

NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP MAY 31ST 2017, VIENNA, AUSTRIA MINUTES

LOCATION: “Alte Schieberkammer” - Vienna Waters MA31, Vienna

«OPTIMIZED MANAGEMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES IN FORRESTED CATCHMENT AREAS »





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1. Participating stakeholders



2. First national stakeholder workshop

- The first national stakeholder workshop for the PROLINE-CE project was held on May 31st 2017 in the location “Alte Schieberkammer” Vienna Waters, Vienna. Within the thematic work package T1: Capitalization: Capacity Building and Stakeholder Engagement a national stakeholder workshop was planned and carried out.
- The strategies and measures of the project will be identified and integrated in existing policy guidelines which will be done through intensive key stakeholder involvement by means of this kind of workshops. The input provided by the target groups is essential in developing best management practices in land use for drinking water protection and flood/drought mitigation.
- The workshop was opened with a welcome to all the stakeholders and participants from the Head of the Vienna Waters Mr. Wolfgang Zerobin.



2.1. General presentation of the project by the Leadpartner Mr. Hubert Siegel

- Presentation of the general information and figures about the project, its aims, outputs and current progress by Mr. Hubert Siegel representing the Leadpartner



- The details of the work package were also mentioned, as well as the challenges that await the implementation of the project objectives and its contribution.

2.2. Presentation of Austrian Pilot Areas

2.2.1. Pilot Area: Waidhofen/Ybbs presentation by Mr. Markus Hochleitner

- Mr. Hochleitner was providing the stakeholders with general information on the pilot area of Waidhofen/Ybbs: location, catchment area, type of soils, water regime. He introduces also to the “Forest Hydrotop Modell” and its effects to the “Water-Forest-Houshold”. He presented the impacts caused through climate change and transition in the catchment area. Among others he is demanding stable forests, regulation of the game stock, small-scale forest use and restricted road construction. Furthermore agreements with the forest owners would be essential. The details of the work package were also mentioned, as well as the challenges that await the implementation of the project objectives and its contribution.



2.2.2. Presentation Pilot Area “Vienna Waters” by Mr. Gerhard Kuschnig

- Mr. Kuschnig introduces to general facts and information of the pilot area of Vienna Waters comprising the height distribution, Geology, land use, Hydrology etc. He strengthens that the land use activities pose potentiell risks of hazards. Protection of water sources is an essential task of water providers.



3. Keynotes

3.1. Keynote: “Soil protection and function of soil” by Mr. Christian Steiner

- Mr. Steiner explains basis of existence and functions of soils, potential hazards and activities for protection. He also refers to the EUSDR Strategy for the Danube Region concerning the four Pillars and also EUSALP.



3.2. Keynote: “Forestry - Climate Change and Drinking Water Protection by Roland Köck

- Mr. Köck explains impacts on forests and water, how forests can protect water resources and best practices for water protection. He also presents protected areas in Austria and explains the criterias for protecting drinking water and avoiding floods. Furthermore the “Wald-Hydrotop-Modell” was presented as a basis for “best practice”.



3.3. Keynote: “Forest and Biodiversity” by Georg Frank

- Mr. Frank provides the participants with an engaged presentation concerning the the topic forest and biodiversity and its dependencies.



4. Interactive stakeholder dialogue

In the afternoon session of the workshop the participants were splitted into three working groups - where the lead was taken by the keynote speakers. The aim was to get feedback on various aspects of flood and forest protection, land-use management in drinking water recharge areas from the event participants. A guideline for the discussions was prepared by the Leadpartner for carrying out the workingsessions.

The dialogues were organized in a circular fashion with the stakeholders being divided into three groups. Each station had a moderator - out of the keynote speakers.

The topics were according to the keynote presentations - but with an prepared catalogue with questions to be answered.





The carousel worked by rotating people around the stations with its assigned pin cards, flipcharts and markers. The participants provided their ideas and experience from diverse sectors which the participants wrote down on cards - to be pinned afterwards. When the time was up, after about 45 minutes, the groups rotated to a different station. The arriving group added their own opinions, comments and answers. The rotation continued until each group has gone to all three stations.

At the end the working group leaders summarized the results out of the groups. The pincards were put on pinwalls - and all participants could mark their “favorite” results with a red dot.

5. Main Results/Feedback





There have been numerous inputs ranging from betterment of legislation in general, increasing information to a broader public - as communication in general has to be improved, involvement of agriculture and transhumance, concentration of competencies at regional level, brochure for private forest owners, defining legal restrictions concerning climate change, adapted land use, intensive public relations, promotion of mixed forests, no clearcutting, acceptance of wild animals - like wolve, lynx, bear, educational workshops and seminars for the general public, stimulations for good management practices from the government, , just to name the main outputs.

Afterwards, the Leadpartner Hubert Siegel and the hosting project partner Gerhard Kuschnig closed the workshop with some final remarks, asked the participants to fill out the questionnaires and thanked them for coming. The flipcharts were photographed in order to summarise the conclusions.

The follow-up entails sending thank you notes, the report of the event, powerpoint presentations of the lecturers and the list of participants to all attendees.



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