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Environmental Policy Integration and multi-level GOVERNANCE

Co-ordinating and synthesising research on environmental policy integration and multi-level governance, 2006-2009

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EPIGOV is a research project on the modes of governance which are employed at global, EU, national and regional/local levels to support the integration of environmental concerns into other policy areas, for example, transport, agricultural, and energy policy. Running over three years, EPIGOV brings together nineteen research institutions from ten European countries.

Aims

EPIGOV aims to co-ordinate and synthesise existing research on environmental policy integration and multi-level governance and to generate new research questions and initiatives. To obtain feedback and disseminate results, EPIGOV will also involve policy-makers and non-state stakeholders.

Approach

EPIGOV addresses two sets of main research questions:

- Which modes of governance are used to improve environmental policy integration (EPI) at different levels of governance? Is it possible to identify dominant modes at particular levels? Which modes are particularly effective or promising?
- Which effects does the presence/interaction of the same/different modes of governance at different levels of governance have on EPI?

The project will focus primarily on the first question of identifying modes of governance which support EPI. Building on this, it will be possible to address interaction effects at a later stage in the project.

Conferences

Three thematic conferences form the backbone of EPIGOV and will be held over the duration of the project. The conferences will bring together all project partners as well as external academics, policy-makers and other stakeholders. Discussions will focus on the research papers presented at the conferences and on future research needs and initiatives. Each conference addresses two main themes:

- Brussels conference (15-16 February 2007): EPI and modes of governance; EPI at EU level;
- Milan conference (15-16 November 2007; please check date on the project website): EPI at local / regional levels; EPI at national level;
- Stockholm conference (12-13 June 2008; please check date on the project website): EPI at global level; EPI and multi-level governance.

In addition to the three thematic conferences, a final policy conference presenting the overall EPIGOV results to interested parties (academic community, policy-makers and other stakeholders) will be held in Brussels in late 2008.

Publications

In preparation of each conference partners will produce a literature review and a state-of-the-art report for each of the two main themes of the conference. While the literature reviews will provide a broad overview of the main research strands in the respective area, the state-of-the-art-reports will focus more narrowly on research that is particularly relevant for the two sets of main research questions mentioned above.

A common reference framework will ensure the necessary consistency of the various state-of-the-art reports. The research papers presented at the conference will also address issues raised in the common reference framework.

Besides research papers, literature reviews, and state-of-the-art reports, the EPIGOV consortium will produce a final synthesis report, including an analysis of future research needs, and a policy paper focussing on the most relevant conclusions for policy-makers and stakeholders. The consortium expects to publish selected contributions to the EPIGOV project as an edited volume.

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