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Session 3: Bio-economy

Cooperation amongst bio-economy P2Ps:

How could P2Ps cooperate to promote greater dissemination and uptake of their key scientific findings amongst policymakers and end-users?

Introductory remarks

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WoodWisdom-Net ERA-NET and Sumforest ERA-NET on the lessons learnt from collaborative dissemination activities



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Lessons learnt from collaborative dissemination activities

Networking Activities

intended to encourage and facilitate cooperation between/across different projects/programmes

Typical examples of networking activities are: **working group meetings, seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences, summer schools, training programmes, specialised courses**

and

Dissemination Activities

intended to deepen the impact of the research and strengthen the field by facilitating the dissemination of results, while raising the profile of a project/programme as a whole

Typical examples are: project/programme **invited at larger conferences, publications** (leaflets, posters, books, exhibition booth or stand at a conference), **promoting the project/programme scheme in general** and **disseminating the achievements** of the project/programme in particular

Lessons learnt from collaborative dissemination activities

1. IT IS CHALLENGING

- **Projects designed/applied separately** (Sumforest running 2014-17; WoodWisdom-Net+ 2012-17)
- **Different type of funding mechanisms** (Sumforest as "old-type" ERA-NET Action vs. WoodWisdom-Net+ as ERA-NET Plus Action)
- **Different actors with different needs**

BUT...

Lessons learnt from collaborative dissemination activities

2. IT IS POSSIBLE

- **Sumforest** had a **task (T6.2)** in their DoW **dedicated to the cooperation with Foresterra and to build a Joint Think Tank Group** involving WoodWisdom-Net, too (a meeting organized in connection with the FORESTERRA Final Conference in Lisbon on 24 Nov 2015)
- Additionally: **sharing the newsletter distribution list** (disseminating newsletters, sending out invitations to conferences/workshops etc.)
- **Project coordinators' collaboration:** the coordinators of Sumforest and WoodWisdom-Net met several times and shared experiences and helped each other in different project management issues

AND...

Lessons learnt from collaborative dissemination activities

3. IT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND REWARDING

➤ **Together we are stronger, easier to make an impact**

The topic for an ERA-NET Cofund on “Innovative Forest-Based Bioeconomy” included in the SC2 WP2016-17 was prepared in collaboration with three forest-based ERA-NETs to complement the WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme and the targets of the ERA-NETs SUMFOREST and FORESTERRA with a strategic thematic area of high European relevance.

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