

LAND4FLOOD – Regional Workshop

Stakeholder workshop and study trip: Multi-purpose land use agreements in floodplains and flood water storage reservoirs

Middle Tisza region/Hungary, 30 September – 1 October 2019



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WORKSHOP CONCEPT

The workshop will bring together two main groups of participants: 1) experts and stakeholders from European countries with experience in land use agreements in flood risk mitigation and 2) representatives of Hungarian water authorities who would like to learn about the respective practices of other countries. The mutual exchange of knowledge and experience will be supplemented with a field visit to learn about the flood defense solutions applied in the Middle Tisza region: peak flood water storage reservoirs, dyke systems and floodplain measures will be explored. The workshop is co-organised by the Middle Tisza Regional Water Directorate (KÖTIVIZIG), REKK, and Corvinus University of Budapest.

WORKSHOP THEMES

When privately owned land is suitable for flood water storage, land owners usually receive a compensation from the state or the beneficiaries based on either agreements or regulations. The workshop would like to inspect how this cooperation can be raised to a higher level, when land

owners agree to e.g. land use change (from intensive cropping to grazing or forestry), and/or land use with a lower damage profile in case of being flooded.

Sub-topics under the main theme may include:

- Compensation mechanisms (e.g. one time payment, constant stream of payment, ecosystem service based payment, other arrangements)
- Additional services that the land owners may offer to the public under the agreements (from recreation through alternative farming to enhanced biodiversity)
- The wider decision sphere of flood management and how multi-purpose reservoirs compare to other solutions, such as higher level dikes, reduced roughness of the river section etc (the instruments of choice on the river Tisza recently).

FORESEEN PROGRAM AND VENUE

29 September, Ex-ante evening: dinner in Budapest for foreign participants.

30 September, Field trip day: Depart from Budapest with a stop at the airport at 10 a.m latest. Guided tour of flood water reservoirs and the connecting objects of interest on the river Tisza. Dinner, accommodation in Szolnok.

1 October: workshop day, accommodation in Szolnok.

2 October: Optional morning discussion for Land4Flood consortium members in Szolnok. Transfer to the airport/railway station in Budapest.

APPLICATION

If you are interested in participation and are in a position to contribute to the above discussed workshop themes with your experience, you are encouraged to submit a short proposal of maximum 1 page on the experience and perspective that you are ready to share. Please send your proposal by 15 June to

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As the number of participants is limited to 20, workshop organisers will select those proposals that are most likely to make a fruitful contribution to the discussions. In case of questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

WORKSHOP OUTPUTS

The following outputs are planned:

- Workshop report
- A compilation of good practices including a practitioner's guideline