



14th LL-Conference national and multinational networks meeting

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Questions to discuss:

- What is the status quo in the networks?
- What advantages, chances, added values, do the networks have?
- What challenges and obstacles do the networks face?
- What are key factors for multinational networks
- How can we support the LL sub-networks?



What is the status quo in the networks?

- China: 5 lakes, loads of opportunities
- Canada: 10 lakes and 5 associates
- LLEP: 8 partners form a legal entity
- Germany: 12 lakes and 7 associates
- Italy: 10 lakes, currently seeking lead
- Spain: FGN provides network institution
- East-Africa: 10 lakes, currently seeking lead
- Latin America: 10 lakes, currently seeking lead

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Advantages, chances, added values

- share experiences and information
- find joint solutions for similar problems
- better standing for lobbying and fundraising
- shared agendas, competences and availabilities
- common projects
- Opportunities for funding (e.g. europewide)



Challenges and obstacles

- Money and human resources
- lack of experience how to do it
- funding for networking only
- lack of governmental support/governmental opposition
- efforts for more members are limited



Key factors to address the ugly money issue

- meetings
- be creative in funding
- Joint projects
- „products“ to sell
- leader



How to support LL sub-networks?

„Networks work as much as people want to network. If it's useful for coordinators and partners, it works.“

- provide advice
- assist in installing contacts
- give impulses to potential leaders



Thank you!