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Session#7| Building the Workforce for Wetland Restoration

Skills and Workforce Needs for Wetland Restoration
Dr. Viktória Czuppon Csizmadiáné, University of Pannonia
The DaWetRest Workforce
Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova, CAWRI-BAS
Interactive Roundtable "Career Paths in Wetland Restoration"
Dr. Viktória Czuppon Csizmadiáné, University of Pannonia and Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova, CAWRI-BAS
Dr. Astrid Schmidt-Kloiber, BOKU University | Maria Durão, INOVA + | Phyllis Butler Posy, EcoAdvance Project

Insights from the Session

1. Skills and Workforce Needs for Wetland Restoration

Dr. Viktória Czuppon Csizmadiáné presented the training modules that were developed in the DaWetRest project. Currently they are not open to the public but they might be in the future.

2. The DaWetRest Workforce

Our coordinator Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova introduced the audience to the DaWetRest consortium and occupational groups.

3. Interactive Roundtable "Career Paths in Wetland Restoration"

You can find some key messages from the discussions of our roundtable here:

Learnings from Phyllis Butler Posys experience in the EcoAdvance project

- What is most important in wetland restoration? Communication and helping people understand what the project is about early on and to convince people that they are winners
- To keep the focus on the long-term goals but to realize that the long-term is made up of many steps
- Prioritize - not everything that is urgent is important

Open Knowledge from the MERLIN project

Because wetland restoration is no longer a niche activity but an emerging professional field, the MERLIN project adressed this by developing public training materials.

The MERLIN Academy offers 3 expert-led online modules for free and it brings high-quality restoration knowledge to all.

Maria Durãos experience in European Projects

- Creativity and art can support citizen engagement and engagement of local communities
- Key challenge in European Projects: effective communication of scientific results to the public

Main Takeaway

Adaptability is a critical skill to have in a Career in Wetland Restoration

Links of the Session

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