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SESSION 3: Science-Society-Policy interfaces





Valuable experiences in rural areas

Grounding the dialogue in science-based evidence

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How to create meaningful dialogue

Anne-Liisi Mändmets – MAP Estonia

Influencing policy

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Lessons learned and achievements



Grounding the discussion on evidence-based science





Galician Rural Interfaces (Spain)

MAP Members

- **Science: 3** (universities, research centres).
- Society: 10 (LAGs, rural business, farmers orgs, NGOs).
- Policy: 4 (local and regional government).





Added value

- The MAP was able to reveal prior questions and problems in the discussion around rural areas.
- The MAP was able to produce recommendations for different rural realities making common positions from very different points of view.
- A very fruitful dialogue was achieved helped by the scientific support and by the confidence and friendly atmosphere created during the work.



Lessons learnt along the way...

- Scientific work before the MAP sessions helped us to focus on the subjects of discussion without conditioning it.
- Scientific work facilitated us personal reflection and self-position making enriching the final discussions.
- Previous documents served to make advances in the discussion along the time, avoiding repeating arguments without reaching a final output.



