

## Bilateral Workshops for Supporting Tools for Ecosystem Services Governance (ForAWat Bilateral Workshops)

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**Partner organizations:** NMBU - Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Management

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The main aim of the initiative was to establish bilateral CZ-NOR expert partnership to support the exchange of knowledge and experience and to define specific bilateral project ideas in the common field of research for potential project collaboration in future. In the initiative joined 17 experts (13 from Czechia and 4 from Norway) from various institutions and field of knowledge. Academic sector represented experts from Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, experts from Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Economics in Prague, experts Nature Conversation Agency and Verdal municipality in Norway. During the lifetime of the project, areas for future project cooperation was defined which have resulted in project fiche commonly developed by all partners. This fiche is ready to be approved, if suitable project call will be open.

*„Thanks to the initiative a bilateral expert partnership focused on forest-agriculture-water nexus and ecosystem services governance was established. Within the realised bilateral workshops (both online and in-person) know-how and experience between scientists and practitioners (from public administration and NGOs) were shared as well as ideas for potential future project cooperation were discussed. The experts learned in detail how they work with the issue in the other country, and it turned out that many approaches are mutually inspiring. The participants from both countries confirmed, they want to collaborate in future, since they see great potential in developing topics such as the use of riparian forest buffers between agricultural land and watercourses to improve the water quality and reduce the negative impacts of conventional agriculture. Also the interdisciplinarity of involved experts is very important for solving challenges associated with implementation of nature based solutions in practice. Experts from all three involved institutions jointly designed a project fiche, which will be used as basis for further common project cooperation . (Jiří Louda, project manager , UJEP)*



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