

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Results-based approaches and other integrated models as drivers for ecological conservation and policy integration

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Abstract:

"The primary driver behind the deterioration of Europe's most important habitats is pressure from land uses, including agriculture and other commercial activities. Damaging activities on the ground are diverse and include inappropriate grazing regimes, drainage, invasive species, and exploitation of natural resources (e.g. forestry, fishing and peat extraction). These activities often arise as a result of divergent messages from broader agriculture, nature, water, climate and socio-economic policies. Associated with each of these policies are a wide range of actors responsible for their implementation. Although, in some instances, interaction between these actors is improving, within a fully coherent land use framework, meeting individual targets for nature or climate will be increasingly challenging.

A failing of many restoration or conservation projects is the fragmented approach taken (e.g. focusing on the specific actions of restoration, etc.) without the understanding of the wider socio-economic context, including the perspective of landowners and land managers. In response, new multi-dimensional, multi-actor models for incentivising ecological restoration are emerging. For example, results-based approaches attempt to establish a clear link between ecological quality and sustainable land management. The basic principle of a results-based approach is reward (e.g. agri-environment payments) that is proportionally related to the environmental quality delivered on the ground, i.e. higher ecological quality receives a higher payment. The over-riding benefit of the results-based approach is the long-term sustainable management of the overall managed landscape, particularly in regions where a significant proportion of land is actively farmed.

This session will explore the potential for results-based approaches and other emerging models to incentivise ecological conservation and restoration as well as the integration of policy and consideration of divergent actors' views. Submissions are welcome on a range of related topics including, but not limited to, the design and implementation of integrated land-use approaches; implementation of multi-actor frameworks; evaluation of the efficacy of results-

based approaches; perspectives of farmers, landowners and land managers; results-based approaches and sustainable transitions. Papers with a strong social science component are particularly welcome."

Goals and objectives of the session:

This session aims to:

- explore the potential for results-based approaches and other emerging models to incentivise ecological conservation and restoration.
- provide insights into the integration of various policies related to sustainable land-use
- examine multi-actor approaches and incorporation of perspectives and views of divergent actors.
- consider how social science approaches can inform good practice for ecological restoration.

Planned output / Deliverables:

Contributions (e.g. papers/presentations) on a range of related topics including, but not limited to, the design and implementation of integrated land-use approaches; implementation of multi-actor frameworks; evaluation of the efficacy of results-based approaches; perspectives of farmers, landowners and land managers; results-based approaches and sustainable transitions.

Session format:

Standard session (presentations)

Voluntary contributions accepted:

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

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