



Call for abstracts

International Conference on

Policy Mixes in Environmental and Conservation Policies

25 – 27 February 2014 in Leipzig, Germany

In most countries, environmental and conservation policies build on strategies involving a wide range of policy instruments. Within these policy mixes, economic instruments are gaining increasing attention from policy-makers and analysts. This holds for policies designed to conserve and finance biodiversity and secure ecosystem services as much as for climate, energy and water-related policies. However, there are still many open questions regarding the combination of several instruments in a policy mix. What is the role of different instruments or instrument types in a policy mix? What frameworks and empirical methods for policy mix design and analysis are available? What is the role of economic instruments vis-à-vis regulatory and information-based approaches in environmental and conservation policies? How can the various instruments be assessed in their contribution to environmental objectives, cost-effectiveness, cross-financing, social and distributional impacts or institutional requirements, when assessing policy mixes rather than single instruments? How are the motivational effects of economic instruments conditioned by other policy instruments in the mix? What are the challenges of empirical analyses of policy-mixes as complex systems?

The conference brings together both researchers and practitioners to discuss novel approaches to instrument analysis and design in policy mixes, covering applications to a wide range of environmental and conservation policies. Parallel sessions will cover theoretical contributions as well as case studies from all relevant disciplines such as political science, economics, law, ecology and other social and natural sciences. We encourage integrative approaches bridging between science and society and combining knowledge from different disciplines for successful environmental and conservation policies.

Conference themes

- 1 **Frameworks for policy mix design and analysis:** such as Ostrom's Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework, portfolio approaches, Pannell's public-private benefits framework, functional role analysis of policy instruments, governance frameworks dealing with policy mixes or other innovative approaches
- 2 **Empirical methods for policy mix analysis:** including spatial analysis, before-after-control-impact analyses, matching techniques
- 3 **Criteria for design and evaluation of policy mixes or instruments in policy mixes:** such as sequencing policies; conflicting, synergistic, complementary instruments, ecological, economic, social or institutional criteria for assessing instruments in policy mixes; the role of economic valuation in policy mix analysis
- 4 **Instruments and their role in policy mixes:** such as regulatory and planning instruments, habitat or emissions trading, environmental taxes and charges, PES, ecological fiscal transfers, REDD+, certification
- 5 **Policy mixes for green infrastructure**
- 6 **Policy mixes for innovative conservation financing**
- 7 **Policy mixes for biodiversity conservation, habitat and species protection**
- 8 **Integrated conservation and management of forests and forest ecosystem services**
- 9 **Agriculture, agri-environmental schemes and ecosystem services**
- 10 **Water policies, watershed management and ecosystem services**
- 11 **Marine and fisheries policies and ecosystem services**
- 12 **Climate and energy policies and ecosystem services**
- 13 **Urban biodiversity and ecosystem services**



Further information, online abstract submission and registration will be provided on our webpage

policymix.nina.no/conference.aspx

Submission of abstracts and papers

Contributions to parallel sessions should relate to the conference themes and be submitted in the form of an abstract of up to 3,800 characters incl. blanks (i.e. about 500 words) and additionally an abstract “teaser” of max. 400 characters incl. blanks (i.e. about 50 words) for the programme to be distributed on-site by 18 October 2013 at <http://policymix.nina.no/conference.aspx>. We also encourage voluntary submission of papers (maximum 8,000 words, pdf-File, template for format available on our webpage) which may be uploaded from end of November 2013 onwards.

Important dates

Extended deadline for abstract submission	18 October 2013
Confirmation of acceptance	15 November 2013
Deadline for early bird registration	20 December 2013
Uploading conference papers	Voluntary, until the conference

Conference fees

<u>Early bird (payment until Dec. 20, 2013):</u>	<u>Payment after Dec. 20, 2013:</u>
regular: EUR 200	regular: EUR 250
(PhD) students: EUR 100	(PhD) students: EUR 125

(PhD) students have to send a copy of their recent students' ID to us.

The conference fees will include welcome reception, lunches, dinner/social event and coffee breaks.

Conference venue

» Leipziger KUBUS
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