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Participatory methodologies and tools: experimenting with the world cafe for discussing implementation of the ecosystem services approach

Communicating the relevance of ecosystem services (ES) for Alpine local and regional management as well as the challenges connected to implementation, are objectives of the AlpES transnational project. While the ES approach exemplifies an approach to recognise services of nature to humans, stakeholders hold different knowledge and understandings about its possible uses, and may adopt different approaches to implement it in their territories or regions.

AlpES partners took advantage of the mid-term partner meeting in Venice, last November, to share perspectives on the benefits and challenges of the approach, feedback local and regional stakeholders provided during the project's stakeholder involvement activities, as well as suggest uses of the results of the AlpES project past its conclusion. To do this, the Veneto team (University of Padova and Etifor, a Spin-off of the University of Padova), organised a two-hour world café for project partners and local stakeholders to propose their own perspectives. This technique could be proposed regionally or locally to address issues more in-depth.

The discussions were rich, highlighting perspectives from a diversity of stakeholders, and the full report is available **here**.

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