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SESSION 3: Science-Society-Policy interfaces



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Valuable experiences in rural areas

Grounding the dialogue in science-based evidence

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How to create meaningful dialogue

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Influencing policy

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Lessons learned and achievements



How to creating a meaningful dialogue





MAP Estonia

MAP Members

- Science: 4
- Society: 6
- Policy: 5





Lessons learnt along the way...

To create a meaningful dialogue:

- Face-to face meetings which include networking during lunch and coffee breaks + web meetings;
- Skillful discussion management – facilitator as a journalist, healthy debate;
- Timely and comprehensive communication on what is the end goal and how the results of the meetings are used;
- MAP members could rank the most important top proposals, which finally went into the position paper;
- Emphasizing the value of the input given by the MAP members.



Examples of results adding value

- Decision-makers should really know what is happening in rural areas, what are the needs.
- Science should not depend on projects but be consistent.
- Bottom-up initiatives give the region the greatest added value, even with a small budget.
- Bring more information to the grassroots level, introduce innovative solutions. Show MAP's work.
- The most important goal is to create new well-paid and competitive jobs in rural areas.



Achievements

- Strengthened cooperation between the MAP members – valuable benefit for the national rural development;
- Very formal communication between policy makers and social actors became more informal and widened the perspectives of both parties;
- New insights and contacts;
- Dissemination of results;
- Desire to participate in Sherpa-like initiatives in the future if necessary.

