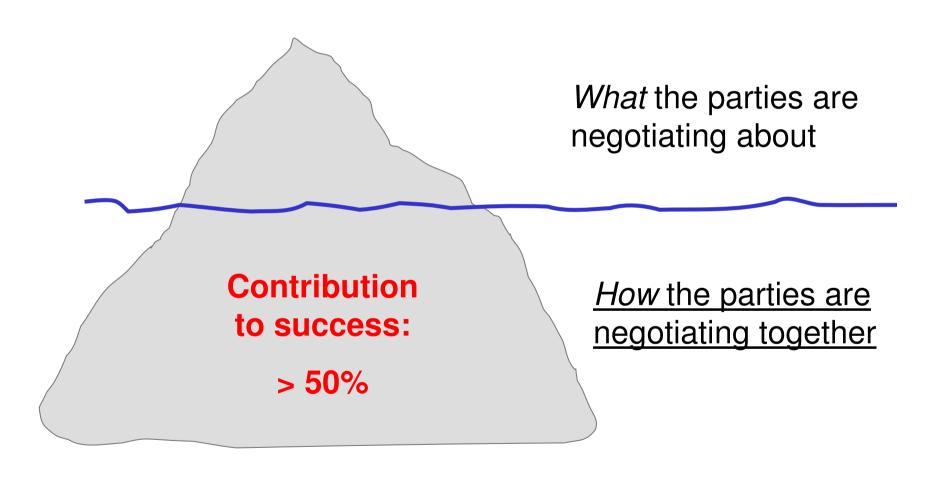
# Mediation as a possible alternative dispute resolution method in the site acquisition process

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## On Negotiations and Mediation **Basic Premise**



# On Negotiations and Mediation Stumbling Stones

Mixing up substance and relationship

Neglecting the quality of communication

Taking a position and trying to "sell" one's own ideas to the other party

Trying to resolve conflicts with pressure and threats

# On Negotiations and Mediation **Principled Negotiation**

Resolve conflicts with fairness and legitimacy in mind

Jointly create mutually beneficial options

Explore the underlying interests

Clarify the respective points of view

Build up a functioning working relationship

# On Negotiations and Mediation Hypothesis on Mediation

A carefully planned and structured negotiation process provides the basis for a Win-Win Solution

#### The Mediation Project

#### Objective of the Project



"To help the parties involved develop jointly and by mutual agreement a realistic solution"

- → Parents' councils
- → Mobile phone company
- → Local authorities

#### First Meeting

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

- Finalizing a mediation agreement and ground rules √
- Starting to explore the respective points of view √
- Getting a joint decision making process started √

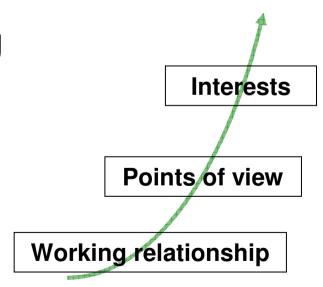
Points of view

#### **Second Meeting**

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

- Exchanging perspectives + clarifying the respective points of view and interests √
- Framing the decision making process (see next slide)√

If the antenna would not be there, how would we search for and select a site?



#### Second Meeting

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

#### **Definition of the Decision Making Process**

- Defining a new search area
- Identifying options in and around the new search area
- Jointly assessing new potential sites
- Measuring emission levels at places selected by the parent's councils as a basis for this joint assessment process

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Interests

Points of view

Working relationship

## **Third Meeting**

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

- Defining the modalities for the measurement and calculation of emission levels √
- Selecting five potential alternative sites √
- Defining the criteria which would later be used to assess potential alternative sites √

Legitimacy **Options** Interests Points of view Working relationship

## **Fourth Meeting**

Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7



Legitimacy

**Options** 

Interests

Points of view

#### Fifth Meeting

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

 Jointly assessing the potential new sites and selecting the preferred one as well as a fall-back option √

Drafting a plan of action √
Goal: Do everything within 2
weeks in order to be able to
start implementing the
preferred option soon

Legitimacy

**Options** 

Interests

Points of view

## Sixth Meeting

Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7

- Refining the assessment of the different options √
- Confirming the preferred new site and the fall-back option √
- Finalizing the implementation action plan √

Who shall talk to whom, with which purpose in mind and in with sequence?

Legitimacy

**Options** 

Interests

Points of view

## The Mediation Project

## **Conclusion**

Mediation enabled the parties to negotiate together efficiently and effectively even in a very contentious case!

The result is seen as Win-Win solution by all involved.

#### The Mediation Project

#### There is more to Mediation ...

 The convening and implementation phases are much more difficult and time consuming than the mediation itself!



#### **Analysis**

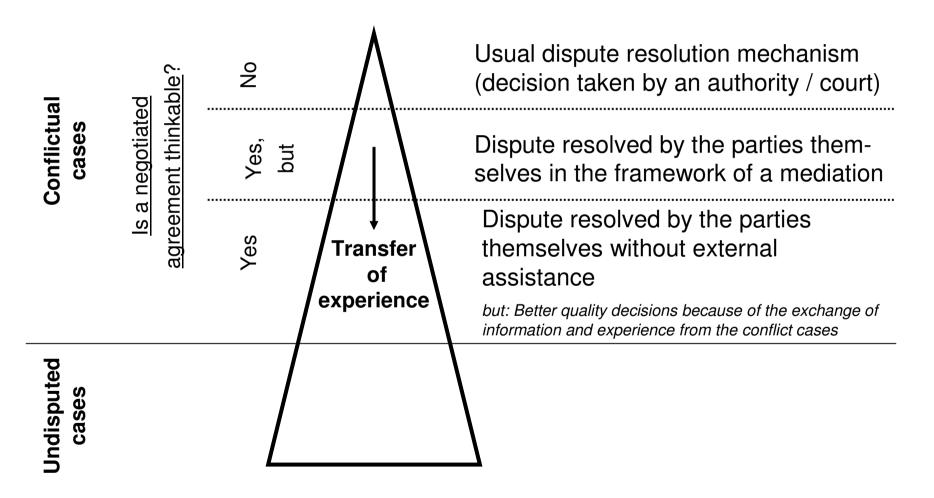
#### Mediation vs. Risk Perception

- Risk perception correlates with lack of control and with the perception that decision making processes are incomprehensible and non-transparent.
- The possibility to really participate in the decision making process leading to the choice of the location of base station antennas significantly affects the perception of the related risks.
- In the course of a mediation process, risk perception of the participants becomes more differentiated.

# Analysis **A Structured Approach ...**

- reduces the overall cost of conflict by creating learning effects within a conflict-management approach
- gives access to possible "starting points", recalls necessary "to do's" and points to possible alternatives at all times
- makes it possible to transfer the experiences since recognizable "steps" are created
- →allows to grasp even difficult situations leading to win-win solutions

# Analysis Conflict Management Approach





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