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SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Cultural Ecosystem Services of Riverscapes

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Abstract:

Riverscapes and landscapes more broadly offer divers ecosystem services. However, cultural ecosystem services (CES) often are overlooked or only chosen aspects such as recreational or tourism services are considered. This session invites presentations on CES of riverscapes and landscapes, especially in an urban environment and ideally with an applied focus: case studies going from conceptualization to implementation are particularly welcome. The session is related to the Erasmus+ project "PlaCES". Thus, we aim to explore and discuss methods, tools and approaches used in the context of CES from different geographic backgrounds and disciplines. As PlaCES aims for implementing CES of riverscapes in higher education, we welcome especially ideas and experiences how to communicate and teach CES.

Goals and objectives of the session:

The goal of this session is to provide a place to present and discuss current approaches and methods to evaluate cultural ecosystem services of riverscapes and landscapes.

Planned output / Deliverables:

Open for discussion

Session format:

The proposed session should be 90 to 120 minutes.

Voluntary contributions accepted:

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

Related to ESP Working Group:

TWG 8 - Cultural services & Values