

## Stakeholder involvement practice / example

### Farm Biodiversity (NRN project) - Portugal

Pilot on-farm projects to test the suitability and impact of result-based remuneration schemes for the enhancement of biodiversity - Sixteen Portuguese (Mainland) farms representing different crops (e.g. vineyards, olive groves, arable crops, livestock) were chosen to participate in this project which aims to evaluate each crop and related specific agricultural practices in terms of the contribute to preserve and enhance biodiversity. Experts on agriculture and environment from environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO) analysed together farm practices, their environmental value and validated and proposed agri-environmental measures to increase biodiversity.

#### Stakeholders concerned

- CAP -- Confederation of Portuguese Farmers (*national level agricultural organization with regional technicians to monitoring and advising*)
- DGADR – Directorate General of Agriculture and Rural Development (*national public agency*)
- LPN – League for the Protection of Nature (*ENGO*)
- SPEA – Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds (*ENGO*)
- Technical-scientific commission, composed of biologists and field technicians from both ENGO
- 16 Farmers participants in the pilot-project

#### Main lessons for others

- Proposed measures were understood and accepted by all stakeholders involved as they have participated in the entire process
- Stakeholders from different origins worked together to find possible solutions to a concrete common problem
- The agricultural organization sought other sectors help to face new environmental challenges and played the role of intermediary and facilitator
- Each partner's role in the project development was perfectly defined: The technical-scientific commission's role was to design a first draft of the measures proposal that afterwards should be validated by the agricultural organisation and the public agency. The public agency should prepare the material to disseminate project information and results

#### Achievements & results

- Better understanding and knowledge about biodiversity related to main crops in different regions
- Definition and implementation of measures to promote farm practices related biodiversity so that they may be considered in definition and implementation of agri-environmental support schemes

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