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International Workshop: Legal Tools for Private Land Conservation

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14 and 15 June 2018 | Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland

This first workshop of the LIFE ELCN project will investigate how private land conservation works under existing EU and national legislation and how new instruments could be legally codified to foster the concept of private land conservation. The workshop will focus on two topics: "conservation easements" and "privately protected areas".

Conservation easements are widely used in North America and other parts of the world, but are hardly known in the EU. They represent a property law tool that landowners can use to protect their land by defining permissible land uses in perpetuity. Their wider-scale application will require a sound legal basis and proper financial instruments to incentivise landowners to use the tool for the protection of their land. Likewise, the protection category 'privately protected area' is codified in only a handful of EU member states (e.g. Portugal and Belgium). Moreover, public funding for the establishment, governance and management of privately protected areas has been largely lacking.

By bringing together leading experts and identifying reform needs for conservation, property, tax and charitable law; the workshop aims at critically investigating the potential and the risks of these and other legal tools for private land conservation in Europe.

We are looking forward to your participation and your contributions!

Dr. Tilmann Disselhoff, LIFE ELCN Project Coordinator

For further information, please visit our website elcn.eu or email our project staff at info@elcn.eu.

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Programme

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

20:00 Welcome dinner - Hotel Santa Claus

16:00 Plenary discussion: Conservation easements in the EU

17:00 End of day one

20:00 Boat tour on Kemijoki River, dinner and "Euro Cocktail" on Kotisaari Island

Thursday, 14 June 2018 - Conservation Easements

09:00 Welcome by hosts

09:30 Conservation easements – legal concept and possible applications
Dr. Tilmann Disselhoff, NABU/ELCN

10:00 The use of easements for conservation in the EU – results of the first international baseline study
Inga Racinska and Siim Vahtrus, SIA Biota

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Incentives and motives for using conservation easements - lessons from the USA
Laura Johnson, International Land Conservation Network

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Easements and Stewardship Agreements in Catalonia
Marta Subirà, Secretary for Environment Catalonia; Hernan Collado; Jofre Rodrigo, Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori

14:15 Obligations réelles environnementales in France
Julie Babin - Federation conservatoires d'espaces naturels

15:00 Using easements for forest conservation in Scandinavia and the Baltic States
Jari Pasanen, Lapin ELY-keskus

Friday, 15 June 2018 - Privately Protected Areas

09:00 Privately protected areas in the EU – an overview
Sue Stolton, IUCN PPA Specialist Group

10:00 Privately protected areas in Portugal
Pedro Prata, Associação Transumância e Natureza

10:30 Privately protected areas as a management category in Belgium
Niels Vanheuverbeke, Natuurpunt

11:00 Coffee break

11:00 Private land conservation in Croatia
Irina Zupan, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature

12:00 Plenary discussion: Privately protected areas in the EU

12:45 Concluding remarks – policy options for improving the legal basis of private land conservation in the EU

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Excursion to Kätkävaara Nature Trail

19:00 Return to Rovaniemi



Event location

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