



SIMBIOTIC PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING
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Day 1

TOPIC 5 Stakeholder & Outreach Programmes

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○ Stakeholder participation:

- Required as per European Landscape Convention
- Advocated in planning for Natura 2000 sites
- Contributes to project success in many contexts
- Essential in:

- Long-term planning
- Control of threats
- Ensuring feasibility of proposed solutions
- Success of management efforts



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- Planning decisions:

1. **Who to involve?**

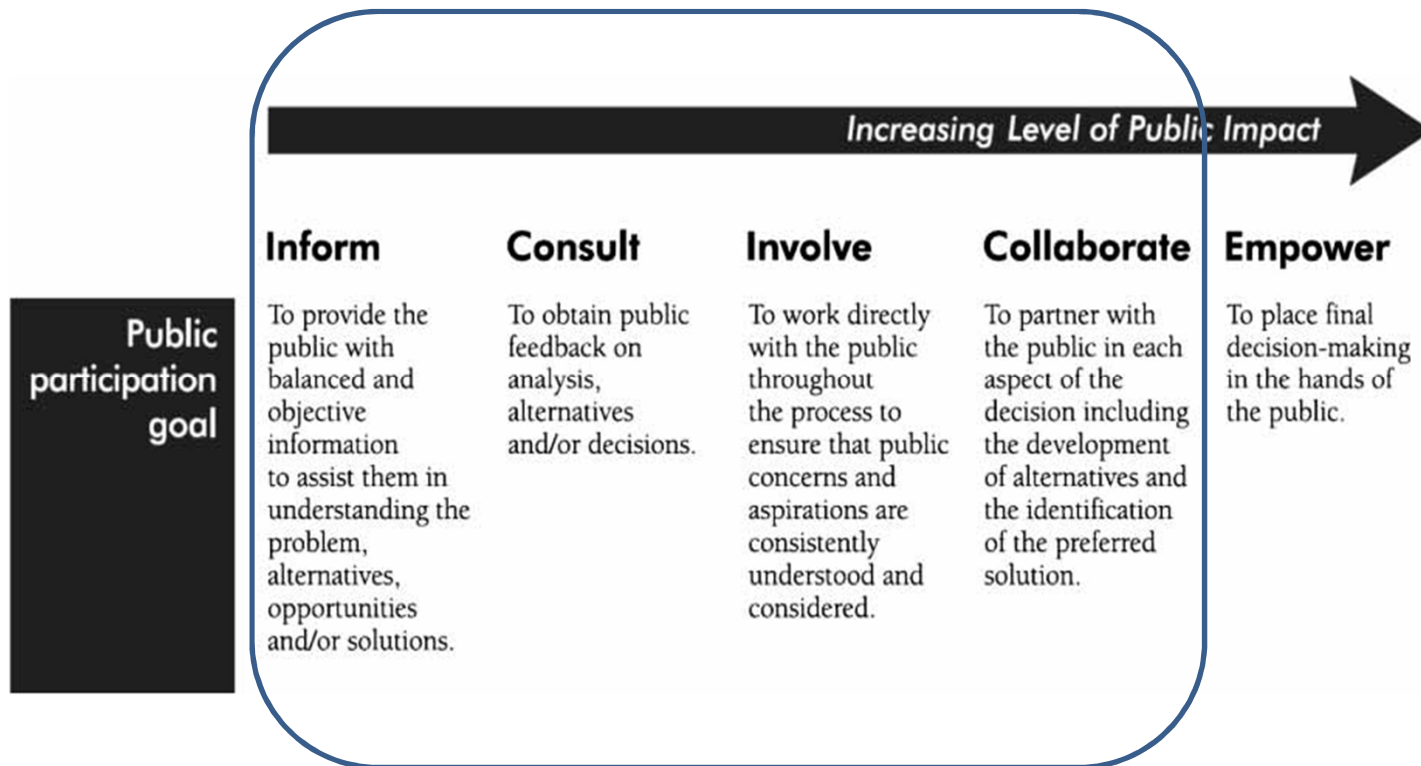
- Land-owners
- Local residents/land-users
- Relevant authorities (local/regional/national)
- Businesses/commercial outlets (incl. tourism ventures)
- Interest groups
- Funding agencies
- General public

Should follow from systematic stakeholder analysis exercise



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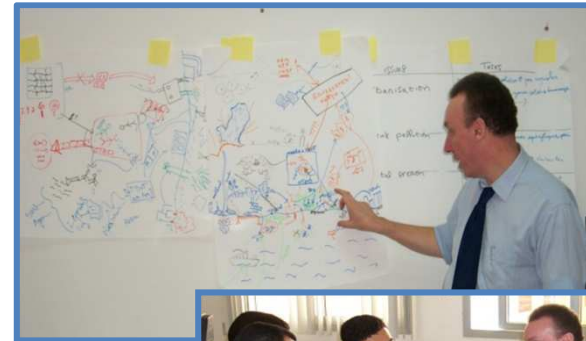
2. For what purpose?



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3. Using what methods?

- Context-specific
- Variety of options:
 - Walkabouts
 - Interactive workshops
 - Surveys
 - Photographic & media events
 - Systemic Sustainability Analysis
 - Participatory Learning & Action methods



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o Other considerations for SIMBIOTIC

- Systematic identification of stakeholders at the start
- Actively seeking out key stakeholders
- Provision of appropriate & adequate information
- Early involvement
- Adequate time & space for constructive exchange
- Triangulation
- Identifying & documenting diversity of views
- Scientific & rigorous data analysis
- Weighting of stakeholders views in project decisions
- Follow-up: reporting back to participants



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○ Next steps:

- Stakeholder involvement 'road map' (including targets)
- Stakeholder identification & analysis exercise
- Planning of scope/methods
- Planning of specific events

