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## Promoting the Governance of Regional Ecosystem Services

*Funded by the Interreg Europe program, PROGRESS aims to initiate a process of policy change for maintaining nature's biodiversity, goods and services.*

**Ecosystem services** constitute the natural base for economic prosperity and quality of life. However, sustaining production levels without caring to natural processes contributes to ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss. There is an urgent need to improve the relevant **regional policies** and to provide multi-stakeholder solutions for protection and sustainable use of the natural capital.

PROGRESS partners meet with relevant stakeholders to stimulate a multidimensional and dynamic **exchange of experience**, in order to learn on how to improve their regional policies in biodiversity and ecosystem services. Learning will inform policy and practice in the involved regions enabling common ownership of the **Good Practices** to be adopted around the following issues:

- **Measuring** the costs and benefits of ecosystem services derived from land use.
- Supporting the horizontal **integration** of the ecosystem concerns into the sectorial policies and plans.
- Exploring innovative financial and marketing mechanisms for **payment** for ecosystem services.
- Landscape **governance** for economic and environmental sustainability.



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