



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *Conference participants develop resolution "Passauer Erklärung (statement)" on the future of forest environmental measures*

Theme *Network communications; Stakeholder common action*

NRN *Germany, Austria* Coordinator *NSU Germany, NSU Austria*

Partners *Approx 100 stakeholder from forestry nature conservation and administration from Germany and Austria*

Period *14-15. November 2011* Resources *Approx 200h manpower in NSUs + 20.000€ direct conference cost, resolution itself did not "cost" anything*

Geo-location *Passau, Germany*

Beneficiaries *Stakeholders in the forestry and nature conservation sector debating for a better EAFRD-forest environment program 2014, maybe the Commission in getting input for a better EAFRD- forest environment*

Background

From the point of view of forest owners and nature conservation stakeholders the implementation of forest environmental measures is very insufficient. Due to barriers in the EAFRD directive and its implementation forest environment programs are not able to support environmental and biodiversity targets in the forests in the right way.

Main activities

NSUs in Germany and Austria planned to address this issue within the conference. Presentations, Statements, Good-Practice-Examples and Working group sessions aimed at disseminate experiences and foster exchange between stakeholders and administrations.

During the conference stakeholders from forestry organizations and environmental NGOs themselves developed the idea of a resolution, initiated a hands-on group and wrote a draft statement.

The Statement (Passauer Erklärung) was supported further by other groups and conferences.

Main results/benefits

A broad consensus about needed adaptations within the EAFRD environmental program by forestry and nature conservation organisations was achieved.

The conference input was accepted by German and Austrian officials and brought in the European debate (e.g. standing committee on forestry).





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Contribution of the NSU

The NSUs hosted the conference.

Contribution of the partners

Development and dissemination of the resolution

Success factors

Conferences are not only an instrument to transport information and experiences to the stakeholders. They are also the place to bring stakeholders together- and this case forest landowners and nature conservation organisations- to agree on experiences and develop positions in common towards administrations.

Additional information

Documentation of the conference and text of the resolution:

<http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/service/veranstaltungen/dvs-archiv/2011/waldumweltmassnahmen>

