

## ON THE PERCEIVED RELEVANCE OF CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

### WG 5: Connectivity & Society

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#### Background:

We established that we actually do not have a clear picture on the existing knowledge and perceived relevance of connectivity issues for stakeholders involved in real-world problems of water and land management. This apparent gap might critically slow down or hinder any transfer or knowledge exchange between the Connecteur COST Action and Society (such as authorities, farmers, managers, advisers and policy makers) and will not allow to address actual requirements of the later.

To close this gap, we developed a set of questions for semi-structured stakeholder interviews to evaluate current knowledge and application of connectivity tools (e.g. for monitoring, modelling or decision-making). The questionnaires will be carried out with the help of any interested scientists of the action with their favourite stakeholder. We acknowledged that it will be virtually impossible to carry out multiple interviews with all types of stakeholders for all EU countries involved in water and land management. However, considering the diversity of disciplines, methodologies and thematic emphasis of scientists involved in the Connecteur COST Action, the scientists who are participating in this questionnaire are likely to choose from a wide range of different stakeholder categories, thus enabling the widespread compilation of perceptions and attitudes across Europe

#### How to carry out the questionnaire:

1. Ask your favourite stakeholder for a 20-minute phone questionnaire.
2. Inform interviewed person that it will be anonymous and ask for permission to use results for a scientific publication/report.
3. Please read all the questions before the interview. Tell the interviewee that you are interested in talking about current land/water management issues. Please avoid using the term connectivity until mentioned in the questionnaire or by the interviewees themselves. You are welcome to give the interviewee any information on the COST action, but please don't explain connectivity, before you ask them what *they* think it is!
4. Please write down their answers during the interview and translate them into English afterwards
5. **Timeline: send back questionnaires by middle of November (eva.mueller@uni-potsdam.de)**

#### Available EU languages of the questionnaire:

English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, ...: <http://connecteur.info/stakeholder-questionnaire/>

#### Potential types of stakeholders:

<i>Agriculture</i>	Local/ municipal/regional/national agricultural administration Regional farmers' associations Farmer, farm managers, farmer advisers
<i>Water and land management</i>	Local/ municipal/regional/national administration for water resource and land management, coastal protection Local/ municipal/regional/national water body maintenance associations Irrigation associations Energy plant managers Water supply companies
<i>Cross-sector</i>	Local/ municipal/regional/national environmental administration Local/ municipal/regional/national planning administrations Local/ municipal/regional/national tourism associations Environmental protection NGOs Fertiliser / Pesticide companies Road construction and management authorities

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