

# ES theme meeting 31 May 2017, 10-14

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## **Participants:**

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## **Morning:**

-Cecilia Akselsson presented the strategic plan, as a basis for the discussions in the afternoon.

-Two newly financed post doc projects were presented, "Farm2 forest - Evaluating impacts of agricultural policy reform on biodiversity and ecosystem services in mixed farming-forestry landscape" (Yann Clough) and "The making of green infrastructure as a policy tool for biodiversity conservation" (Johan Ekroos).

-Jessica Coria had a presentation: "Are environmental subsidies large enough to promote the uptake of organic farming? An empirical analysis of the EU-15 agriculture".

-A newly started BECC action group was presented: A methodological road map to value changes in forest ecosystem services under alternative management scenarios was presented (Giuliana Zanchi/Mark Brady).

-Yann Clough presented upcoming courses, workshops and a new NV call.

-Wilhelm Dubber presented a planned seminar on ecosystem services in forests.

## **Afternoon (discussions):**

*The strategic plan draft – gaps and priorities*

-A comment on the strategic plan was that we should try to identify more concrete outcomes, so that we will be able to evaluate if we fulfill the listed strategies.

-Arctic environments are missing in the strategic plan and should be highlighted, after discussions with researchers in Gothenburg and Lund.

-Missing competences in research about ES in forests were discussed. We need to check our competence on certification. Law was mentioned as a missing competence in BECC. Moreover, we could improve on forest biodiversity.

-The importance of looking at landscapes as the overarching level, not always dividing between different land uses, was highlighted. This is in line with the new post doc project Farm2forest. It is important to involve decision makers, e.g. forest companies.

-Stakeholder involvement on an early stage was discussed. The aim is to get their perspectives and not miss things.

#### *Ecosystem services in undergraduate studies*

-There is a time lag between research and undergraduate studies. It takes time to get new things into courses. ES and stakeholder interactions are, according to the group's experiences, not well represented in undergraduate studies. We should try to cooperate to get it in! It is better represented in PhD studies, e.g. through ClimBEco.

-A suggestion was that we should try to involve more stakeholders in courses, both on undergraduate and PhD levels.

#### *Tools for internal communication (e.g. homepage)*

-The group agreed on that the ES theme should try to have a good homepage with good examples of projects related to Ecosystem services as well as interactions with stakeholders. The homepage should also include definitions (e.g. of what we mean by stakeholders).

-The group thought that a separate mailing list for the ES theme was not required, instead we should have a specific spot in the BECC news letter.