



Erasmus IP Responsible Use of Soil and Land and Regional Development

IPSOIL I – III

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The culture of IPSOIL

“It was quite clear from the beginning, that for most of the participants the kind of transnational and transdisciplinary cooperation in this project would be new territory. Especially the cultural, communicative and social challenges of such an endeavor are usually not the preferred topics of reflection among scientists. Yet to deal successfully with them would be crucial for the effectiveness of the programme...” (Strasser, R. 2005)



Understanding Soil, Water and Landuse systems

- IP SOIL I (2004 to 2005)
- Analysis of theoretical and practical examples from the 'five soil research clusters'
- Integration of the topics systemically within a future search workshop
- Case studies and projects about soil and land use to understand the problems



Conceptualizing new models of integrated Land Utilization



- IPSOIL II (2005 to 2006)
- Conceptualization of a programme about soil and land use towards a thematic strategy for soil protection and sustainable land use
- Focus and empathy on bridging the gap between available scientific knowledge and stakeholders, politicians and/or decision makers to keep soil and land use multifunctional

Explaining the Region of the Future

- IPSOIL III (2006 – 2007)
- Establishment of a cooperative network of universities, cities and towns along the Danube, emphasizing a common vision of measures against uncontrolled loss of soil
- Development of concepts for integrated land utilization and to initiate a 'learning region'.



Feedback

- *“... To find transferable and realisable solutions the co-operation with social sciences, economists and political science is necessary...” (W.D)*
- *“... Totally new kind of learning. No stress, no barriers, no specialization, just creativity and let it flow, a good atmosphere for working...” (A.M.)*
- *„.....teachers became students for the time in Neusiedl...” (D.K.)*





Thank you!