



This module is based on

Content

- C6.2. Supporting a GI system through public policies

Exercise

- E6.B. Public policies.

Objectives of the session

- to understand the role of public actors in support for the development of sustainable GIs;
- to identify the possible forms of policy to support GI processes at local, regional and national levels

Time required

2h00

Materials required

- tables (round, if possible)
- markers and large sheets of brown wrapping paper or paperboard

Methodology

Approach

It is proposed to start with the participatory activity so that the participants can express their views on a subject of which they often have considerable experience and that depends to a large extent on the local context.

The content of sheet C6.2 can then be used during the restitution session, or as a theoretical presentation of conclusions.

Participatory activities

World Café on the subject of support policies, on the basis of the questions listed in the box below.

World Café is a method for discussions by topic tables: the participants sit around various tables and each table discusses a specific topic. They then change topics by changing tables.

1. Preparation

- Cover four tables with large sheets of paper (such as paperboard or brown wrapping paper).
- The participants are divided among four tables (between four and a maximum of eight people per table).
- A host is designated for each table: he or she remains attached to this table and will animate the discussions. The host may be selected from among the participants or be an expert in public policies. The host's job is to ensure that the conversation focuses on the topic allocated and that each person is able to express his or her views.
- Each table focuses on one of the phases in the virtuous circle.

2. Implementation

- The participants discuss the question given to their table (see sheet E6.B) for 20 minutes.
- During the discussion, the participants are encouraged to take notes and to draw diagrams or explanatory illustrations directly on the table.
- The participants (apart from the host) then move on to the next table and take up the discussion of the topic allocated to this new table.
- The host gives his or her table a brief summary of previous discussions at the table and encourages the "new" participants to explore the issue further.
- There are thus four discussion turns.

3. Restitution

- The host of each table then presents a summary and the main points of the reflection to a plenary session, with 5 to 10 minutes allocated to each table.

Essential points to be highlighted

- The support of local, regional or national authorities is justified by the potential contributions of GIs to sustainable development of the region.
- Such support can take many forms and can intervene at different stages in the virtuous circle. Note that Public Authorities in charge of GI support policies are different from the ones in charge of GI request.