Travellab – A method for stakeholder interaction in FACESMAP

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Objective

Objective: to develop a method which helps us to learn more effectively from our interactions at COST Action meetings.

Why?

- Our research theme of changing forest ownership is very diverse and context specific. **It is a complex problem**.

- **To tackle complex problems:**
  - understanding local contexts
  - building a shared understanding of the issues
  - linking experiences in successive meetings
  - reflecting

Fortmann & Ballard (2011)

- "When scientists do research in collaboration with local experts the resulting knowledge **can be more accurate and more policy relevant** than they could produce doing research on their own or only with other conventional scientists".

The TRAVELLAB

= **joint learning processes** from facilitated stakeholder interactions, and iterative reflection and learning cycles

= '**lab**' because it is about learning

= '**travellab**' because it is about learning while we travel to visit each other's realities

It is one research strand in our COST Action.

Questions (examples WG1, Solsona)

- Q1: (**Types of Ownership**) What do you consider a traditional forest owner?/And what do you consider a non-traditional forest owner?

- Q2: (**Challenges, Problems**) In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges that /you as a forest owner/ forest owners in your region face?

- Q3: (**Chances?**) Are you happy with how the forest in this region/your forest is managed?- did not work: What do you think of the current forest management in this region?

- Q4: (**Future**) Who do you see owning your land in the future? And how will it be managed?

Stakeholder interaction in country sites

Sopron
- in the field

Solsona
- in the field
- carousel

Finland
-in the field
- carousel

Freiburg
- in the field
- carousel

Notes from note takers:

- **Method** – Observation notes
- **Content** – Field notes (include carousel)

6 files in total in FACESMAP website.

Interaction with EU level stakeholders

Rovaniemi workshop (Dec 2013)

- **"Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Policy and practice Issues"**
- Workshop has been recorded
- Session has been transcribed (Report)

Geneva workshop (Apr 2014)

- **How would you evaluate the current knowledge on forest ownership?**
- Summary in Excel of H exercise

Geneva round table (Jun 2014)

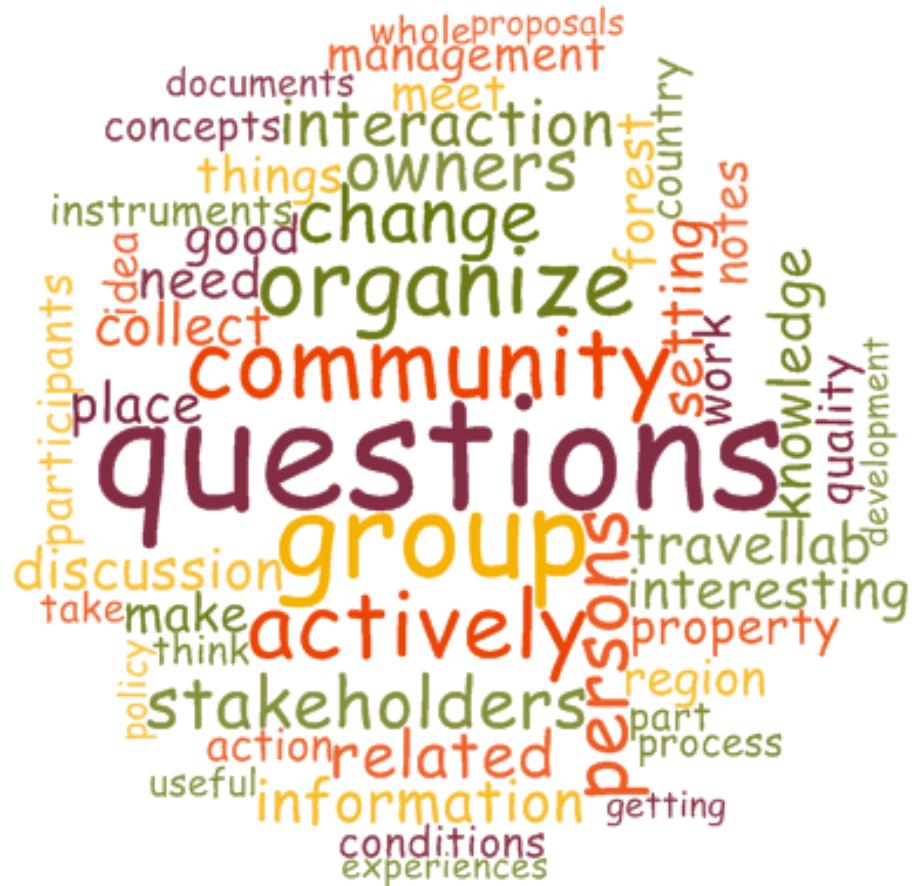- **Status and changes in the forest ownership structure and their effects on forest management and policy implementation.**
- Session has been recorded (Report)

Analysis has started (e.g. Solsona)

Notes

Observations

Preliminary findings from field notes

- **"Forest owners are moving towards conservation, renewable energy (biomass), tourism, or other ecosystem services etc, i.e. more than just forestry."**

- **"Management objectives are diverse amongst all owners. There is no such a thing than traditional and new forest owner."**

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Topics for papers

Vienna, May 2015

Research questions/papers

1- How did Travellab contributed to our understanding of forest ownership issues in Europe? – Diana leading

2- How forest owners define themselves according to how they do management? Gun (?) Triangle

3- What are European level stakeholders' perceptions of forest ownership issues? Rovaniemi + Geneva + Zagreb (Gerhard + Alice leading)

4- What are differences between European level perceptions on forest ownership issues and regional stakeholders? (Teppo leading)

5- Analyse the different topics individually or not (?)/ What did we learn with the Travellab - content (Gerhard)

Organise a travellab reflexion workshop in Krakow or UK

- Krakow might not be the best place to do it?

People involved in data analysis (so far)

- Gerhard W.
- Anna L.
- Teppo H.
- Zuzana D.
- Alice L.
- Lelde
- Gun L.
- Doni
- Ivana Z.
- ….

Research question number 4 from travellab

- Topics: Fragmentation, urban forest owners, wood mobilisation etc… Themes meaningful?
- Comparison between regions (any similarities with other countries)

Synthesis

- Innovative policy or forest management (bullet) – what are the innovative policies in the countries from country report – inviting the countries

- Double check the PowerPoint from Ivana regarding the country reports.

- Fragmentation is a issue – what is a policy – what is innovative to tackle this issue across countries.