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Rethinking Ecosystem Services for Biosphere Reserves

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WORLD NETWORK OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES

euromab 2017

building a sustainable future together



- Objectives
 - Share experiences and ideas about ES in BR
 - Discuss the potential and limits of ES for BR
 - Rethink ES to fit to MAB values
 - Identify concrete paths to go there
- Expected outcomes
 - Overview of ES approaches implemented in BR
 - New ideas for developing ES approaches in BR
 - Identify what is needed for that
 - Start a network of people working on ES in BR
- Workshop format
 - Participants moving in the room according to their experience of ES (low/high expertise, positive / negative opinion)
 - Form pairs for informal discussions to know each other
 - Presentation to give an overview on ES (history, controversies, rationalization) (Cécile Barnaud), testimonial of a project (Anna Echassoux)
 - World café.
 - Round 1 = Deconstruct. In the ES concept, what do you keep, what do you leave?
 - Round 2 = Imagine. What could be a project on ES that would be useful and meaningful for BR?
 - Round 3 = Action. What would you need to make your dreams real? (what you need to have, what you need to do)

- Main issues discussed

- First question should be : why do we want to use the ES concept?
- They are multiple complementary ways to use it, depending on context & objectives
- ES should be considered as a tool among others
- ES can reveal complex connectedness between man and biosphere
- We should not forget it is a subjective concept
- It is important to look also at intermediate services
- Monetarisation is not mandatory
- ES concept should not put aside conservation issues
- It is not the best tool to study people's representations
- More ecological knowledge is needed, but there is enough for action
- BR could develop participatory approaches to ES for cooperation among people
- Attention to conflicts and trade-offs is important
- We need to have step by step approaches, start with small targets
- The ES fashion will pass : what will last? Some knowledge & ideas to build upon.

- Outputs

- Proposals – projects: ideas about concrete projects of our dreams
- Partnerships : a nice group feeling, several connections for future potential collaborations
- Communication : exchanges about common issues and problems
- Relevance to LAP
- Relevance to SDG : 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15

