

Added Value of Networking



The understanding of public environmental goods

Basic information	
NRN:	Germany
Theme:	Good practice
Coordinator:	Jan Freese, Bettina Rocha
Partners:	NRN Germany: Ministries, EU commission, farmers, environmentalist etc.
Beneficiaries:	The region
Resources:	n.a.
Period:	In 2010
Main element of networking:	Collection, analysis and dissemination of good practice, success stories and relevant experience
Other elements of networking:	Building common understanding of common policies

Background

Scientific research and the European Commission highlighted the concept of public goods delivered by farmers for public benefit as one new underpinning aspect of EU CAP payments.

Main activities

The main focus of this initiative was to explore this concept in the German context within the NRN, with administrators from various stakeholders, farmers, environmentalists, scientists etc. A workshop was held in the summer of 2010 and a special issue of the NRN-Journal "LandInForm" was released at the end of the year which documented the discussion and outlined the varying positions of the stakeholders.



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Main results/benefits

This process enabled stakeholders and partners in the rural development process to hold in-depth discussions about the concept of public goods and the opportunities brought about by this as part of the EU-CAP. There was also an intensive exchange between scientists and NRN-members, including the documentation of their positions.

Success factors

The NRN was able to provide a forum which encouraged open minded exchange.

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Networking enabled better communication and therefore better exchange.

Contribution of the NSU

The German Rural Network initiated the discussion by involving leading German agri-economists, prepared the workshop and edited the special issue of the Magazine.

Contribution of the partners

The partners presented the scientific concepts, examples, discussions and articles.

Additional information

Special issue 1/2010 (German only): <http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/service/veranstaltungen/dvs-archiv/2010/oeffentliche-gueter/>

Pictures

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