



The FAO, Euromontana, UNEP Vienna ISCC and BFSD would like to invite you to participate in the SARD-M seminar on

How to best remunerate mountain rural people for their provision of positive externalities?
Lessons from different cases studies throughout Europe and relevance for mountain regions of South-East Europe and the Carpathians

that will take place on 19-20th May 2009 in the Vienna International Centre (VIC)



The seminar is organised for Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries by Euromontana in the framework of the FAO project **Sustainable agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain areas (SARD-M)**, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP Vienna ISCC) and the Balkan Foundation for Sustainable development (BFSD).



In 2008-2009, SARD-M in Europe aims at looking at **manifestation in real conditions of different methods for remunerating positive externalities (RPE)**. An interim report has been produced in March 2009 collecting interesting information on cases throughout Europe with examples that could be of relevance for the development or improvement of RPE schemes in South-East Europe and the Carpathians.

The seminar will have as objectives to:

- present the results from the report and exchange with people who actually implemented RPE schemes in the case study areas,
- recall the context of RPE schemes in South-East Europe and the Carpathians, based on the Carpathian Convention's and BFSD's previous work,
- discuss the potential interest for South-East Europe and Carpathians areas in dedicated workshops,
- assess relevance of the different schemes for future developments in the mountain regions, inclusively remuneration of positive externalities and pilot projects for the following phase of the SARD-M project.



Looking forward to your participation to this event that we believe to be of great importance for the future of mountain communities, we attach the provisional programme and practical information for more details and invite you to register online before the 30th of April 2009.



Sincerely yours,

André Marcon
Chairman of Euromontana

Jean Gault
FAO SARD-M Coordinator



Harald Egerer
Head of UNEP Vienna ISCC

Vlatko Andonovski
President of BFSD

Provisional programme

8.30 *Registration and welcoming participants*

9:15 - Opening speech: Harald Egerer, Head of UNEP Vienna ISCC

9.25 –Key note speech: Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management requested: Political perspective on the importance of the provision of positive externalities for the European society

9:40 – Keynote speech – FAO-SARD-M project coordinator Jean Gault

10:00 – 10.45 Opening session: Introduction to the concept of positive externalities

Objective: to present the current state of play of parallel research

Presentations by experts and researchers on:

- Provision of public goods by agriculture
- Ecosystems services rendered by mountain areas

10.45 – 11.00 -Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:30 Presentation of results from the 4 case studies

Presented and moderated by Richard Robinson

11:00 - Introduction to different methods for valorising positive externalities: overview (recalling results from previous phases)- Richard Robinson

11:10 - Rhön: a positive example in the context of reunification of Germany

Presentation by Richard Robinson – Exchanges with Doris Pokorny

11:45 - Cévennes: a national Park with a long history and several schemes interfering

Presentation by Richard Robinson – Exchanges with an expert from the Cévennes area

12:20 - Entlebuch: a more recent and simple success of bottom-up governance

Presentation by Richard Robinson – Exchanges with Florian Knaus

12:55 – Triglav: an informative example in the Julian Alps of Slovenia

Presentation by Richard Robinson – Exchanges with Marija Markes

13.30 – 14.15 Lunch Break

14.15 – 14.30 Presentation of the recommendations from the report on remuneration of positive externalities

Presentation by Richard Robinson

14.30 – 18h00: Parallel workshops

Parallel workshops will address the following issues:

1. Context: what conditions for the development of schemes for remunerating positive externalities in Carpathian/Balkan areas?
 - Do policies in these areas presently offer a good frame? If not why?
 - Do implementation capacities or working processes offer a good frame? If not why?
 - Is it necessary to recommend training/capacity building? From whom? About what subject specifically (labelling of food products, watershed management issues...)?
2. The state of play of RPE schemes in Carpathian/ South-East Europe areas:
 - What has been tried?
 - What projects are envisaged?
 - If not many projects have been envisaged, why not? What is missing to allow success?
3. What lessons from the presented case studies for Carpathian/Balkan areas and opinion on the recommendations provided by the report?
4. How to structure future developments and pilot projects

Workshop 1: Remunerating positive externalities in the Carpathians

Chaired by UNEP Vienna ISCC as a special meeting of the SARD Working Group / Platform of the Carpathian Convention

Workshop 2: Remunerating positive externalities in South-East Europe

Chaired by BFSD associating delegations of the South-East Europe countries

18.00 – End of day 1

20th of May – Morning : Discussion on results of report and workshops

Moderation: Gérard Viatte

9.00 – 9.30 - Presentation of the results of Workshop 1 – Carpathians

Presentation by rapporteur of the workshop

9.30 – 10.00 - Presentation of the results of workshop 2 – South-East Europe

Presentation by rapporteur of the workshop

10.00 – 10.20 Integration of positive externalities in conception of the CAP: perspectives in the framework of the reflection on the post-2013 policies
EU Commission DG AGRI requested

Coffee Break – 10h20 – 10h40

10.40 – 12.15 – Round table: “Content, design and implementation of RPE schemes: Respective roles and interrelations between the different actors and levels of governance”

- European Commission requested
- Representatives from Carpathian Convention
- Representatives from South-East Europe
- Experts from case study areas
- Expert from UNESCO requested
- ...

The round table will address, among others, the following issues:

Framework policies determine in a quite important way possibilities at local level and sources of funding: CAP, LIFE, Birds and Habitats directives, Cohesion policy, laws on agri-tourism, on national parks... The round table should question how these frameworks are i) elaborated, ii) mobilised at the local level depending on choices that have been made in different countries: how are the different levels of governance participating in design of the policies? How are interactions between policies analysed and taken into account to define a coherent content (between majorly environmental policies and policies with a major focus on economy for example)? How do the different levels of governance participate in deriving RPE schemes from these frameworks in a given territory (depending on history, context)? How do they complete (anticipate sometimes) them by additional measures of their own? How in return can local initiatives lead to refine framework policies for more adapted tool boxes? More adapted governance? And from a more general point of view, how are relationships between actors organised and how do they share responsibility?

12.15 – 13.15 – Lunch Break

13.15 – 14.30 Presentation of current initiatives in South-East Europe and Carpathians for RPE schemes and discussions on future developments including pilot projects

Moderated by Jean Gault

14.30 – 15.15 – Concluding remarks

- **UNEP Vienna ISCC:** The importance of mountain Conventions for facilitating the development of RPE schemes in mountain areas
- **FAO-SARD-M project coordinator:** Conclusions for further implementation of the SARD-M project
- **Euromontana:** Perspectives for recognition and further development of remuneration of positive externalities at the European level.