

TEMPLATE

Output factsheet: Trainings

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Summary description of the implemented training measure(s), explaining the specific goal(s) and target groups

Similar to the first series of national stakeholder workshops within WPT1, seven operationalisation workshops were conducted in the relevant partner countries (AT, DE, HR, HU, IT, PL, SI) within WPT4. The average number of participants was around 26 per event. Concerning the target groups reached, representatives of higher education and research as well as of infrastructure and public service provider account for the largest share, closely followed by persons coming from national public authorities. Quite equally split up was the group of regional respectively local public authorities and interest groups or NGOs. General public and other target groups (like land users) completed the circle of participants.

The workshops were carried out according to the concept provided by the WP-Leader: presentations of the main outcomes of WPT2 (Best Management Practices and limitations/challenges and improvements/strategies) and WPT3 (Relevant national/pilot area related measures and possibilities for funding ecosystem services), carousel discussion about the most important Best Management Practices, their actual implementation and necessary improvements of relevant framework conditions, like legislation, funding systems, awareness raising - in order to collect feedback for GOWARE and DriFLU-Charta. Based on a template of the WP-Leader each partner country made a summary of the main outcomes of their workshops.

According to the guideline given by the WP-Leader each partner country had to select not more than five BMPs of each land use type respectively of general drinking water related BMPs for the discussion processes. The selection and corresponding results of each workshop can be seen in the summaries on national basis, providing an important input to the further development of DriFLU Charta and Action Plans on national level. In general the importance of awareness raising and education/trainings of the involved stakeholders were stressed out by the whole project consortium.

NUTS region(s) where training(s) have been conducted (relevant NUTS level)

The following NUTS 3 levels are concerned:

Waidhofen/Ybbs, AT121
Neufahrn bei Freising, DE21B
Budapest, HU101
Katowice, PL22A
Metkovic, HR037
Parma, IT52
Ljubljana, SI021

Expected impact and benefits of the trainings for the concerned territories and target groups

The audience of each workshop was very engaged and interested in PROLINE-CE outcomes and topics. As the compilation of stakeholders was mostly quite diverse, different point of views from their daily work could be provided and were very informative, also for the project team. The mentioned topics have an impact on their daily operations and are very up-to-date and they all see benefits in the outcomes of PROLINE-CE project. In most of the workshops also the awareness about the main project issues (gaps, Best Management Practices and possibilities in terms of drinking water protection) could be raised.

In general, the workshops were very successful and all participants - PROLINE-CE team and stakeholders - could gain very positive experiences and new knowledge. Such workshops with working groups contribute to the establishment of more personal relations among stakeholders and foster better co-operation. In Croatia even transnational dialogues could be conducted together with Bosnia-Herzegovina, which should be continued also in the future.

In the end, most of the involved stakeholders have expressed interest in cooperating also in the future, after project-end and some stated, that the developed and implemented best practice examples should be spread around to other regions and affected stakeholders (e.g. water suppliers).

Sustainability of the training(s) and developed training material(s) and their transferability to other territories and stakeholders

In general; most of the developed Best Management Practices in PROLINE-CE concerning land use and different tools, methodologies and operational systems (like Flood Forecast and Flood Early Warning System, FEWS and Drought Steering Committee and Drought Early Warning System, DEWS in Italy) are also important and applicable in other regions and attractive for further stakeholder groups and institutions.

The concept developed as D.T4.2.3 can serve as template for similar trainings/stakeholder workshops: on the one hand, the main content parts were defined:

1. Presentations of the main outcomes of thematic Work Packages (especially Best Management Practices developed in the pilot areas)

2. Carousel discussion with all participants in order to collect feedback for the main outputs of PROLINE-CE (GOWARE and DriFLU Charta). The methodology of carousel discussions turned out to be very efficient and effective as the motivation to debate is higher in smaller groups and can therefore be highly recommended.

Aspects of visibility to be presented were highlighted: Project promotion tools like posters or roll-ups should be issued and posted on the event location. It is also proposed that besides the common project promotion materials such as project folders, supplementary sheets, newsletters etc. a small brochure about country specific pilot areas in the respective national language should be provided.

Lessons learned from the development and implementation of training measures and added value of transnational cooperation

The number of participants is not as important as the compilation of the audience. The broader the audiences, coming from different fields of action and competences, the more diverse are the inputs.

The advantage of small discussion groups could be observed in each workshop as the discussion processes are more intensive and efficient.

However, there is still a clear need to further develop a network of stakeholders in order to implement proposed BMPs. This seems to benefit not only the project, but also was praised as an important result by the participants. Stakeholders contribution (e.g. farmers), involvement and acceptance of measures and management instruments, is not yet a common rule for all the activities related to land use management and water protection.

Sharing the experience of PROLINE-CE project with stakeholders put in evidence the importance of water governance and the integration among water and land use policies. This process as a whole and some of its specific aspects still need a stronger contribution of experts as well as the capitalization of transnational and interdisciplinary experiences.

A deep understanding of different plans addressed to several topics related to water (e.g. climate change adaptation, environmental protection, flood risk management, urban areas, agriculture) makes it possible to highlight potential priorities, externalities, synergies and conflicts among measures developed in each of those plans, to be carefully considered in further implementation steps.

Different modelling approaches need to be considered for different sites with respectively varying modelling requirements, e.g. in some parts the interest is more on simulating trends of nitrification processes while somewhere else the focus should lie on long-term predictions of the effects of floods and droughts on a considered water reservoir.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

The following project-deliverable is concerned: D. T4.2.4 - 7 operationalisation stakeholder workshops
Link to PROLINE-CE website

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