

International Conference Vienna October 2006

ALL ABOUT KARST & WATER

Decision Making in a Sensitive Environment



First Announcement & Call for Papers

The conference is hosted by the City of Vienna – Vienna Waterworks and supported by the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) within the INTERREG III B CADSES project KATER II (www.kater.at).



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Background

In many European countries karstic areas are important and acutely essential for public water supply. These areas are at the same time highly sensitive and valuable natural environments. Conversely, exploitation pressure on these areas is increasing. This mainly relates to such fields as tourism, settlements, transport infrastructure, forestry and pasture management. Due to the fact that competing land-use activities cause heterogeneously distributed consequences, unplanned disparities can appear.

Competing land-use activities pose challenges for water resource management. This task must be based on a sound knowledge of the environment and of land-use interaction processes. Geographical Information Systems and environmental models provide the technological basis for the development and use of Decision Support Systems for efficient and transparent water resource management.

These activities have to be implemented strictly within the conditions of the European Water Framework Directive and shall provide input for the practice of water management, a discussion basis for experts and the basis for information and participation of the broad public.

KATER II

KATER II is a project within the framework of the INTERREG IIIB CADSES programme and is supported by Means of the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF).

Principally, the project KATER II aims at safeguarding water supply and the required natural conditions of the catchment areas. The conflicts between often incompatible land-use activities by necessity lead to effects of high relevance for regional planning.

The project is related to many measures of the INTERREG IIIB CADSES programme and with the installation of a Decision Support System aims to manage the conflicts between land-use activities and the natural environment. This indicates strong linkages with complementary planning strategies, as shaping the rural development, protecting the natural heritage, protecting and developing the landscape, promoting risk management and disaster prevention as well as promoting integrated water management and the prevention of floods.

The results of KATER II project (and its predecessor KATER) will be shared, discussed and complemented with new views for these topics of worldwide importance in the setting of an international conference.

Conference ALL ABOUT KARST & WATER

takes place

from October 9th to 11th 2006

at

Vienna City Hall, Austria.

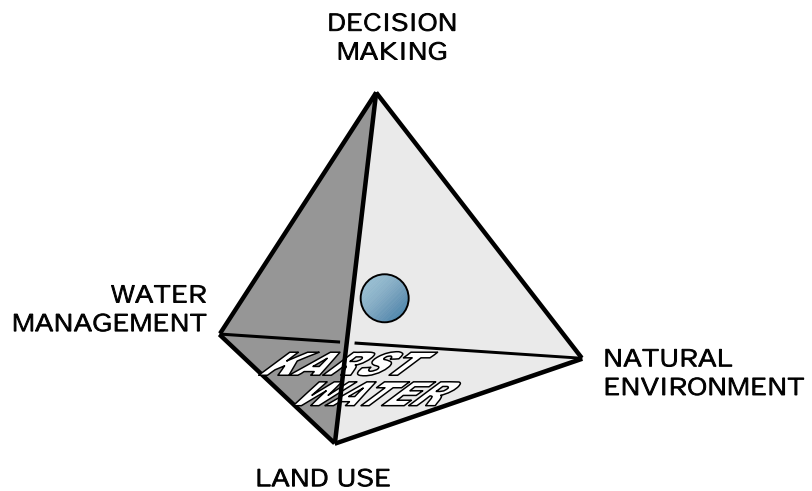
The conference provides:

- presentations of scientific papers
- presentations of applied projects and user experiences
- company and product presentations
- interdisciplinary discussions
- excursions

Conference language is English.



Objective

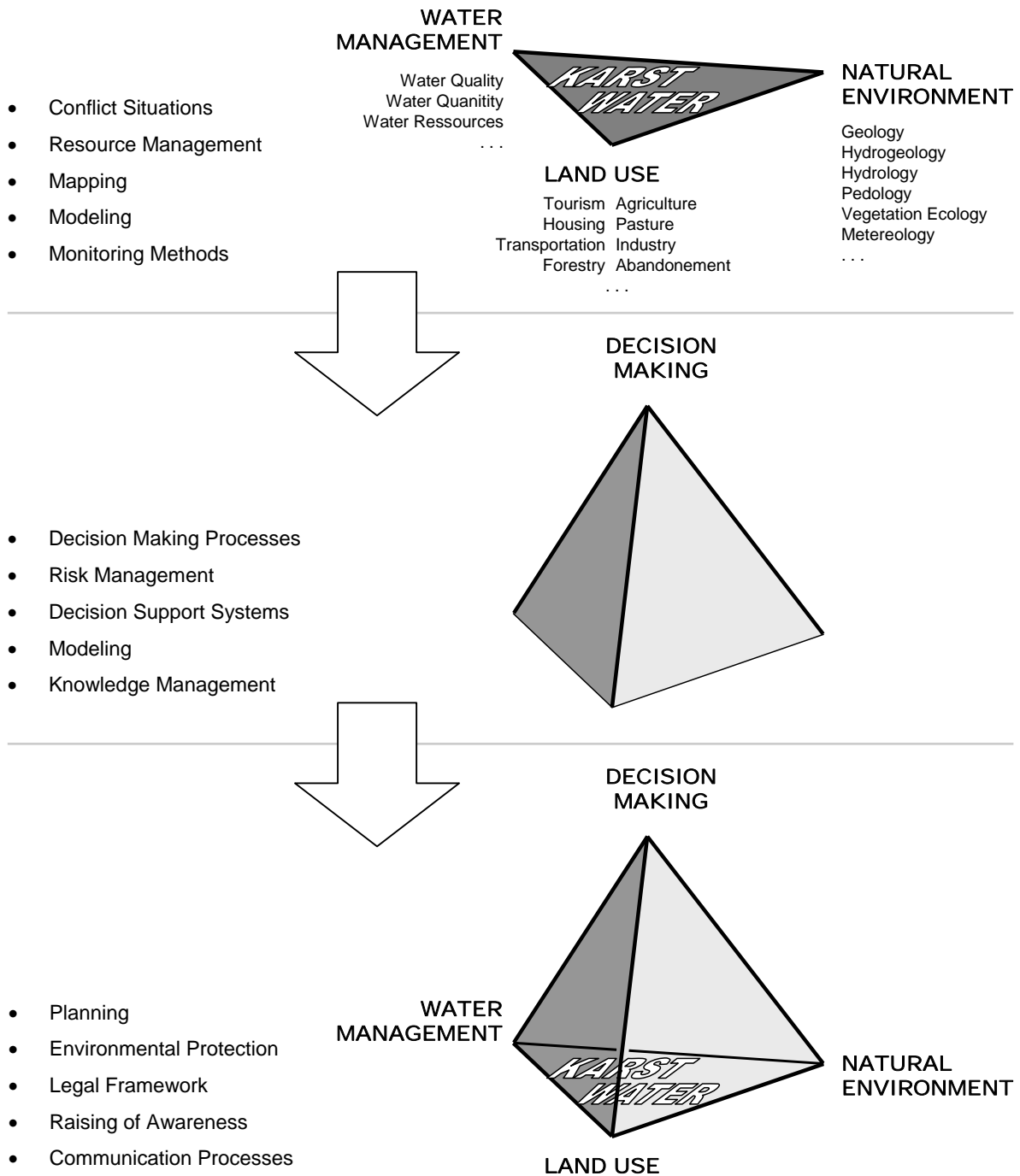


The intention of the conference is an interdisciplinary exchange of experiences as well as raising awareness regarding decision making in the conflict area of land use, natural environment and water management in karstic regions.



Topics

The conference is focussing on the main topics outlined here.



In order to ... hand in a Paper for Presentation:

The Call for Papers is open until January 15th 2006.

There are three categories of presentations:

- Scientific papers
- Applied projects and user experiences
- Poster presentations

Please send your abstracts of about 800 words (200 for posters) in English language until January 15th 2006 to **papers@kater2006.at**.

All abstracts will pass through a reviewing process. The reviewing team comprises the members of the Scientific Committee.

... present your company:

There are different possibilities of presentations:

- Exhibition
- Product presentation
- Sponsoring

For further details please contact **office@kater2006.at**.

... attend the Conference:

Registration starts from February 2006 and will then be possible at **www.kater2006.at**.

To be permanently informed about the latest facts regarding the conference we would appreciate to set your name on the mailing list. Therefore please contact **office@kater2006.at**.

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