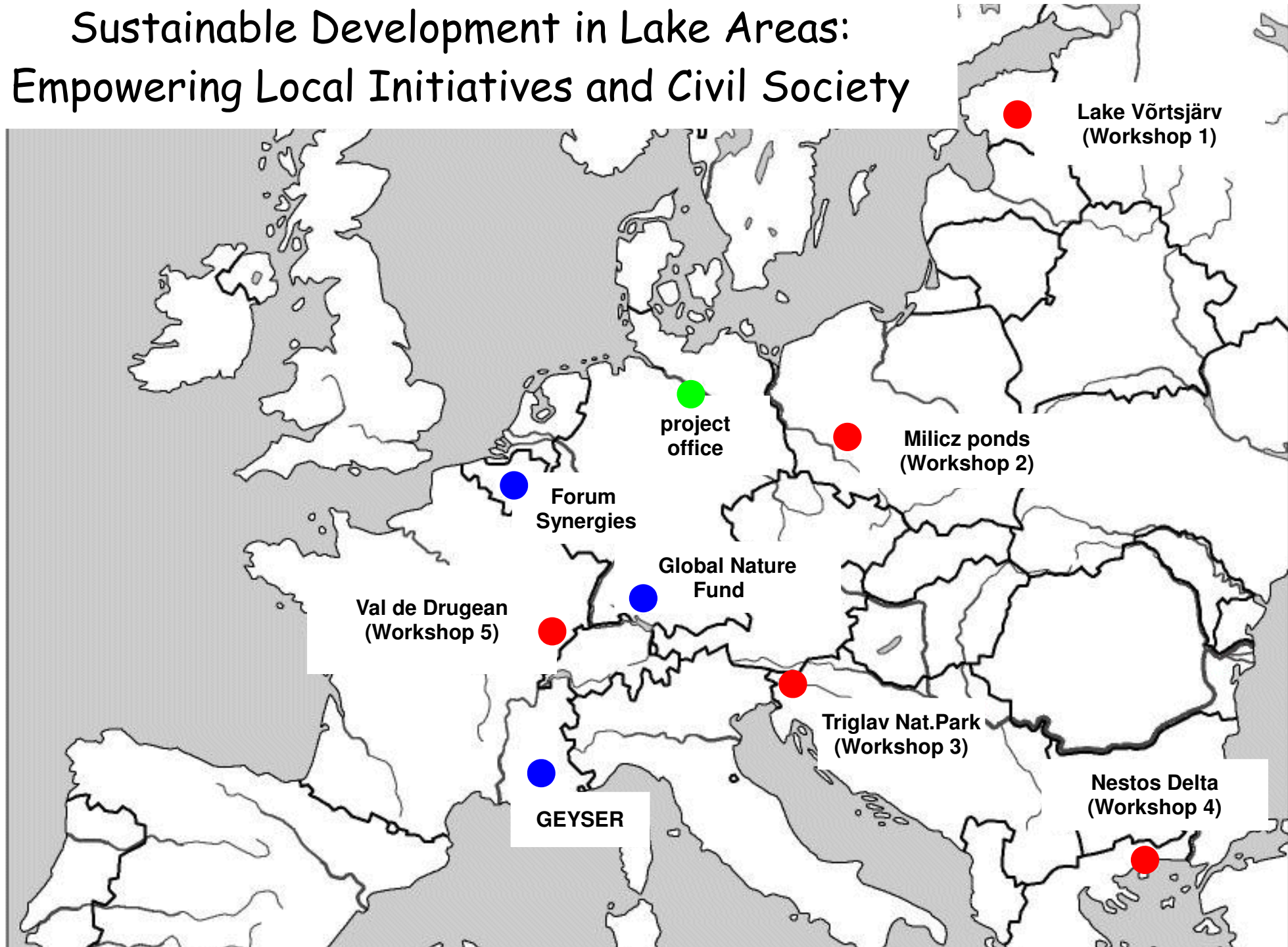


Sustainable Development in Lake Areas: Empowering Local Initiatives and Civil Society





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„Declaration of Keramoti“

Working Towards More Reliable NGO Participation in EU Conservation Policy

Communication to EU Decision Makers

We, the undersigned NGOs and conservation network members, met in 2009 / 2010 for a series of capacity building workshops about “Sustainable Development in Lake Areas”, organized by Forum Synergies and the Global Nature Fund. We exchanged experiences about civil society participation in the implementation of the EU Nature 2000 and Water Framework Directives, and concluded the following:

1. Experience in many case studies shows that

**NGOs play a crucial role in implementing EU conservation directives
by their initiative, expertise and communication skills.**

For example, this includes

- ☞ identifying conservation priorities
- ☞ awareness raising and environmental education
- ☞ management planning
- ☞ habitat management, monitoring and restoration
- ☞ initiating local projects of sustainable development

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