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Session#4 | Expert Presentations and Co-Creation

Innovation in Ecosystem Restoration

Supporting Innovation in Wetland Restoration in the Danube Region

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Recap of the Fourth Session

In this session, two experts from ACTeon environment presented innovation supporting services and financing for upscaling wetland restoration to unlock innovation in the Danube region. The four types of innovation and the upscaling cycle served as a starting point to think about innovation and upscaling in the DaWetRest project. In the Co-Creation workshops, the participants assessed the three demo sites and their potential for upscaling and led discussions about innovation support services.

Main Takeaway

In order to upscale innovations, services such as training, mentorship and networking are necessary.

Insights from the Session

1. Types of Innovation and Upscaling Innovation

- **Technological innovation:** Development and implementation of a new solution to solve a problem
- **Economic and financial innovation:** New processes related to spending/funding/financial instruments
- **Social innovation:** Novel solutions that aim to transform existing social practices/institutions, being social in its ends and means
- **Policy and governance innovation:** Novel processes/tools/practices/policy forms that are used in policy development and implementation

➔ Upscaling innovation is then the process that leads to widespread use of an innovation

Links of the Session

[The EcoDaLLi Catalogue of Innovation](#)
[Support Services](#)

2. Possible Innovation in Ecosystem Restoration

- **Technological innovation:** Nature-based innovation systems
- **Economic and financial innovation:** financing instruments
- **Social innovation:** new forms of partnerships
- **Institutional innovation:** governance and policy mechanisms supporting innovation