



“Civic Dialogue” Workshop. 23rd - 26th June 2016 (Poland)

PROGRAMME AND ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

This year our workshop will take place in **Knyszyń Forest territory** (Podlaskie region) in **Poland**, from **23 to 26 June 2016** and will be co-organised in collaboration with LAG "Puszcza Knyszyńska" and "Biuro Inicjatyw Rozwojowych".

The objective of this workshop is to contribute to identify the elements of methods that ensure good participative processes and the political frameworks that favours dialogue between stakeholders.

During this workshop, the focus will be “**How have you implemented in your country, participation and stakeholders dialogue in EU procedure such as Natura 2000, CLLD-Leader, Water framework (or other ones specific to the country/region.)?**”

The workshop will include **training sessions** (offered by participants aiming to share methods), **fields visits** and exchange with local stakeholders on this topic. And **working group sessions to share experience and discuss topics of participation and stakeholders dialogue** in local/rural development and environmental issues.

Read our [Action Sheet](http://forum-synergies.eu/article258.html) and other information on Civic Dialogue on: <http://forum-synergies.eu/article258.html>

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 22nd June 2016: Arrival of participants participating in the training session

Afternoon /

evening Arrivals of participants to Rozlogi

20h00 Buffet / Dinner

Thursday 23rd June 2016: Training session

8h00 Breakfast

9h00-12h30: **Training session:**

Presentation of the participants (30 min)

- Training exercise “ Trilogue : how to great a local development plan with different stakeholders”- Anneli Kana & Anneli Kubi

- Training exercise : Decision making in communities - outreach in Macedonia (Liljana Tanevska - Bashkim Bakiu)^{1st} part

12h30- 14h00 Lunch



- 14h00-19h00: Training session**
 Proposal to start with a short walk in the forest after lunch before training
 - Training exercise: " Decision making in communities outreach in Macedonia (Liljana Tanevska - Bashkim Bakiu) 2nd part
 - Training exercise: practices on some elements of environmental mediation (Philippe Barret- Karl Bandt)
- 19h30** Dinner
- 21h00-21h30** Presentation of the programme of the following days

Friday 24th June 2016: Discovering the local experiences related to participation and dialogue between stakeholders

- 7h30** Breakfast
- 8h15** **Starting of field trips** (We will split into 2 groups)
- 1st group**
- 8h30-9h00 Transport Rozlogi –Suprasl
- 9h00 – 10h00 Meeting with **Local Action Group Knyszynska Forest management team (Joanna Sokolska – Vice-President);**
- (10h00 – 10h30 Transport/walk to Suprasl /Knyszynska Forest Park)
- 10h30 – 11h40 Meeting with **Park Krajobrazowy Puszczy Knyszynskiej (Director Joanna Kurzawa + representative from Great Forrest Association)**
- 11h45 – 12h30 Transport Suprasl – Kruszyniany
- 12.30-14.00 LUNCH..Exchange on Tatar involvement in local devlopment –**local lider of Tatar minority (Dżamil Gembicki)**
- 14h00 -14h45 Transport Kruszyniany- Surazkowo
- 14h45-16h00 **Horse agrotourism /gite; meeting with Cezary and Rita Moczulscy – local lidere and rural entrepreneurs; Adam Kamiński – LAG Puszcza Knyszynska President;**
- 16h00-17h00 Transport to Rozlogi center
- 2nd group**
- 8h30-9h00 Transport Rozlogi –Suprasl
- 9h00 – 10h00 **Meeting with Local Action Group Knyszynska Forest members and management team (Joanna Sokolska – Vice-President);**
- 10h00 – 10h40 Transport to Dobrzyniówka
- 10h40 – 12h00 Exchange with Local Leader involvment in local / social development – **Danuta Bagińska - Stowarzyszenie Bardzo Aktywna Wieś "Barwa" (Associaton)**
- 12h00 – 12h30 Transport – DOBRZYNIÓWKA -Puchły
- 12h30 – 14h30 LUNCH. Meeting with **Mirosław Stepaniuk former director of Bialowieski National Park and President of Podlasie heritage Association;**



14h30- 15h00	Transport to Hieronimowo
15h00 -16h15	Meeting with local farmer and local association on local development in Hieronimowo Stanisław Stepańczuk and Aneta Putko - representative of Local Authority (Michałowó)
16.15 -17.00	Transport Hieronimowo- Rozlogi center
17h00 -18h00	Working groups: issues / questions / ideas raised during the visits
19h00 – 19h30	Plenary: short feedback on the visits by each group
19h30	Dinner
21h00-22h00	Market of initiatives: Presentation and exchange of participants' initiatives in a "market place"

Saturday 25th June 2016: Exchange, debates and proposals

9h00 - 12h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Democracy in times of crisis : Polish situation: short presentation and debate (1h) - Workshop on Agro-mediation in Europe: participants will share what are the methods, principles and political framework for this specific stakeholders dialogue in their region or country (2h)
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch
14h30 -18 h30	<p>Deepening on challenges we identified and next steps – adaptation of the Open Space Forum method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal of topics (identified by FS or by participants) – 30 min - Selection of 2 or 3 subjects /participants – 10 min - 2 rounds of discussion on the selected topics (2 h) - Plenary session: questions raised on the conclusions (1h)
18h30 – 19h00	General conclusion and evaluation
20h00-21h30	International Buffet

Sunday 26th June 2016: Good-bye

Departure

GATHERING INFORMATION

Participants

You will find the participants list in **Annexe 1**.

Travelling and Transport (people arriving with public transport)

- We will arrange a shuttle bus or taxis from Białystok to the workshop venue in Rozlogi (30 min far) on Wednesday evening (June 22) and Thursday evening (June 23)
- We will also arrange shuttles back to Białystok train station on Sunday 26 June.



· Remember to buy your bus or train ticket on line (if you have little time between flight arrival and train/bus departure to Bialystok) Journey from Chopin airport to Bialystok is around 3h00 by train (<http://rozkład-pkp.pl/en>) and 3h30 by direct bus (www.zakexpress.com.pl or www.plusbus.pl)

Check the taxi – shuttles we organised to know which one you have to take (Annex 2)

Field trips/Study tours

Two field trips will be organised, with visits to 2 or 3 field experiences including discussion with local people. You will ask you to be “active” during the visits, having in mind that we would like to answer to the following questions in group after the visits

*Which strenghts and weaknesses have you identified (related to participation processes) ?
 What questions/doubts emerge from the visits ?
 What would you like to keep from the visits ?
 What suggestions would you like to offer to our hosts?*

You will find a short description in Annex 3

Market of initiatives

During our "market of initiatives" on Friday 24th, we offer you the opportunity to share an experience, project, initiative you have been involved in – related to participation processes and dialogue between stakeholders - with other participants in a "market place" (with tables to put posters, leaflet, laptop etc.). We had 2 concrete proposals (see below) and at least 2 or 3 people that would be ready to share experience (but without giving details yet: we will take some time on Thursday night to explain again and list the proposals: new ones will be welcome.

Ms Monika B. Arzberger: I facilitate and analyze participation processes in rural areas in Germany and Austria since 2009. The focus of my work is forest management und alternative conflict resolution in land use conflicts.

Ms Anneli Kana: In Estonia we have a regional reform (municipality reform) and village Movement Kodukant have an agreement with the ministry to organize reform seminars in each county with local communities. I can share a poster of that initiative.

Do not hesitate to take with you brochures, posters etc. !

International Sustainable Buffet

All participants are invited to contribute a speciality from their region for our international sustainable buffet that will be offered on Saturday 25th.

Don't forget to bring some food and/or drink from your region (better if non-alcoholic due to Rozlogi Center rules)!

Accommodation and venue

Forum Synergies will cover all meals and coffee-breaks. As alcoholic beverage are not included in the meals, you will have to pay for them or any extra drink you may have in Rozlogi.

Bring some Zlotys!



We will stay at Centrum Konferencyjno-Bankietowe "Rozlogi" so working rooms, restaurant and rooms are in the same place.

Bring a swimsuit bath in case as there is a swimming pool in Rozlogi. And also windbreaker and warm sweater as foreseen temperatura are between 12 and 24°C, with rainy and sunny weather.

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Annexe 3 - STUDY TOURS – Poland 24th June 2016

(description hereafter)

Tour1

8h30-9h00: transport Rozlogi –Suprasl

9h00 – 10h00: meeting with **Local Action Group Knyszynska Forest management team (Joanna Sokolska – Vice-President);**

(10h00 – 10h30: transport/walk to Suprasl /Knyszyńska Forest Park)

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14h45-16h00– **Horse agrotourism /gite;** meeting with **Cezary and Rita Moczulscy** – local lidars and rural entrepreneurs; **Adam Kamiński** – LAG Puszcza Knyszyńska President;

16h00-17h00 transport to Rozlogi center

Tour2

8h30-9h00: transport Rozlogi –Suprasl

9h00 – 10h00: meeting with **Local Action Group Knyszynska Forest members and management team** members and management team (**Joanna Sokolska** – Vice-President);

10h00 – 10h40: transport to Dobrzyniówka

10h40 – 12h00: Exchange with Local Leader involvment in local / social development – **Danuta Bagińska - Stowarzyszenie Bardzo Aktywna Wieś "Barwa" (Associaton)**

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16.15 -17.00 Transport *Hieronimowo-* Rozlogi center

Short presentation Study tour initiatives on Friday June 23rd 2016

Tour 1

- **Leader LAG "PuszczaKnyszyńska"** - meeting with management team (Joanna Sokolska – Vice-President)

<http://www.leader.puszczaknyszynska.org/>

Short presentation:

Local Action Group "PuszczaKnyszynska (Knyszyn Forest)" is based in Supraśl near Białystok (Podlasie). Acting as a Local Action Group within LEADER initiative since 2008, it associates economic sector (entrepreneurs), social sector (local associations) and public one (10 municipalities surrounding Białystok from eastern side - about 95.000 inhabitants). It has been established on the basis of previous experience related with cooperation between communes within the Knyszyn Forest, The cooperation within the field of tourism, small enterprises related with agriculture, the use of natural and cultural potential of the region in order to achieve sustainability became the basis to realize the LAG project.

The mission of the LAG is to support inhabitants and initiative actions to achieve balanced and comprehensive development of the LAG, especially within the field of active tourism and entrepreneurship. Approximately 45% of its area is under NATURA 2000 protection. It closely cooperates with National and Regional Forestry Administration, Landscape Forest Parks, Local and Regional Administration, regional and local associations and other 14 LAG in their region - under common organisation associating all LAG: Podlaska Regional Network of Local Actions Groups.

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Participative Local Rural Strategy in the frame of Leader – CLLD

- **Park Krajobrazowy Puszczy Knyszyńskiej - Landscape Park Forest Knyszyńska**
(Director Joanna Kurzawa+ representative from Stowarzyszenie Przyjaciół Puszczy Knyszyńskiej „Wielki Las” - Great Forest Association)

http://www.pkpk.wrotapodlasia.pl/pl/o_parku/historia_puszczy_2.htm

<http://puszcza-knyszynska.pl/>

Short presentation:

Landscape Park of the Knyszyn Forest was established in 1988. The Park's area is 74, 447 hectares, and the surrounding wooded area comprises 52, 000 hectares. Forests and wooded complexes cover 63 000 hectares which comprises 85% of the Park's area. The objective of the conservation, contained in the Park's statute, is the preservation of the one of the best preserved wooded areas in Poland. With it, the wilderness rivers, streams and springs as well as a very diverse post glacial terrain. Moreover, both cultural and historic values of the Knyszyn Forest are being protected. All this provides excellent conditions for scientific and didactic activities, not to mention the development of tourism. In contrast to the national parks or nature reserves, agriculture, timber production and other uses of real estates that are located within the boundaries of the landscape park have economic significance. However, that operation is subjected to some regulations. They are supervised by the landscape park's superintendent, who is appointed by the voivodship managerial board. The superintendent is not entitled to manage the protected area, in the same way as the national park's director, but he/she has influence on the way the environment is used and managed on the basis of the nature conservation and the spatial management acts.

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Management of N2000 spaces (with local stakeholders), dialogue to deal with conservation and economic activities

- Tatarska Jurta – Tatar yurt (Dżamil Gembicki - local leader of Tatar minority)

<http://www.kruszyniany.pl/>

Short presentation:

This Tatar household is located in the heart of Kruszyniany Primeval Forest, a Podlachian village of Kruszyniany (3km away from Belarusian border, 50km away from Białystok). Kruszyniany, located on the Tatar route, is a special place on the map of Podlaskie Voivodeship (province). The place is often called a cultural melting pot as this is a crosspoint of three major religions: Catholicism, Islam and the Orthodox Church.

The farm owes its peace and quiet to its location away from the urban hustle and bustle, in the village running its lazy rural life. For several years the owners have been continuing family traditions and running an agricultural farm.

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Exchange on Tatar “minority” involvement in local development.

- Horse agrotourism (where the meeting with LAG will take place in the afternoon) - short exchange with Cezary and Rita Moczulscy – local leaders and rural entrepreneurs and Adam Kamiński – LAG Puszcza Knyszyńska President

<http://www.ritowisko.com/>

Short presentation:

Created in 1999, this agritourism farm offers environmental education for schools, horse rides to tourists. In 2005 they obtained the status of an organic farm - growing vegetables and started breeding “wrzosówek” – an old Polish breed of sheep.

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Local focus on participation processes, local politics, entrepreneurship development on local level in the context of nature resources protection.

TOUR 2

- Leader LAG "Puszcza Knyszyńska"- meeting with management team (Joanna Sokolska – Vice-President)

<http://www.leader.puszczaknyszynska.org/>

See presentation in Tour 1

- Dobrzyniówka: Exchange with Local Leader involvement in local / social development – (Stowarzyszenie Bardzo Aktywna Wieś "Barwa") from Dobrzyniówka

Short presentation:

Stowarzyszenie Bardzo Aktywna Wieś "Barwa" (Village association “colour”)’s goal is to support and promote the local environment, "back to the roots" by playing the old customs, rituals and traditions. One of the main tasks is to cultivate and develop handicraft and prepare regional dishes from the area. The association wants to interest children and young people by turning them into joint action, which will contribute to the fight against all social pathology (the association is located in the former PGR).

Danuta Bagińska - councilor District of Białystok, president of Barwa

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Involvement of local inhabitants, local authorities for active engagement; Good Practice on local management of local association in context of cooperation and engagement on local level;

- Mirosław Stepaniuk: former director of Białowiecki National Park and President of Podlasie heritage Association;

Short presentation:

The Podlasie Heritage Association is a private organization that focuses on cultural and environmental conservation as well as the promotion of the Podlasie Province of Poland. PHA is involved in regional development and organizes successful programs specifically for villages and small towns. The members of PHA have been using GIS for many years to record natural and man-made features in Podlasie. Realizing the special role that young people will play in the future for sustainable development projects in their local communities, PHA endeavors to take an active role in public education in cooperation with local community and government authorities.

<http://www.directionsmag.com/pressreleases/polish-students-use-esri146s-gis-to-study-their-cultural-heritage-and-natur/108424>)

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

- Mirosław Stepaniuk experience in Białowiecki National Park (<http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2016/01/19/ancient-bialowieza-forest-facing-major-destruction/>). PHA involvement in local process of development, mediation and solving local and regional discussion on Białowiecka Forest and local wood economy.

- Hieronimowo: meeting with Stanisław Szczepańczyk local entrepreneur and local lider and representatives of local association on local development on Hieronimowo and Aneta Putko – representative of Local Authority (Gmina) cooperating in local development process

Short presentation:

Hieronimowo is a former Polish state farm. The villagers are mainly people with low or no qualifications. Young people work in the farm run by p. Stanisław Szczepańczyka, and some in the forest. The farm permanently employs 15-18 people and up to 30 people in seasonal picks. Unemployment is accompanied by a massive impoverishment of the community as the former farm State employees were provided monthly allowances. But lack of success in finding new activities did not lead to an increased effort: on the contrary, the village faced an increasing apathy, and also alcoholism.

Today, most former State farm sites are considered as problem areas. The changes that have occurred in these areas over the past two decades, with higher disparities in economic and social development separate them substantially from other parts of the region and the country.

For the years 2010-2015 Hieronimowo village planned to accomplish tasks that relate primarily to ensure the villagers higher standard of public infrastructure and services, but also are associated with the development of a recreational and cultural complex which is the base to attract tourists from outside the region – as in the village are the ruins of the nineteenth century palace landowner headquarters.

Experience on dialogue / participative process that could be shared in this project:

Involvement of local inhabitants, local authorities in common local activity. Methods and process of participation in the context of post state farm mentality; Methods used related to participation, objectives and products of participation; difficulties they meet and good practice.