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Introduction and overall objective

The TESS Environmental Information workshop will be delivered in London September 14-16 2009 in combination with the 3rd PMC meeting for the project.

The results of WP2 and WP3 will be presented by the Work Package leaders. All TESS partners with a Case Study area will have contributed to two Information Surveys designed to capture the environmental decision-making process and information flows from national to local levels. The WP2 survey will have focused on National systems and the WP3 survey on information flows for environmental decision making by local administrations, communities and individual citizen stakeholders.

The main objective will be to collate the WP2 & 3 surveys to characterise the range of systems, processes and information flows likely to be encountered across the diverse governance, cultural and habitat systems in the study. The output will be summarised into conceptual models to demonstrate similarities and differences between the TESS case study areas.

The secondary objective will be to brief the country co-ordinators for the WP5 surveys and to address any problems they may foresee.

A number of distinguished experts will be invited to give short presentations and contribute to their insights to the workshop in structured discussions. Their contributions will form part of the final synthesis report from WP2/WP3.

Adjustments to Deliverables D2.1 & D3.1

After consultations at the delayed KO meeting in December it was noted that these deliverables referred to a single event, best described as "Environmental Information Workshop", which would be fixed by month 4 and held by month 12. Planning of the agenda, speakers etc were finalised at the 2nd PMC in Slovenia after consultation with all the partners and submitted by 31 March 2009 as a revised deliverable.

Links to future work packages

WP4 – The results of WP2 and 3 are key to ensuring that the predictive models collated and analysed within WP4 are 'fit for purpose'. They will indicate the 'demand' for environmental information to compare with the potential 'supply' assessed in WP4.

WP5 -The results presented at the workshop are essential for informing the questionnaire survey for the 27 EU states to be carried out in WP5. They will indicate the types of information flow and governance of environmental decision making across the EU, which will then be quantified for each state through the survey. This process will have been ongoing during the completion of the work for WP2 and 3 in order to produce a training package for the country coordinators to be delivered on day 2 of the workshop.

WP6 - The review of SEA and EIA procedures will inform the review of effectiveness of these instruments in to be conducted in WP6. The WP6 review will consider a range of SEA and EIA protocols to determine the effects of differences of implementation on biodiversity and ecosystem service. The conceptual models of information needs and flows are also crucial for designing the transactional decision making system.

Draft Agenda

14 Sept - PMC meeting

15 Sept - Workshop Day 1

- Introduction – Robert Kenward
- Results of WP2 enquiry – Robin Sharp
- Results of WP3 enquiry – Kathy Hodder & Jane Butters
- Presentations from invited experts including links to related projects
- Linking results of WP2 and WP3 to WP5 (breakout groups)

16 Sept - Workshop Day 2 (half-day):

- Training of country coordinators for WP5 questionnaire survey – Robert Kenward, Nicholas Aebischer, Kathy Hodder and Robin Sharp

Arrangements

The meeting will be held in the Atrium Lounge of Rydges Hotel, Kensington, London SW7
<http://www.rydges.co.uk/>

The core participants will be the TESS partners and country co-ordinators for the WP5 EU-wide surveys, about 50 people in total. In addition there will be the outside expert presenters and invitees from among stakeholders with an interest in TESS outcomes.

Experts to be considered for invitation. This is under review by TESS partners – no more than one on each topic will be invited. Expenses for invitees must be agreed with Bournemouth University (Kathy Hodder / Adrian Newton) in order to ensure that funds are available.

Topic 1- SEA/EIA policy and implementation from an international perspective:

Professor Maria do Rosario Partidario from the Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, former president of the International Association for Impact Assessment, currently working on EIA of Lisbon airport;

Professor Rikki Therivel from the UK, Levett-Therivel Consultants, author or co-author of several key books and articles on EIA/SEA, including “Strategic Environmental Assessment in Action” 2004;

Dr Carys Jones from University of Manchester, UK, editor of “SEA and Land Use Planning; an international perspective”, listed by EC DG Env as UK expert.

Peter Schei, Director of the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway and President of BirdLife International.

Topic 2 – Environmental and biodiversity information - collection, analysis and provision to decision makers:

Professor Jacqueline McGlade, head of the European Environment Agency (or deputy).

Professor Nigel Leader-Williams, Head of the Durrell Institute of Conservation Ecology, University of Canterbury, UK

Topic 3 - Environmental informatics and decision support systems:

Professor Gordon Huang, University of Regina, Canada, President of the International Society for Environmental Information Systems

Professor Steve Rushton, Director of Biological Modeling in the Institute for Research on Environment and Sustainability at Newcastle University, UK

Professor Jiří Hřebíček, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Categories of external visitors who may be invited to attend, but not to give presentations. These are not funded by TESS. This is also under review by TESS partners.

- Policy / governance representatives from EU and 2 or 3 member states (on environmental assessment and biodiversity aspects)
- Implementation representatives (e.g. government agencies, international and national NGOs, landowner and farmer organisations)
- 'Local' government and community representatives
- Data management representatives
- Academic experts
- Also representatives in these categories from other EU states

Budget

The total budget is €10250 = £9494 (Based on current exchange rates £1 = €1.07).

Booking the conference rooms including lunch, refreshments and all equipment for 3 days 14-16 September has been agreed at total cost of £7875. It is calculated per delegate using a day rate of £52.50 each, assuming 30 PMC participants on day 1 and 60 workshop participants on days 2 & 3.

The remaining budget is allocated to cover the expenses of the invited speakers.