

Project partners of CiVi.net

CiVi.net is a research project which is financed by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union. The project is made up of a consortium of seven partners from Latin America and Europe, which are:

- Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) - Germany
- Instituto Ecológica Palmas Associação (IE) - Brazil
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) - Switzerland
- Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) - Netherlands
- Organisation for International Dialogue and Conflict Management (IDC) - Austria
- Fundación Neotrópica (NEOTROPICA) - Costa Rica
- Fundação de Apoio a Pesquisa Agrícola - Foundation of Agricultural Research Support (FUNDAG) - Brazil



Civinet partners at kick-off meeting, November 2011, Berlin, Germany

In addition to its partner consortium, the project is open to all stakeholders who are interested in participating in project activities!



The capacity of civil society organisations and their networks in community based environmental management

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Background

Human well-being depends on the variety of natural resources and the services they provide – collectively called Ecosystem Services (ES). We need ES for nearly all human activities. At the same time, human activities influence and change ES provision which causes environmental problems such as loss of biodiversity and climate change. The interconnections between the two complex systems – the environmental and the social-economic system – have to be considered if one tries to govern development in a concerted manner.

Aim of project CiVi.net

The CiVi.net project aims to analyse, transfer and disseminate successful and sustainable community based solutions with regard to ecosystem service management in Latin America. The main focus is on institutional settings in terms of original rules and related governance models which help to prevent and resolve tensions arising from the necessary new repartition and use of natural resources. The role of civil society organisations (CSOs) within these governance models is thereby at the core of the research.

Research objectives and activities

CiVi.net takes an action research and case study approach. The project has chosen four case study regions in Brazil and Costa Rica where successful solutions have been applied. These will be analysed with respect to the following questions:

- What kinds of management instruments are used to solve environmental problems and how effective are they?
- What kinds of original rules and institutional arrangements are implemented and which economic governance models have been established?
- What crucial aspects must be considered when transferring these solutions to other communities that face similar problems?
- What is the capacity of CSOs and their networks for contributing to finding, implementing and transferring such solutions?

Based on the findings, CiVi.net wants to facilitate the transfer of successful solutions to at least one other community for each selected case study region confronted with similar environmental challenges.

Outputs of CiVi.net

Final and lasting outputs will include:

- A manual to assist practitioners and scientists on how to design and manage the knowledge transfer on Community Based Ecosystem Management
- An innovative web-based data portal for providing and sharing knowledge.

