
Output factsheet: Trainings

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

7 national training workshops were implemented in the partner countries (AT, DE, HR, HU, IT, PL, SI) and feedback procedures were carried out, the evaluation of which showed that an average of 81 % of the participants were satisfied with the information provided. The average number of participants was around 20-25 persons per event. Concerning the target groups reached, they were quite equally split up between local, regional and national public authorities, infrastructure and service providers and higher education and research with a slightly larger share for the latter group. Last but not least participants from various NGOs and other concerned interest groups completed the circle of participants.

The trainings were carried out as interactive workshops aiming to identify strategies and measures to be integrated into policy guidelines. The input provided by the target groups is essential for developing best management practices in land use for drinking water protection and flood/drought mitigation. The participants were divided into groups, led by experts involved in the project, and each group discussed issues of water resources protection in daily operations and possible solutions, related to integrated land use management. A conclusion of the group discussions and proposed solutions is given in workshop summaries on a national basis, providing an important input to the process-elaboration of the "Strategy for improvement of policy guidelines".

As possible solutions to overcome existing gaps especially more flexibility in the planning of action plans as well as better involvement of the respective land users and land owners were proposed. This may not only reduce the gaps in the stakeholders' daily operations, but also increase the acceptance and lower the overall costs. Often, participants also agreed that 'communication' and 'cooperation' between the stakeholders related to (water)resources protection are of major importance to decrease the existing gaps.

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

The following NUTS 3 levels are concerned:

Vienna, AT13
München, DE212
Budapest, HU101
Katowice, PL22A
Zagreb, HR041
Taglio di Po, ITH37
Ljubljana, SI021

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

The expected impact is the utilization of the key objectives (such as recognizing the problems, education, active participation in mitigation) of the workshop in different organizations. The benefits include raising the awareness of the population through the work of assorted groups who attended the workshops.

As a result of the trainings it is expected to have increased the awareness of the participating stakeholders regarding possible synergies in an integrated land management approach towards flood mitigation and drinking water protection. Participants also have increased awareness about opportunities of cooperation provided by the project and, at the same time, have a clearer overview of challenges and conflicts characterizing the use of water resources in the respective territories. Participants were informed about the qualitative and quantitative status of water resource and experience different tools and approaches to facilitate participatory processes, also useful in daily work.

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

The workshops gave an overview of several land use management practices and their impact on the water cycle. This ensured the transferability of the training to different territories. Due to the increased awareness and the curiosity of the participants, it is expected that they spread the knowledge they gained during the workshop, thus ensuring the sustainability of the training. Moreover, the tools adopted for characterizing the status of water resources in the area, opportunities and constraints, can be easily applied to other contexts or environmental issues (e.g. DPSIR, SWOT); the workshops-documentation (incl. summary report) and presentations (in national languages) were resp. will be put on the PROLINE-CE-website and the partners will send the respective link to the participants. Based on the workshop feedback, the stakeholders expressed their interest in further involvement in the project activities.

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

Training in the form of national workshops with introductory presentations / lectures, followed by interactive group discussion has proven to be a very successful tool for communication with the stakeholder-groups, especially the application of the carousel questionnaire, proposed by the WP-Leader, was very useful since it turned out very efficient and effective in order to cover different topics within a relatively short available time of discussion. Some PPs learned that the complexity of the topic issued within PROLINE-CE can be easily communicated using illustrative examples. A challenge to overcome was the use of technical terms. Thus, avoiding too much subject specific terminology was important since almost all participants had different professions, level of education and backgrounds. Despite the burden associated to translation of materials drafted in English, it is recognized to be necessary to carry out such events in national languages to favor a proper interaction.

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

The following project-deliverable is concerned: Del. D.T1.3.2 - startup stakeholder workshops
link to PROLINE-CE website

<http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/PROLINE-CE/NEWS1.html>