

The multifunctional landscapes of the future

Barriers and drivers for transformation paths

LANDPATHS is a large research programme that aims to promote multifunctional landscapes that are both biodiversity rich and provide multiple benefits for a range of actors. By addressing governance and management challenges within a broad set of landscapes, and by applying cross-cutting and integrative analyses across

landscapes, administrative levels and policy areas, the programme will deliver innovative and practically applicable knowledge and recommendations for practitioners and public agencies.

One outcome will be a portfolio of implementable good practices and innovative tools that facilitate cross-sectoral collaboration and support the development of landscapes that deliver multiple functions while maintaining high biodiversity. In doing so, the programme will contribute to achieving several important national and international policies, particularly on biodiversity and climate change.

LANDPATHS focuses on five types of landscapes: forest, agriculture, marine/coast, urban and mountain. Insights and new knowledge related to each landscape will be co-created with stakeholders and citizens, using a transdisciplinary approach. Activities will include the development of desirable 'imaginaries' of future landscapes and strategies for putting visions in practice. Another important part of the work will be to examine how obstacles can be addressed and how synergies between different societal goals can be exploited.

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