



The relevance and the innovation potential of the civil society for payment systems for ecosystem and cultural landscape services

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CIVILand - interdisciplinary team

- different scientific backgrounds: landscape planning, agriculture, ecology, sociology, economics, political science and law.
- in this way, the topics are explored from different perspectives

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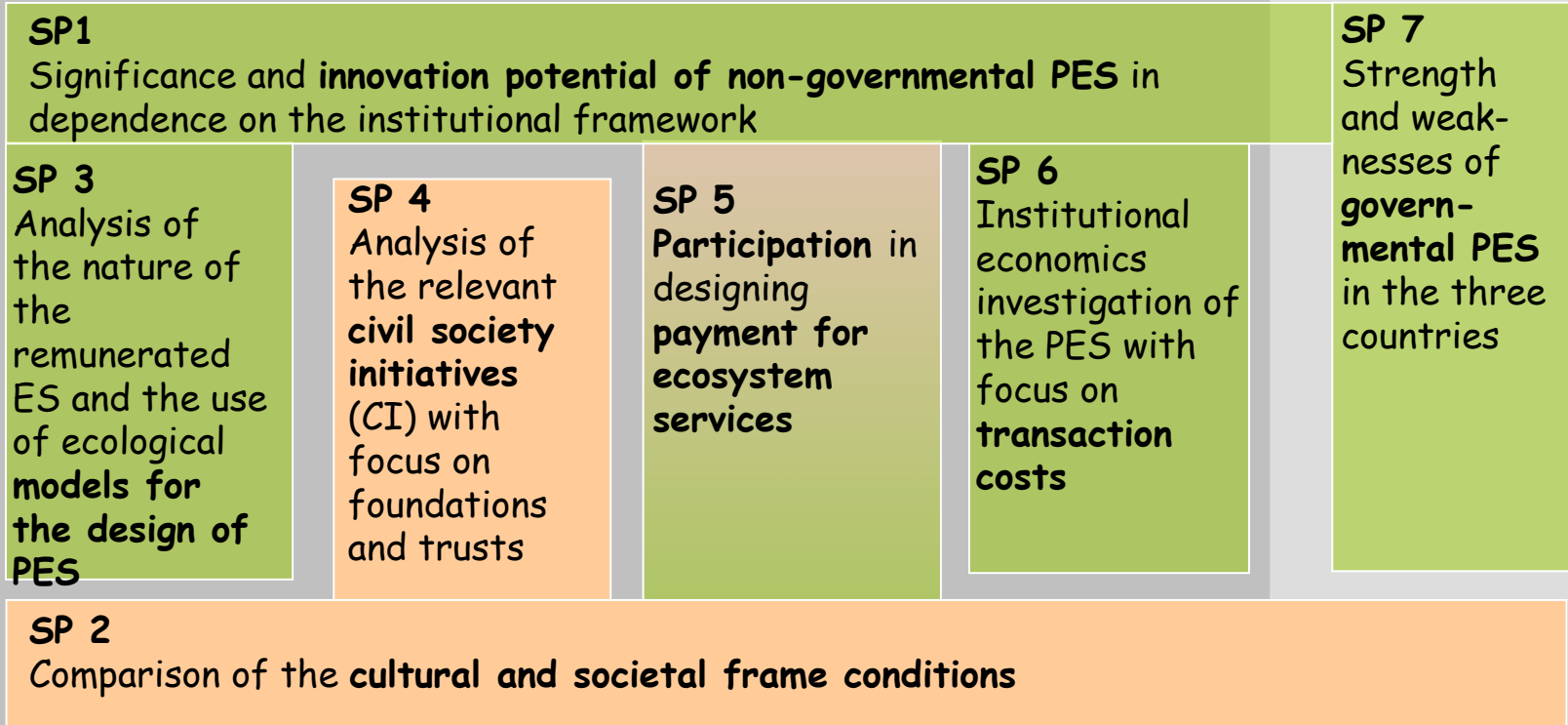
CIVILand - starting point and goal

- ✿ **Many weaknesses of Governmental Initiatives (GI)** → weak in efficiency, flexibility, innovation and acceptance
- ✿ State is often seen as being **ineffective** and **inefficient** in the provision of **public goods**
- ✿ CIVILand wants to **explore the Non-profit and Non-governmental sector** to evaluate the potential of civil society initiatives for finding sustainable solutions for environmental problems
- ✿ in the focus of our work are **Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)** that are initiated, organised or implemented by **Civil society Initiatives (CI)**
- ✿ **Foundations** as one organisational manifestation of the broader category civil society.
Why focus on foundation?
- ✿ research will be based on empirical studies in **Germany, England & Wales and the US**

CIVILand - structure and subprojects (SP)

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state-funded and implemented



 Focus on PES

 Focus on CI



CIVILand: Online Survey

- ✿ Online-survey sent to all foundations being engaged in the field of environment, nature and landscape protection in Germany, England & Wales and USA.
- ✿ Germany: Maecenata Data Base
approx. 1800 Foundations
- ✿ England and Wales: Charity Commission
approx. 1000 Foundations
- ✿ USA: Foundation Center
approx. 4000 Foundations

CIVILand: aim of online survey

- ✿ Collection of general structural information about foundations being active in the field of environment, nature and landscape protection
- ✿ Identification of the relevant fields of activities of those foundations.
What kind of goals do those foundations pursue and how?
What kind of environmental services and goods are targeted and how?
- ✿ Do foundations actually employ PES schemes in Germany, England & Wales and the US?
What kind of incentives are used and how to foster land use changes?
- ✿ Identification of relevant case studies

DISCUSSION: PES schemes in industrialized countries

- ✿ So far, most scientific research with respect to PES focuses on developing countries.
Industrialized countries face a different institutional surrounding:
- ✿ Clear definition of PR; PR are secure and enforceable
- ✿ Enforceable law
- ✿ Equity considerations
 - combination of tackling scarce ES but also including most vulnerable and poorest part of population. Combining two instruments: environment and nature protection and economic development. Loss of efficiency due to including equity?
 - procedural justice: participation in decision making
 - distributive justice: allocation of resources



...thanks for listening...

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