

Sustainable Land Management: Smart Governance for changing geographies of land use

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Description

The session is structured around the overarching topic of “Sustainable Land Management”, as initiated by the German funding measure of the same name. Its transdisciplinary approach suggests a framework to discuss governance strategies suitable to cope more adequately with competing land use demands and resulting land use conflicts, facing current challenges like economic and social changes of values, migration and demographic impacts or transformations of energy systems.

Land use is influenced by a high variety of institutionalised activities. However, relevant policy fields within the multi-level governance framework – regional, agricultural and environmental policies, in particular – differ with regard to levels of activity, involved actors, topics, targets, instruments and governance modes. Although comprehensive planning and management instruments have been created over the last few years, an overall integrative system does not exist yet.

Sustainable land management thus seeks to advance the realisation of an integrated approach combining sectoral policies and practical needs, thereby paving the way for institutional innovations regarding governance modes and instruments. Methods consist in enhancing the knowledge about interfaces between diverse policies and in discussion processes with civil society groups, strengthening the intersectoral and comprehensive dimension of land use governance.

The session is subdivided into:

- an overview of objectives, meanings and activities related to Sustainable Land Management,
- an external reflection on its comprehensive and transdisciplinary approach and
- perspectives on concrete and transferable examples by selected papers.

The session strives to foster a European discussion on the integrative consideration of land use conflicts and governance options.

Invited speakers:

Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska, SPECTRA Centre of Excellence, Slovak University of Technology and Slovak Academy of Sciences (Slovakia)

Silvia Tobias, Swiss Federal Institute of Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL (Switzerland)

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Chairs: Christian Strauß, Annegret Repp

Discussants: Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska, Silvia Tobias

Presentation n. 1

Title: Public and private innovations for sustainable farmland management on the urban fringe in France

Author(s): Coline Perrin

Presentation n. 2

Title: Governance, urban development and mobility. A case study in Southern Italy

Author(s): Ornella Colandrea, Daniela La Foresta

Presentation n. 3

Title: The role of governance modes in environmental policy integration (EPI) in regional development: experience from Hungary and some comparison to CEC

Author(s): Viktor Varjú

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