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**Methods to improve resilience of peri-urban coastal and
forest areas in Basque Country**

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Workshop goals - The specific challenges to be tackled during the workshop

- a) Methodologies for an integrative landscape management to reduce climate change effect, especially on coastal areas, and favour regeneration and multiple use of the sites
- b) Methods to evaluate the effectiveness of the applied landscape restoration and management approaches.
- c) Methods and approaches to involve the citizens of the area and generate a positive sense of belonging and awareness through sustainable management.
- d) Sustainable management of forestry and compensation strategies to value positively ecosystem services in native forest.

DAY 1: Case Study 1: BERMEO (BIZKAIA). Peri-urban green infrastructure to improve the resilience of the territory and citizen involvement.

Group discussion 1: resilient coastal peri-urban landscape management.

Group 1) What are suitable strategies / policy / management approaches for resilient coastal peri-urban landscapes?

- How to develop a planning and policy approaches to tackle climate change?
- What indicators could be used to measure the contribution of public authorities to climate change mitigation?
- Which strategies can help us to address resilient landscape design?

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Group 1) Peer- review - prioritization of the collected ideas

- Focus on 'system' concept and that you need functional ecosystems to be able to make it function - explain people what makes an ecosystem that it can function - not look at single components.
- DYNAMIC APPROACH TO EASY IMPLEMENTATION.
- Take into consideration the financial aspects, i.e. the need of resources and the financial systems needs to be adapted to new targets.
- Integrating resiliencyfocused landscape design in higher education curricula; AND POLICY MAKERS. Participatory planning process and/or community/citizen planning.

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Group discussion 2: Restoration of degraded PUOS and citizens participation.

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- What steps should be followed to ensure an integral restoration of the landscape?
- What methods can be used to involve civil society in the specific implementation process?

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Group 2) Peer- review - prioritization of the collected ideas

- Educate stakeholders about the importance of PUOS with practical examples, common language (e.i. ES).
- Participatory process, listen to different views, opinions- developing the processes in a way to gain ownership (owner, civil society), define PRIORITIES.
- Including CIVIL SOCIETY knowledge, Experiences, opinions, SCHOOLS, resources by supporting their small initiatives and projects in these áreas.

DAY 2: Case Study 2: BERRIATUA (BIZKAIA).

Peri-urban forest management: looking for involvement and awareness of local community in a sustainable management

Group discussion 1: Improvement of peri-urban forest management

Group 1) How to improve compensation for ecosystem services in peri-urban forest management?

- What strategies can be used with landowners to incentive sustainable forest management?
- Which instruments are necessary to establish a long-term strategy for compensation of ES in PU forests?

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Group 1) Peer- review - prioritization of the collected ideas

1. Keep owner well informed about risks and benefits of plantation management: language: ecosystem services.
2. Union of small owner to work together and be well informed.
3. Regulatory instrument: taxes, incentives to those doing it right.

OVERALL: This is about a transition and a mindshift, so 1) a clear vision of the desired future situation 2) a strategy consisting of different actions, short term (quick wins for demonstration so people get a look and feel of the results) and long term - act on all levels, all target groups, all available instruments together (subsidies, regulations, economic returns, education, awareness, identity, ...)

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Group discussion 2: Engagement of young generations for natural spaces sustainable management.

Group 2) Which instruments can be used to promote the responsibility of the young generation (owners, users,...) for the natural space?

- Which participatory methods are necessary?
- How to raise awareness and to include young generations in such process?

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Group 2) Peer- review - prioritization of the collected ideas

1. Direct activities to all ages
2. Open floor/ no school environment: games etc
3. Responsibility and community recognition
4. Pilot projects, examples, leaders



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