

REGIONAL EXCHANGES AND POLICY MAKING FOR PROTECTING AND VALORISING BIODIVERSITY IN EUROPE (REVERSE)

Karin Kruusma, Kalev Sepp

Estonian University of Life Sciences

Ecosystems have gradually been converted through the expansion of human activities and the introduction/invasion of new species. As a result, species and genetic diversity have declined. Regional and local authorities can organise land planning and regulate human activities in order to preserve biodiversity (natural area protection, greens corridors, conservation and valorisation of species and varieties,...). REVERSE aims to improve, by means of interregional cooperation, the effectiveness of regional development policies in the area of biodiversity conservation and valorisation, in order to REVERSE biodiversity loss on their territories. Partners will exchange experiences and knowledge on biodiversity conservation and valorisation measures. Less experienced regions will be invited to match more experienced ones on a win-to-win basis. Project's activities will focus on identifying the best good practices in each partner's territory, which will then be presented during site visits and interregional seminars, in the field of land planning and natural heritage conservation measures, of uses of biodiversity for adapting to climate change, and of sustainable management of biodiversity. Identified good practices will be made available for transfer to other regional and local authorities through a good practice guide, presenting appropriate themes, territories, partners, indicators for biodiversity conservation across Europe.