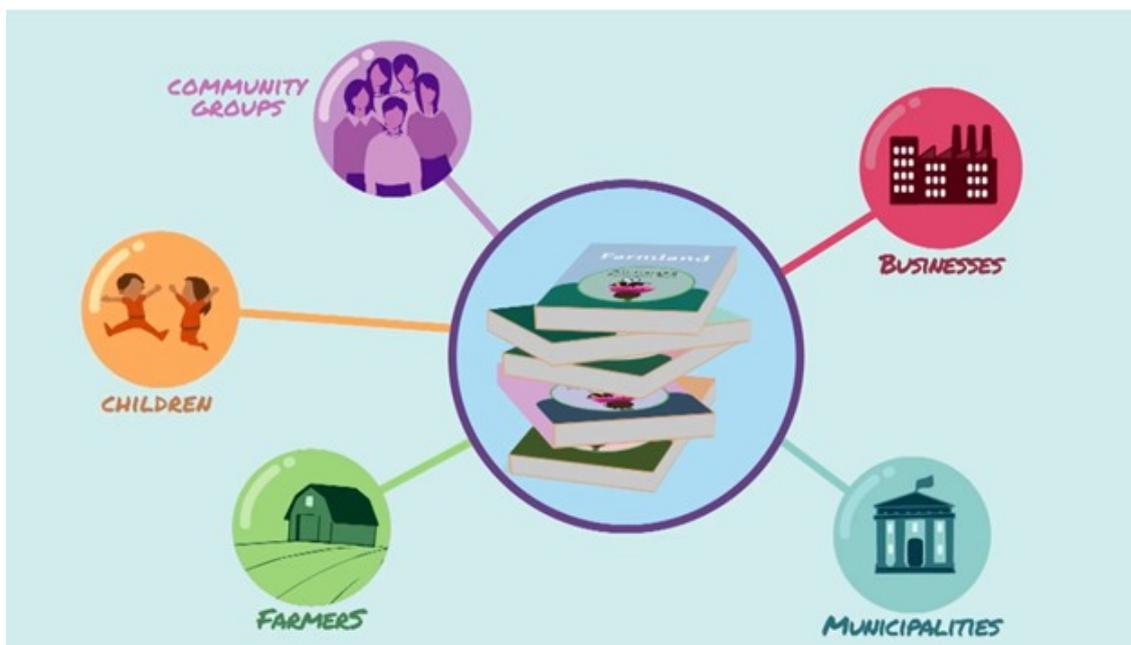


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PROGRESS advances evidence-based policies to protect biodiversity and connects ecosystem services to markets for a more sustainable and equitable economy, prosperity, and quality of life.



Watch the AIPP-All Ireland Pollinator Plan video - Horizontal integration of the ecosystem concerns into sectoral policies.

InterregPROGRESS Moving ahead in Ecosystem Service Governance analysis and good practices

Interreg PROGRESS is approaching its second anniversary and does so at cruising speed. This newsletter presents the second good practice video about

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The third seminar and handbook dedicated to Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) (see news below) saw light this past May. As a result of the three thematic cycles held (measurement of ES, ES governance and decision making, and PES) over a dozen good practices have already been produced by **PROGRESS**, thus contributing to the overall Interreg approach to strengthen their institutional capacities for a better implementation of their policies.

The next steps during the second half of 2021 complete the 4th and last analysis & identification of good practices under the theme “Improve **landscape governance** for economic and environmental sustainability”, with a final handbook and workshop as well. Other communication and education tools are under discussion.

Internally the project partners are starting to design their Action Plans, to be developed in the second half of the project, in 2022-23. We will tell you more about those in future newsletters.



Image: Community supported agriculture (CSA) as a means for payment for ecosystem services - Good Practice in **PROGRESS**. © [MyFarmHarta](#) (Hungary)

Workshop #3 - From Craiova to Europe: Payment for Ecosystem Services - Partner event with #GreenWeek2021

On May 25 the 3rd workshop of **PROGRESS** was held on-line, with a fully booked auditorium of **141 registrations**, and a very high attendance, over 100 participants in parts of the event.

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[Click here](#) to read a [detailed news piece](#) at our website, also with access to the workshop presentations, which are also compiled in [PROGRESS library](#).



PROGRESSing with Good Practices

As **PROGRESS** moves ahead the project contribution to the Interreg Europe good practice database is becoming more visible. With a standard format, good practices show the improvements that projects bring to policies, in an abstract format that facilitates the consultation. The [Interreg Good practice Database](#) is part of the Policy Learning Platform of Interreg Europe, that includes over 1300 references out of all projects developed so far at Interreg Europe, and can be filtered by different reference fields.

PROGRESS contributes now with [14 good practices](#) related to the three themes developed so far, and more will come in the next few months.

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	<p>National Ecosystem Services Mapping and... 04/02/2021</p> <p>Ecosystem protection requires a wide range of data. The Program supports the evaluation of natural assets in Hungary and provides data and methods for...</p> <p>Location: Közép-Magyarország, Hungary (Magyarország) Project: PROGRESS</p> 
	<p>Protecting of the English oak in the cross-borde... 03/02/2021</p> <p>A complex project monitoring groundwater levels and weather to protect indigenous species (English oak) in the Hungary-Croatia Crossborder Area.</p> <p>Location: Dél-Dunántúl, Hungary (Magyarország) Project: PROGRESS</p> 
	<p>Restoring Ecological Diversity of Forests with... 03/02/2021</p> <p>The RED FAITH project illustrates how airborne imaging technologies can lead to cost savings and a better monitoring system for forest management.</p> <p>Location: Dél-Dunántúl, Hungary (Magyarország) Project: PROGRESS</p> 
	<p>Dublin Mountains Makeover (DMM) 04/01/2021</p> <p>The DMM involves the implementation of a stakeholder-driven, multi-generational forest management model across nine forests (910 ha) at the edge...</p> <p>Location: Southern and Eastern, Ireland (Éire) Project: PROGRESS</p> 
	<p>National Ecosystem and Ecosystem Service... 04/01/2021</p> <p>The NEES Mapping Pilot demonstrates a mapping approach for ecosystem services at the national scale with datasets prioritised through stakeholder...</p> <p>Location: Southern and Eastern, Ireland (Éire) Project: PROGRESS</p> 
	<p>All-Ireland Pollinator Plan (AIPP) Framework 04/01/2021</p> <p>The AIPP and its framework provides targeted and actionable information resources for wide-ranging stakeholders to reverse declines in pollinating insects.</p> <p>Location: Southern and Eastern, Ireland (Éire) Project: PROGRESS</p> 

Ecosystem Services in the context of the Interreg Programme

Interreg is about networking and sharing experiences, learnings and successes across Europe. With this vision in mind we collected information on different **Interreg projects connected to Ecosystem Services**. From our own search and with help by some of the same projects identified we compiled, and have recently updated this news article **identifying and summarising up to 9** of these projects.

[Read the article and engage more with Interreg on Ecosystem Services!](#)

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*Do you know other Interreg projects we can add to our review? Do you have other networking suggestions for **PROGRESS**?*

Engage with **PROGRESS**, here is how!

The PROGRESS project continues its way the second semester of 2021, and we would like you to use all the opportunities to engage, participate, learn and apply good practices and other ideas from **PROGRESS**. So here are a few suggestions for you:

- Use the [good practices videos](#) (2 minutes long) as stories and examples to show in your meetings, to your peers on how your policy action can uptake ecosystem service criteria.
- Connect with us on social networks (see bottom) and mention us in your messages and ideas so we can network more closely.
- Suggest us other interesting good practices, tools and methodologies we can take into account, disseminate and perhaps invite to our workshops.
- Read in more detail the technical documents for our good practices: handbook, presentations, good practice abstracts.

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