



Module Purpose and Aim

Lake Balaton: Engaging Stakeholders in Managing Common Pool Resources

The Balaton module is about common pool resources and stakeholder engagement. Our very survival depends on our ability to manage natural resources in a sustainable way, and engaging stakeholders in the process and creating buy-in and ownership will be essential to building sustainable futures.

The main aims of the module are to give you an opportunity to:

- Explore and uncover the wide range of regional, national and global issues and factors affecting common pool resource management in the Balaton region
- Apply the skills and knowledge that you learned in London and Geneva in ways that will benefit and make a difference to local people

Training approach

For this module we have set challenges for the group and for ourselves by designing a programme that seeks to link common pool resource management and stakeholder engagement in a dramatic and dynamic way in order to maximize opportunities for learning from doing. Your task challenge is to apply the leadership skills and knowledge that you gained from London and Geneva by participating in a 'mini-consultation' challenge that involves engaging with a range of stakeholders around common pool resource issues in the Lake Balaton area. This is not a training exercise or simulation: it is a real project involving real people. There is an expectation that each team will produce information and recommendations that will be of real value to the local people. LEAD International's challenge is to make sure that everything goes to plan and to maximize your learning opportunities by creating the best possible learning environment.

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Module Objectives

- To increase Associates' capability to identify the diverse range of issues affecting common pool resource management, on a regional scale, while understanding the influence of national and global factors, using Lake Balaton as a case study.
- To build LEAD Associates' knowledge and understanding of sustainable development and the complexity of natural resource management and to explore possible challenges and opportunities, such as, the use of Integrated Water Resource Management as a tool.
- To enhance Associates' skills required to engage in a multi-stakeholder process
- To provide LEAD Associates with opportunities to apply their newly gained skills and knowledge in 'visioning' and 'scenario building' in addressing pressing local issues of common pool resource management related to tourism and adaptation to climate change.
- To enhance Associates' individual communication styles with some tools and techniques for effective presentations.
- To provide an opportunity for LEAD Associates' to improve their ability to work as a team and apply the learning acquired during the programme in a real world challenging situation.
- To further strengthen LEAD Associates' capabilities as system thinkers working for sustainable development.
- To deepen LEAD Associates' understanding of leadership and strengthen capabilities as leaders within their social and professional contexts.
- To provide an opportunity to network with a diverse group of Associates, experts, and scholars and strengthen links among them.

Desired outcome

As in all LEAD training events, the outcomes are expected to include the following:

- Increased understanding of diverse models of the theme, in this case common pool resource management and stakeholder engagement.
- A shared understanding of the significance of sustainable development and the complexities of the relationship between environment and economic development at local, national, regional and global levels.
- An identification of the cultural, historical and socio-economic related to common pool resource management, as well as the constraints and limits of the processes at play at the national and international level.
- A familiarity with institutional agendas at the national, regional and international levels in this domain.
- Enhance ability to demonstrate and apply systems thinking, leadership, and networking.
- Strengthened sense of belonging to a community of LEAD Associates and Fellows.