

TRANPAREA PROJECT: INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP

Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Warsaw (WNE UW) holds the interdisciplinary workshop within the framework of the TRANPAREA project. The project „*Value of Transboundary Nature Protected Areas Situated near the EU Outer Borders*” (TRANPAREA) is being implemented jointly by the WNE UW and the Institute of Transport Economics (TØI), Oslo, with the financial support from the Polish-Norwegian Research Programme/Norway Grants Core 2013 Programme. The project is to explore the economic aspects of the Transboundary Nature Protected Areas’ phenomenon and scrutinises upon the two cases of them, both lying near the EU outer borders – Białowieża/Bielawieskaja Pušča in between Poland and Belarus and Fulufjellet/Fulufjället in Scandinavia.

We are now busy with working out the survey design and the questionnaire which would allow us to run the discrete choice experiment aiming the assessment of people’s preferences towards the protection of the areas within the focus of the study and to conduct their economic valuation. As a baseline, we use the draft version of the survey instrument, which has originally emerged for purposes of the pilot study, conducted in Belarus and Poland in summer 2012. We tend to improve and adjust it to the needs of the main survey which will involve the representative samples of respondents in Poland/Belarus and Norway/Sweden in the comparative setting. Besides, we are thinking about conducting the in-depth survey of local population in Białowieża, Poland in order to explore the economics of the local conservation/forestry conflict.

In accordance with the project schedule we have got the opportunity to enrich the study in the interdisciplinary context with the involvement of experts from various natural and social disciplines. To make the survey sound and reliable in the interdisciplinary context – this is the main purpose of the workshop.

We suggest the following draft **workshop agenda**¹:

Day 1: 3rd December 2013

10:00 – Introductory word of the TRANPAREA project’s Principle Investigator – Prof. Tomasz Żylicz

10:15 – Presentation of the TRANPAREA Project – Sviataslau Valasiuk

10:30 – Stated Preferences Valuation of the Natural Goods – WOEE Record – Mikołaj Czajkowski

11:15 – Are the transboundary nature protected areas indeed the international public goods in accordance with the people’s preferences? General idea of the study – Sviataslau Valasiuk

¹ Some minor changes in the agenda are still possible. You will be informed about them accordingly.



11:45 – Coffee-break

12:00 – Specifics of the Scandinavian case, Fulufjellet/Fulufjället, principle findings of the twin event in Oslo – Marek Giergiczny

12:30 – Is it still feasible to maintain the comparative setting of the study despite the site specific problems? – the discussion lead by Prof. Per Angelstam

13:15 -- Draft survey questionnaire – the discussion item by item. Problems to be discussed *inter alia*:

- The remnants of the humid forest habitats with the relatively more fertile soils, those not yet covered with the strict protection regime and possibly disturbed during the XX century... Are they the proper case of the public good to be specified in the survey? Is it feasible to localise 10,000ha of such habitat (more or less homogenous in its natural features) on the each side of the border?
- Under what criterion the plots of the forest should be picked in order to be covered by the conservation programme within the experimental framework: the most valuable habitats vs. the possibly bigger intact contiguous 'islands'?
- Is passive (strict) protection of the climax forest ecosystems of the Białowieża forest the ecologically optimal way of their conservation or it should somehow be combined with the active conservation measures?
- What are the anticipated time horizons of the forest's recovery to the quasi-intact state on condition of all the human activities' suspension?

14:00 – Lunch in the “Pod Samsonem” Restaurant in the Nowe Miasto (ul.Freta, 3/5, 7 minutes walk from the WNE UW building)

15:00 – The discussion continued

16:15 – Coffee-break

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17:00 – Brief summary of the day – Marek Giergiczny

19:00 – Dinner in the “Qchnia Artystyczna” Restaurant in the Royal Łazienki Park (ul.Jazdów 2, buses 116, 180, 503 from Plac Krasińskich, bus 159 from the Premiere Hotel)

Day 2: 4th December 2013

11:00 – The local conflict in Białowieża: conservation vs. forestry. – Per Angelstam

11:30 -- Białowieża local case study within TRANSPAREA (the idea) – Marek Giergiczny



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12:00 -- Discussion moderated by Sviataslau Valasiuk

- Is the survey scenario reliable and understandable enough for the statistical Poles/Belarusians? How to improve its reliability and perception?
- Would the respondents protest against the proposition 'to pay for the neighbour'? How to mitigate this effect if so?
- Is it feasible to assume that the possible difference in the willingness-to-pay for the domestic and transboundary segments of the common public good are explainable with the 'country factor' exclusively or there are some other factors to interfere? If so, how to isolate and control them in the survey?

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Day 3: 5th December 2013 is reserved for the further consultations and work in small groups where necessary

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11.	Adam Wajrak	PL	Confirmed	Mass-media	<i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i> correspondent in Białowieża

Venue: Faculty of the Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw, ul.Długa 44/50, Oskar Lange’s Memorial Auditorium (the Fourth floor, room 408).

Working language of the meeting will be English with the possibility of some minor translation into Polish/Russian where necessary.

Please, confirm your participation by sending the e-mail in reply by the 25th November 2013.

For more information please feel free to ask you questions via e-mail svalasiuk@wne.uw.edu.pl and/or by phone +48 782 420 428.

We are looking forward to your participation. Thank you in advance!