

Role game

Identifying risks, discussing trade-offs and solutions

The problem that has emerged: massive deforestation in the Carpathian region of Ukraine, which affects various stakeholder groups.

The logging company Branch of State Enterprise “Forests of Ukraine”- “Chernivtsi Forestry” employs over 1,000 people. During its forestry activities involve unauthorized logging, which negatively affects the lives of local communities, their access to natural resources, and has a significant negative impact on the environment.

Negative environmental impacts:

- Loss of unique landscapes.
- Deterioration of water resources.
- Soil erosion and reduced biodiversity.

Local communities complain about climate changes and reduced access to resources.

The government is considering new environmental standards for logging.

6 Stakeholders Groups:

1. **Local communities and farmers:** Protect natural resources and ensure access.
2. **Branch of State Enterprise “Forests of Ukraine”- “Chernivtsi Forestry” :** Maintain logging volumes and profitability.
3. **Environmental organization “Green Carpathian Shield”:** Preserve forests and the environment.
4. **Workers' association of the company:** Protect jobs and social guarantees.
5. **Regional Forestry Management Office:** Establish rules for sustainable forestry.
6. **Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine:** Seek compromises for sustainable development.

Meeting Objective:

- Identify risks for all stakeholder groups;
- Align positions among all stakeholders;
- Develop a sustainable forestry strategy;
- Consider economic, social, and environmental factors.

Expected Outcome: An action plan with specific steps for risk reduction and plan to mitigate the negative impacts of deforestation.

Meeting Format:

- Moderator: Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine.
- Roundtable discussion format.

- Each party's presentation (up to 5 minutes).
- Discussion of strategies and compromises.
- Final stage: Develop a unified plan.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Consensus among stakeholders.
2. Identification of funding sources for forestry modernization.
3. Concrete proposals to reduce environmental impact:
 - Transition to selective logging.
 - Reforestation programs.
 - Control of soil erosion.
4. Preservation of jobs with improved working conditions.

- All stakeholders must collaborate!
- A compromise will solve the problem and ensure sustainable development.
- "Chernivtsi Forestry" should set an example of environmentally responsible business.

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- Let's minimize the risks and achieve a balance between ecology and economy together!

AGENDA

- 1. Background research by each stakeholder group (20 min)
- 2. Welcome by facilitator(s) (problem statement, objective of meeting, rules) and introduction of participants (5 min)
- 3. Short statement of each actor group (5 x 2 min each, including questions of understanding) on problem perception and preferred/suggested strategy for overcoming problem and use of available funding
- 4. Open discussion of suggested strategies (10 min)
- 5. Break (open for internal discussions and bilateral 'negotiations' (5 min)
- 6. Brief statement of each actor group on – perhaps – modified strategy suggestions
 - (5 x 2 min each)
- 7. Final round of open discussion (10 min)
- 8. Break (open for internal discussions and bilateral 'negotiations' (5 min)
- 9. Facilitator(s) make suggestion for compromise – voting (5 min)
- 10. Feedback on Role Game (10 min)