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Session#6| Governance & Policy: Enabling Wetland Restoration



Wetland Restoration Governance Structures: Supporting and Limiting Factors
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Wetland Restoration Governance
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Demo Sites and their Experience with Wetland Restoration Governance
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Main Takeaway

Governance is crucial for restoration projects - it is as much a social and political process as an ecological one to have successful restoration projects.

Insights from the Session

1. Wetland Restoration Governance Structures Supporting and Limiting Factors

From the Restore4Life project, Mihai Cristian Adamescu presented the Supporting and Limiting Factors of Wetland Restoration Governance Structures.

What is "governance" in the restoration context?
Governance refers to the **system of rules, institutions, actors, and processes** through which decisions on wetland restoration are **made**, **implemented**, and **monitored**.
It defines ***who*** has authority, ***how*** decisions are coordinated, and ***which*** *mechanisms* ensure accountability and participation.
→ Governance determines how effectively restoration goals can be achieved and sustained over time.

2. Governance of Nature Park Kopački Rit

Marin Škoro introduced the audience to the activities of the Nature Park Kopački rit, a pilot site of the Middle Danube DEMO, located primarily in Draž Municipality (Osijek-Baranja County).

3. Demo Sites and their Experience with Wetland Restoration Governance

Prof. Asen Asenov presented the activities of the Lower Danube Demo such as

- the intelligent freshwater monitoring and management system
- the pontoon energy generator
- the air quality and meteorological monitoring for the area.

Iulian Nichersu presented the progress of the Danube Delta Demo and governance challenges such as the active participation of local communities in decision-making and implementation and the challenge to engage authorities in the restoration goals and measures.

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