Focus Group on Delivery of Environmental Services

Initial findings and next steps

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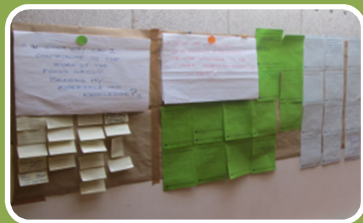
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Content outline

FG work and achievements to date

Initial findings: success factors for ES delivery

Next steps

The FG work

Phase one (Jan-Jun)

What

Why

How (tools)

2 meetings

2 webinars

Focus Group
Delivery of Environmental Services
Background paper
(Final version)
15 May 2012

Progress report

Methodology

Questions...

...a number of answers from the FG

- What measures?
- What approaches?
- Win-win situations?
- Collective actions?

Examples of ES delivery

FG meetings

More than 50 examples collected!

The examples collected

Environmental services considered

Environmental service	No. examples
Biodiversity – habitats and species	**31**
Landscapes	8
Water Quality	11
Water Availability	11
Soil Functionality	7
Air Quality	1
Resilience to Flooding	2
Resilience to Fire	2
Climate regulation (reduced greenhouse gas emissions/ carbon sequestration	3
Non-environmental benefits	1
No services explicitly listed	5

The examples collected

Measure	Description	No. examples
111	Vocational training and advice	5
114	Use of advisory services	1
121	Modernisation of agricultural holdings	1
125	Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry	1
211/212	Natural handicap payments to farmers in mountain areas	2
213	Natura 2000 payments and payments linked to Directive 2000/60/EC	2
214	**Agri-environment**	**34**
216	Non-productive investments	4
226	Restoring forestry potential and introducing prevention actions	1
323	Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage	3
Leader	Leader	2
Other RD	Linked to other RD interventions (non-EAFRD measures)	5

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Measures used

Approaches to delivery

Outcomes focused

Community based

Holistic approaches

Collective approaches

Integrated delivery

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Initial findings: success factors

Measure and scheme design → *Provide flexibility, collaboration, focus*

Rural heritage programmes (DE)

Partnership in Axis 2 measures design (FI)

Collaboration Partnership Ownership → *Delivering effectively, at different scales, across sectors*

Collective approach to deliver results at scale (NL)

Advice Training Communication → *Building trust, knowledge and understanding*

Good quality, tailored, integrated (IT)

Peer-to-peer advice

Summary

- «Innovative» ways to use current instruments exist

- Highlights: training, ownership, delivery at scale, reward

- Success factors do not work in isolation

- A number of preconditions (for success factors to work)

- Policy coherence is needed (EU, MS)

- Long term stability vs. short term flexibility

Next steps

How ES are delivered?

- **Examples of ES delivery**
- **Success factors**
- **Preconditions**

How to improve delivery?

- **Consolidate findings**
- **Further analysis (e.g. forestry, Leader?)**
- **Specific suggestions for RDP improvements**
- **Dissemination, use of results**

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