Workshop 4 – Natural (& unnatural?) alliances

What types of alliances are required for effective nature management? With whom should these be formed and what capacities need to be built to make them work?
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Assembly 1
Alliances: natural or otherwise?

Assembly 2
Thinking about alliances you are involved with ...

Assembly 3
Competencies

Academy 1
The path from LIFEedu to LIFE ENABLE – capacity building opportunities for PA staff

PPT + Intro video

Check-in

Check-out

Conclusions - where now?

Google doc - 2 break out groups
Who do you work together with currently?
• Who leads?
• Are they permanent?
• Is everyone involved? / Which stakeholders are missing?

PAs in the spotlight

Jamboard – whole group discussion & feedback harvest:
• Why do some alliances work & others don’t?
• What competencies PA staff need when working together with others?
• Which competencies do you consider to be most important?

Academy 3
‘Cats & grandmas’
A cat & mouse tale
PPT

Jamboard – whole group discussion & feedback harvest:
• Thinking about the role of PAs & capacity building ...
  • In what ways are PAs ‘in the spotlight’?
  • How should PAs and PA staff respond?
  • Close with VIDEO 2 ...

Who is the room?
Mentimeter – 3 words to describe ‘alliances’ (5 mins)

And ... breathe!

+ 10 mins

+ 15 mins

+ 15 mins

+ 5mins

+ 15 mins

+ 10 mins

+ 10 mins

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Who’s in our ZOOM room?

Mentimeter ... In 3 words or short phrases ...

What do ‘alliances’ mean to you?
A LIFE Preparatory Project

- **LIFE e-Natura2000.edu: supporting e-learning & capacity building for Natura 2000 managers**
- Total budget: €845k
- Project period: 1.4.2018 to 31.07.2021
- Involves: 6 partners from 6 countries
  - Participants from across the EU in private & public land
- With: 3 core groups of 20+ participants each
  - ... & 500 other ‘casual users’
- 16 Actions with 23 project deliverables

**Project reports**

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What we achieved together

- High demand
- 3 purpose-built courses
- 75 participants, 19 countries
- 78 online presentations
- 25 video demos & 2 podcasts
- 27 external tutors
- 4 moodles, online TNA tool & new APP
- Virtual Summer School
- 2 virtual field trips
Main lessons learned ...

• Online learning here to stay
• Building bridges
• Network & share
• Competence-based learning
• Facilitation ... not teaching
• Training Needs Analysis
• Assessment & feedback
• Learning ... to be applied
• 96% of participants applying their learning
Who are we?

Where now?

- European Nature Academy
- 10 competence-based blended learning courses
- Professional development & progression
- Individual, organisational, regional & national capacity building

- Practical, innovative, inspiring & impactful
A ‘taster’ for LIFE ENABLE

https://youtu.be/OxvfxIO9ZQ4
In our virtual ENABLE Academy 1 ...

In two groups – what are natural & un-natural alliances?

• Who do you identify as being natural (or logical?) allies for Protected Areas?

• Who would you categorise as being ‘un-natural’ allies?
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In our virtual ENABLE Academy 2 ...

Thinking about the alliances you are involved with ...

List some examples ...

• Who leads?
• Are they permanent?
• Is everyone (who should be) involved?
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TIME TO MOVE ...

... & REFRESH
ENABLING ... alliances

Shifting positions
Saving Arctic Vole and (ground breeding) birds on Texel

A love story
For Animals, People and Our Natura2000 National Park

Once upon a time on a pristine island, called Texel, located in UNESCO world heritage site the Wadden sea...

In the dark ages...
Natura2000 site Dunes of Texel

Cats were killing wildlife
... and we were killing cats

[Source: The Economic Times]

[Source: RedBubble.com]
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At that time volunteers started the Stray Cat Foundation Netherlands with a clear ambition:

The feral and wild stray cat will no longer occur in the Netherlands after 2040!

And the following approach:

Let us help you with your problem!

But then, finally, we got to work!

We formed a broad coalition with support base on every corner of the island & on every paw of animal interest

Insight # 3: Success comes down to people/individuals with vision and dedication

Again: how remarkable!

Insight # 4: It takes time to get the right insight ‘in sight’

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We invented the Fish & Chip drive-thru!

People were invited to chip (animal-registration) their cats for free

Dear Fred,
In your time it probably was. But for us it was a smart and COVID proof way to:
• Get attention for our ambition and the urgency
• Get sympathy for our unusual coalition (cross-pollination) & provide information
• Get some cats chipped which could also end up in one of our trips
• Give everything a positive vibe (see pictures)
Hope you understand,
Kind regards,
Team National park Dunes of Texel
PS1 We had as much fun as watching The Flintstones
PS2 Please stop eating extinct animals!

This is a complete waste of energy, time and money if you consider the project-necessity of getting rid of wild cats in your N2000 site

[Source: Warnerbros.com]

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Alliances ...  
... come in all forms  
... take time  
... need energy & commitment  
... & will to make them work

With the right ingredients ...  
Alliances can be ...  

**POWERFUL!**

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Cats ... and grandmas?

We chipped almost 500 cats, 10-fold the number expected

...followed by national television attention and questions in the house of representatives

Our coalition proved to be a success!

But following Fred Flintstone: this was not what we are here for

Now we also had to do it: catch these haggard cats!

And instead of having the regular hunters setting the traps, a group of mostly ladies with cat-sweaters was doing the job...

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Insight # 8: Focus on common grounds not on differences

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In our virtual ENABLE Academy 3 ...

• Why do some alliances work & others don’t?

• What competencies do PA staff need when working together with others?

• Which of these competencies do you consider to be most important?
Thinking about the role of PAs & capacity building ...

• In what ways are PAs ‘in the spotlight’?
• How should PAs and PA staff respond?

Make your alliances ...

... with LIFE ENABLE:

https://youtu.be/oSseQurp1pg

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