

Working Group Preferences

The ALTER-Net Summer School 2009
"Biodiversity and Ecosystem services"
(Sept 5-17, 2009, Peyresq, France)

During the afternoons all students will split up into working groups to discuss open questions from the morning sessions and work on a case study of vulnerability assessment. The case study is a fake common imaginative EU project entitled "Mapping Regional Vulnerability in the Southern Alps - Evaluating Trends and Developing Sustainable Adaptation Strategies for the Verdon Catchment" (Acronym: MASSIF). As in a real EU project, the project team is divided into specific working groups, with specific tasks and deliverables. The specific working groups cover the topics agriculture, nature conservation and tourism.

The synthesis group consists of four permanent students and three students from each of the other working groups. These delegates will act in place for their groups and ensure the communication between the synthesis group and the other working groups. The three delegates have to be selected by each group in the beginning of the group work. The working group members will remain constant during the summer school.

	Working group	Tutor	Title
1	Agriculture	Martin Wildenberg	Trends in the agriculture sector: What changes will be likely to impact this sector? How can agriculture sustain and provide livelihoods and biodiversity in a changing environment?
2	Nature conservation	Eric Arets	Trends for nature conservation: How to conserve the natural and cultural ecosystem services in the Verdon catchment?
3	Tourism	Diana Reckien	Trends in regional tourism: What changes will be likely to impact this sector? How to develop tourism sustainably, safeguarding local livelihood and biodiversity?
4	Synthesis and Integration	Brooke Wilkerson	Synthesis for policy makers: Integration of the findings of all sectoral working groups into management and adaptation strategies to sustain livelihood and biodiversity in the study area.

To identify your personal preferences for participating in one of the specific working group 1-4, please fill in this form. This will help us to create the different working groups.

Name:

Country:

PhD-research topic:

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Background:

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Working group preference:

1st preference 2nd preference

In addition, I **would** / **would not** like to work on the Synthesis.
(Please strike out accordingly)

Motivation:

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Do you speak French? good / average / minimal

Have you been to the Alps before? Have you worked in the Alps?