

# A participatory decision-making exercise

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## ***a role play simulation***

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**Method:** A role-play simulation exercise.

**Aim:**

- to highlight variety of arguments and interests that are commonly involved in environmental decision-making,
- to reflect on the implications that conflicting interests have for environmental decision-making,
- to reflect on contextual and historical elements which shape stakeholders' narratives.

## **Part 1 – Preparation**

Briefly introduce the exercise.

Assign roles that students will be performing.

Give them role-files.

## **Part 2 – Participatory session (on the case )**

Opening of the workshop

Points on the “Participatory Workshop Agenda”

Stakeholder discussion

Conclusion of the participatory workshop.

## **Part 3 – Discussion on the “Outcome and process”**

Discussion on the end result of the session.

# The Context

## **The protected area at stake in the simulation: the Triglav National Park (Slovenia).**

- it covers sensitive Alpine ecosystems (Julian Alps) & protected flora and fauna species.
- it includes 25 small mountain villages within the border.
- 2.500 inhabitants (ageing population, out flux of the young).
  - more communities at the fringe.
- income sources: employment in near-by urban settlements, part-time farming, tourism.

# Main stakeholder groups

Those in attendance of the session are representatives of four main stakeholder groups:

- Local Inhabitants
- Developers and investors
- State authorities: Ministry, Agency for the Environment
- Non governmental groups

# Agenda of today's meeting

What line to follow on the following questions:

- the new park boundary,
- the management plan,
- the protection regime.

**Thank you!**

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