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Abstract Session 5.3 – Integration forums - the hot spot for meeting stakeholders to integrate forest science into natural hazard management.

The forest-science based solutions for natural hazard management proposed by applied research projects are expected to develop practical relevance. In order to achieve this ambitious goal of knowledge transfer, the innovative Research-Integration-Utilization (RIU) model is applied in the GreenRisk4Alps Project. Here, the integration of scientific information focus on (1) the bi-directional selection of scientific information by actors and (2) the selection of actors within integration forums. A review of literature and empirical evidence collected by the GreenRisk4Alps project in 2018-2020 show that only selected scientific information makes it into praxis and highlights that three different types of integration forums define the relevant actors who drive the integration into praxis.

This new integration forums concept provides answers to the questions of how a scientific project should address relevant actors and how they can be involved in the development of relevant solutions. According to the RIU model, relevance is achieved by offering participation to practitioners only within the integration phase. Therein, they are involved in bi-directional activities inside a specific integration forum. The integration forums could be understood as the missing link for targeted stakeholder involvement inside applied research projects. Based on that RIU model extension we recommend strengthening the practical relevance of projects by conducting a pre-analysis in order to identify already existing integration forums and to also trigger new integration forums.