

Knowledge for Ecological Networks (KEN)

Increasing ecological connectivity between nature areas is one of the pillars of present-day biodiversity conservation. The Pan-European Ecological Network (PEEN) has been mapped and translated into a series of national ecological network maps waiting to be implemented.

Across Europe, ecological networks and green veining projects are being planned and integrated into national and regional spatial plans. However, implementation can be complex as it involves a wide range of people - stakeholders, with often conflicting views and interests. Progress in the practical implementation of ecological network projects has so far been quite slow.

The KEN project: 'Knowledge for ecological networks - Catalyzing the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of ecological networks in Europe' is about increasing our understanding of the process of stakeholder participation in the delivery of ecological networks; identifying critical success factors and most frequent barriers as a guide for future action by practitioners and policy makers.

Making the connection

Involving stakeholders in the implementation of ecological networks in Europe

Specific recommendations for successful implementation are:

- **Strong guidance and dynamic project planning and management**
- **Strategic involvement of different stakeholder groups**
- **A good and comprehensive communication strategy**
- **Identify and exploit the multiple benefits of ecological networks**
- **An integrated, multidisciplinary, adaptive and open approach to the issue at stake**

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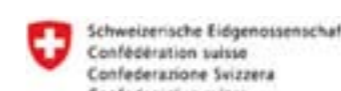
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