*Transdisciplinary Case Study of Southern Transylvania*

**FROM VISIONS TO REALIZATIONS –**

**Keeping the past alive while enabling the future**

**Email template to all participants prior course start**

Dear participants,

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the upcoming course in which we deal with a transdisciplinary case study on Transylvania in Romania.

In this course you will get first insights how to design and theoretically conduct transdisciplinary research projects. You have the chance to deepen and apply transdisciplinary concepts and methods within a transdisciplinary case study dealing with the sustainable land use in Southern Transylvania in Romania.

Based on the information provided in the case study, you as a researcher will be asked to develop a fictitious transdisciplinary project together with your research team.

As a preparation for the first course session on [date], please thoroughly read the Case Study itself (attached to this mail) and the following papers on transdisciplinary research:

* [**Lang et al. (2012): Transdisciplinary research in sustainability science: practice, principles, and challenges**](https://pimmartens.info/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Transscience.pdf)
* [**Bammer (2019):** What makes a researcher transdisciplinary? A framework to identify expertise](https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/oekom/gaia/2019/00000028/00000003/art00003?crawler=true&mimetype=application/pdf)

In the construction of a transdisciplinary project, you as a researcher have a crucial impact. Therefore, it is important to be aware of what you bring into the development of the transdisciplinary project concerning your character, interest, and competencies.

Before the seminar session, please reflect on skills that you have and topics you are interested in, e.g., things you learned from your formal and informal education, social competencies and perhaps some concepts and topics that you know and like. Your notes will serve as a basis for first reflection tasks and can be a guidance for the group organization.

We are looking forward to your contributions and to the Case Study work. A Link to the ZOOM-Meeting [weekday/time] will be sent to you prior the course start.

Many greetings!