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# 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.



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# 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
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# 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”.
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# 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.

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# 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?
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# 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.

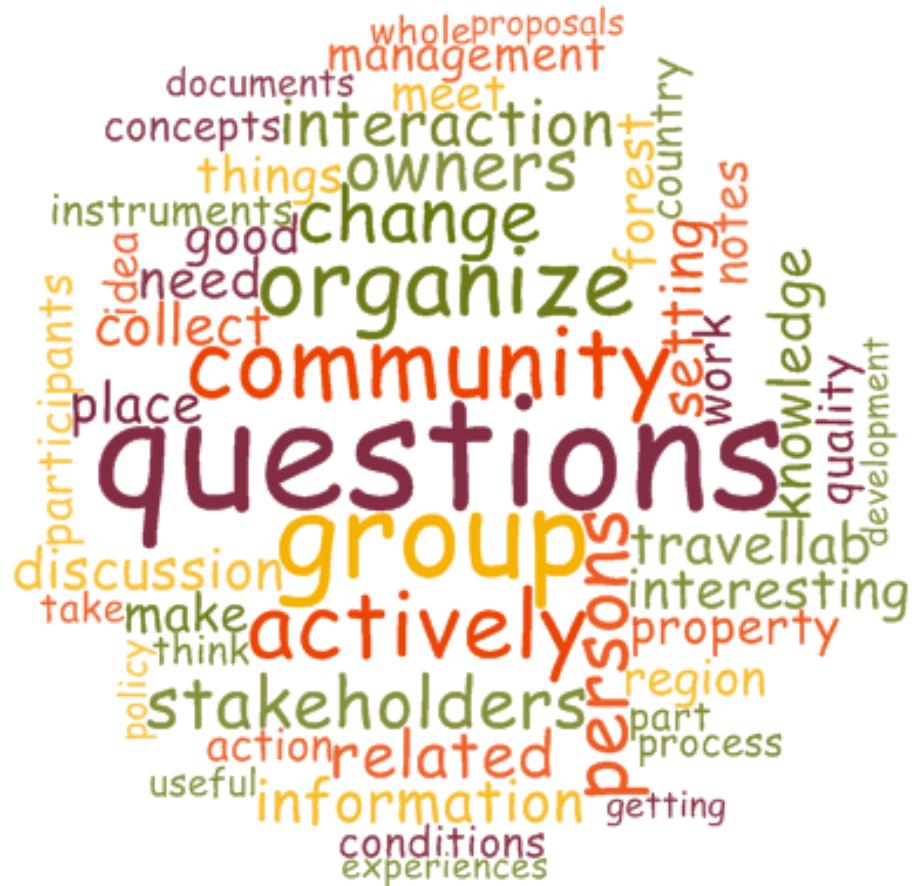
- Session has been recorded (Report)



# Analysis has started (e.g. Solsona)



**Notes**



**Observations**

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# 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

**TRAVELLAB**

- content

acc. NG-questions  
 → compare regions? = adding  
 → compare types of STH?  
 based on "focus groups" etc...

• WG1-related on "New Forest" (maybe with SG A. Partilainen)  
 • WG2+3-related on organ. structures of forest

method for what?  
 (Diana) ~~How did our~~ How did travellab  
 Intro ~~con~~ contributed to our understanding  
 of changes in forest ownership in Europe?  
 (Researcher)

Workshop Questions for Diana + Anna + Zuzana  
 and evaluation (knowledge) Teppo + All  
 → How they understand new forest  
 ownership? (interpretative) Alice - Table

→ Interviews Anna Partilainen (traditional vs new)  
 (Anna)  
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2000 cost-action

**Eu STH perceptions**  
 • Rev. + Gen.

**policy - practice**  
 • Rev. NS

regional (TL)  
 Anna  
 all 3 themes Table

Adrian: 0 | 1 | R

**Anna + Zuzana**

Perceptions on forest management

- Forest management definitions
- Field notes (forest owners + local practitioners) (interview)
- Survey forest owners

• ≠ boxes for management → ask further if possible

• Recommendations: contradiction

• Owners to confused how to define management. More attached to products produced

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**Gun** **Country reports**

Expert → data (classification system)

- Table about changes

- ownership
- management
- policy

All 3 themes paper (1, 2, 3)

Policy → field notes workshops → How do policy constructs management and ownership?

Ownership ↔ Management

- Delphi method
- Send back to countries R. people  
 ↳ better answers than sit.

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# 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)
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# Organise a travellab reflexion workshop in Krakow or UK

- Krakow might not be the best place to do it?
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# People involved in data analysis (so far)

- Gerhard W.
  - Anna L.
  - Teppo H.
  - Zuzana D.
  - Alice L.
  - Lelde
  - Gun L.
  - Doni
  - Ivana Z.
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# Research question number 4 from travellab

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