



You are invited to the second one day workshop on 30th March 2009 as part of the East Midlands Development Agency (*emda*) funded study on Regional Bodies and Payment for Ecosystem Service

Workshop Aims and Objectives

The aim of this workshop is to share the interim findings of the research, including the potential benefits of PES for the East Midlands. The workshop will also identify some scenarios where PES could be applied and explore the institutional arrangements required for a PES.

The workshop will also give participants the opportunity to explore a hypothetical PES scenario, identifying the possible roles of institutions and the practicalities of delivering a PES.

A detailed agenda will be sent in advance of the workshop.

Context

It is now widely acknowledged that the natural environment provides a wide range of goods and services to people that underpin our health and prosperity. These 'ecosystem services' include the provision of clean water and air, flood regulation, opportunities for recreation and the ability to store carbon in the face of climate change.

These ecosystem services are, however, under pressure. As the recent report of the House of Commons Committee concluded, the UK is unlikely to meet its target of reversing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 which has important economic as well as environmental consequences.

As we look to the future we need to understand just what contribution the environment can make to prosperity. There may be a way in which a more integrated approach to biodiversity and wider environmental issues can be achieved and provide a framework in which new regulations and incentive measures to protect and enhance the environment might be set.

Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) maybe one opportunity to ensure ecosystem services are recognised, valued and preserved in the East Midlands

Workshop Details

Date:
Monday 30th March 2009

Time:
10.00 – 15.00

Venue:
East Midlands Development Agency
Apex Court,
City Link,
Nottingham,
NG2 4LA

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Please confirm your attendance and any special requirements in writing to PES.workshop@arup.com. Alternatively, or if you have any questions, please contact Anna Squires on 0121 213 3350.

Parking is limited at the East Midlands Development Agency, you would be required to book a car parking space in advance. There are many multi-storey car parks in Nottingham City however we would advocate the use of public transport wherever possible. Please see the emda website for detailed directions and a location map for emda www.emda.org.uk/contacts/nlocation.asp

