



THEMES Summer School and it's Links to GoverNat Project

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GoverNat

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- improved management of natural resources towards a sustainable development of the EU
 - selects two major areas in this field of environmental policy-making, water and biodiversity
 - governance, participation, decision-support tools, and the evaluation, design, and implementation of governance schemes.

THEMES (Institutional Analysis of Sustainability Problems)



- the role of institutions in governing human use of natural resources
- insight into the general theory of institutions and institutional changes with specific applications to resource regimes (local and global), and methods for the analysis of institutions

Two seminars focusing on the understanding of the role of institutions and workshop demonstrate theoretical knowledge on real policy issues at examples from Central and Eastern Europe.

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Backgrounds

- Political science,
- Social, political & environmental sciences
- Environment & resource management
- Ecology & environmental protection
- Environmental policy
- Sociology
- Forest ecology

Links - the theoretical lectures



- colorful visions and different approaches what institutions are, contradictions between different schools, views perceptions of institutions
- institutions as very broad and basic but important link
 - institutions regulate governance (they are not just organizations), start thinking of the directives as an institutions
- looking at the problems from perspective of institutions, and institutional change
 - institutional design and settings and how institutions change due to the implementation of water framework directive and habitat directive

Links – methodological approach



- practical usage of methodology
 - stakeholders analysis, stakeholders mapping,
 - institutional analysis (Ostrom IAD Framework, GoverNat framework)

Usefulness

- good preparation to get common basis (especially for natural scientists), good starting point for GoverNat
- to build “academic identity“
- good to understand each other, to use the same terminology
- very long time to get to the same level, without participating in the Summer school
- meeting the other GoverNat fellows and also other young scientists

Missing links

- hard to see how the exercises linked to the theories, more emphasis on training how to use the analysis in practise
- ecological basis of human activities was not especially emphasized
- interdisciplinary, but mainly between the different disciplines in social sciences

Summary and other issues



- do we have enough understanding of the processes of nature among us?
- what is GoverNat all about?, what our future research will be?
- Isn't the Concept of GoverNat too broad - need for more specific
 - Are students' ideas fitting to GoverNat

More work is needed so that the learning is not forgotten but will be put actively into use

Thank You!