



Stakeholder Workshop 27th May 2014

Prealpi Giulie – Resiutta (UD), vecchie scuole elementari.

Agenda

Morning session with experts

9:30 - 9:40 Welcome and organizational aspects (Stefano Santi)

9:40 - 9:50 Welcome and basic “Green Alps” project information (Yann Kohler)

9:50 - 10:50 Connectivity, presentation and analysis of Econnect’s results (Ruedi Haller)

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 - 12:00 Presentation of “Jecami”, practical use of the tool (Rudi Haller)

11:50 – 12:30 Open discussion.

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session with stakeholder

14:30 - 14:40 Welcome and organizational aspects (Stefano Santi)

14:40 - 15:00 Presentation of the Green Alps project (Filippo Favilli)

15:00 - 15:15 Brief presentation of Triglav National Park (Andrej Arih)

15:15 – 16:15 Connectivity, presentation and analysis of Econnect’s results (Ruedi Haller)

16:15 – 16:30 Presentation of site visit results, analysis of questionnaires (Filippo Favilli)

16:30 – 17:30 Open discussion

AFTERNOON SESSION WITH STAKEHOLDER

About Jecami

Ruedi Haller showed how the tool works and what are the indicators on which is based (http://jecami.eu/jecami/arcgisserver_app/econnect/jecami.htm). It finally was made a simulation of the operation of JECAMI.

Have been raised doubts about the “indicators”. According to the tool, the areas of low urbanization was been considered the best. The same can be sustained in areas where the man is not present. However, someone believes that the human presence is essential in certain areas. For instance, to mow meadows and to avoid the abandon of remote areas. In this perspective, there is a risk that connectivity becomes “radical” and the presence of the man becomes important to ensure the connectivity. To reach this ambitious goal, it is essential that policy makers initiate farsighted decision-making processes that bring together scientists, politicians, practitioners and stakeholders to develop workable, integrated solutions that build on the ecological and economic opportunities for synergy and co – benefits of ecological connectivity. Someone underlines how the tool can be useful for the experts, but difficult to explain to the local population.

Open discussion: critical elements

Was observed that the culture of “immediate” does not consider the ESS. During daily life, ESS were not considered a priority for the majority of people. Stefano Santi, the Director of the Park, stimulated the discussion proposing to allocate a portion of the water bill to the Park. Someone replied that the Park is in need to change its organization. A big problem has been considered the interference of

political power on the Park's system. There is a strong complexity to expand the boundaries of the park. The reason is the complete lack of cooperation between neighboring municipalities. A structural planning of the Park is missing as well as an operative tool to create development. There is the need to foresee different degrees of protection. The population feels guardian of an asset used by others. In this sense, local population feels penalized and wants to be recognized for her efforts.

Another problem was considered the regional legal framework. There is not the will to change the regional law. It depends on political contingencies. Contra, there is the will to restrict the boundaries of the park, following economic reasons. Local people does not feel the membership to the Park.

In fact, the lobby of hunters have a strong power and influence on the public opinion. They are very united in the territory, so intense as to exert a strong pressure on political decision. This is a problem for operators in the park.

Open discussion: proposals for the future

A good proposal was considered trying to enlarge the "Transboundary Biosphere Label". Crucial in this regard is to improve the collaboration with the Triglav National Park. There is already the delegation by all municipalities to establish the Biosphere to the territory of Prealpi Giulie Park. A good solution can be create a "continuum" with the existing Biosphere of Triglav.