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- **Independent interdisciplinary research group**, based in Vienna, Austria
- **Methodological approaches and activities** include inter- and trans-disciplinary research, science communication, knowledge transfer and multi-stakeholder dialogue.
- **Research focus:** Innovative approaches to social tensions and conflicts related to environmental and technological change.
- **In Civi.net Project:** Our role lies in analysing the role of CSOs in the development and implementation of community-based solutions for ES management.



# Future research and innovation needs

**To our understanding:** Innovative environmental research has to find, analyse, test, describe and disseminate new and innovative ways to deal with the environmental challenges we face today.

- **Innovative research has to look at:**
  - What are major environmental challenges?  
And how do they affect social change?
  - What are concerns and interests of major stakeholder groups?  
And what socio-environmental problems and conflicts are likely to arise?
  - How should suitable and effective governance models look like?
- **Innovative research must avoid:**
  - Isolated theoretical but also un-reflected practical approaches
  - Inflexible dogmatism
- Especially when it comes to social changes, innovative research can not succeed if it does not **involve concerned stakeholders on the ground.**

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## → Therefore, we identify the following research needs:

- Deepen the understanding of community-based environmental management solutions.
  - Enhance in particular the knowledge on the role of CSOs and the importance of CSO involvement in fostering sustainable environmental governance models and mitigating socio-environmental conflicts.
  - Better understand *social learning processes* in a context of environmental management.
- Encourage transdisciplinary research, as well as the use of innovative approaches in environmental research, such as “Action research”, experimental workshops, etc.
- Do more long-term analysis: Consider follow-ups!

# Thank you

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