



F:ACTS! Regional conference Santiago de Compostela (Galicia, Spain) – 24-25 october 2012

Draft Program

Forms for: Adapting to Climate change through Territorial Strategies!

Multifunctional land management for climate change adaptation

Started as a journey on how integrated territorial strategies can contribute to adapt regions to the effects of climate change, the F:ACTS!-project found that a transition towards resilient areas is needed to tackle a wide range of challenges of which climate change is one.

Looking at integrated territorial strategies as a way for territorial development, it is clear that besides driving forces such as demographic developments, social needs and environmental challenges, unexpected events like natural disasters or financial crises have a huge impact on the development of regions.

More resilient regions can adapt more easily to unexpected events. Resilience requires a system approach whereby relations between ecology, economy and society are made visible. A high and positive ambition, such as realizing a climate neutral region, is needed to trigger creativity and innovation. The acceptance of solutions increases strongly when different stakeholders work together, measurements are linked to actual problems and developments and opportunities for economic development are provided. By taking the natural qualities of a region as a starting point, this economic development can contribute to an overall sustainable development that is more resilient to external and unexpected influences.

This approach requires a new type of governance where governments, business sector, ngo's and citizens work together on a regional level and have the power and legal framework to innovate and act. The F:ACTS!-project would like to show their experiences and recommendations about this new approach towards resilient areas.

The regional conference that will take place in Santiago de Compostela (Galicia, Spain) is the first of the 3 Regional Conferences organized in the F:acts! project. The aim of the event is spreading the results and work done during the project. Special attention will be given to wild fires and what is needed to make a territory resilient to it.

First conference day 24th of October 2012

10.00 - 10.30 **Registration and reception of participants.**

10.30 - 11.00 Welcome by Authorities.

11.00 - 11.10 F:acts! – The Movie

Welcome by F:acts! partnership

11.10 - 11.30 Introduction to the InterregIVC project F:ACTS!

Frank van Holst, project leader F:ACTS, Dienst Landelijk Gebied, NI

11.30 - 11.50 Climate change effects and adaptation in South-West Europe

Dionisio Rodríguez Álvarez.

Chief of the Department of Climate Change and Environment Research. Xunta de Galicia. (Galicia)

11.50 - 12.20 **Coffee Break.**

12.20 - 12.35 Learning and good practices in F:ACTS! project: linking climate change adaptation to territorial development.

F:acts! Partner: Laborate (University of Santiago de Compostela - Galicia)

12.35 - 13.20 Good practices from F:acts!: Management of resources from a local perspective

Managing the forest together: concept and practice of the Zones of Forest Intervention (ZIF). Antonio Louro (Municipality of Mação, Portugal)

The case of VIVASOL: farming a local scale. Giedre Lemontaine and Gediminas Mažeika (Lithuania)

Managing resources from a local perspective: the case of Trentino and green communities. Marco Iachetta and Enrico Borghi (UNCCEM, Italy)

13.20 - 15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 - 17.00 Round table: policies and initiatives to prevent land abandonment and promote back-to-rural initiatives.

Galician experts and cases and interaction with the public

20:00 Common Dinner

Second conference day 25th of October 2012

10.00 - 10.15 **Arrival of participants.**

10.15 - 11.00 Conclusions of the F:acts! project: the handbook with 11 guidelines and hand over of the book

Francisco José Ónega López (University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia) and Wim Timmermans (Van Hall Larensatijn University, The Netherlands)

11.00 - 11.30 F:acts! pilot action: Baixo Vouga Lagunar (Aveiro, Portugal): *Territorial Strategy to promote sustainable development*

Margalida Ambar (DGADR, Portugal)

11.30 - 12.00 **Coffee Break.**

12.00 - 12.30 F:acts! pilot action in Monte do Carrio (Galicia, España): *Territorial Strategy to face land abandonment and forest fires.*

Alejandro Vázquez Moliní and Miguel Ángel Pérez Dubois (Regional Ministry of Rural Affairs, Galicia)

12.30 - 13:30 Other F:acts! pilot actions:

De Wijers (Belgium). David Michiels (Province of Limburg, Belgium)

Varna (Bulgaria), Lyudmil Ikonov (Varna, Bulgaria)

Strofylia (Greece)

13.30 - 15.00 **Pinchos and good bye**

17:30 ***Visit to the Cidade da Cultura (optional)***
