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| Sustainability Governance Cluster | | |
| **CV in a nutshell** | | |
|  | **Summary**  **Education and work experience** | **Qualification**  **Programs and projects implemented** |
|  | General education  *(PhD, Diploma)* | * Diploma in Applied Geography – Landscape ecology – nature conservation (University of Münster/D 1983 – 1984) * PhD on “Landscape- and nature conservation in Georgia and USSR “ (1985 – 1988) * Research Assistance at Tbilisi State University (Georgia) , Universities of Münster and Bern |
|  | Additional education *(certificates relevant to cluster)* | * SDC Project Management and Evaluation * Participatory tools * UNECE training on energy efficiency in rural context |
|  | Work experience  *(years)* | * 9 years in international NGO – Energy department of Eco-Institute (Germany) on urban and rural energy strategies and energy efficiency * 20 years in development cooperation (at CDE), natural resource management, energy efficiency , participation and implementation of rural development projects in Transitions countries of Central Eastern Europe, including all CIS countries (=former Soviet Union) plus New Member States of the EU , in environment, climate change and green technologies as well |
|  | Additional specific work experience  *(number of projects)* | * 5 large and 20 other projects in development cooperation with GEF, SDC the Swiss Federal Department for foreign affairs (FDFA= EDA), other Swiss environment agencies and SECO, with other international organizations, bilateral donors and international and local CIS based NGOs * 3 projects on university education in Sustainable Development, environmental legislation, participatory implementation of rural development projects , e.g. under the EU-leader domain. |
|  | Work experience in the development context  *(number of projects)* | 1 Project in Kyrgyzstan (study on Energy efficiency with VOSTOKELEKTRO , 1 in Georgia with SECO/SDC and Swiss Agency for the environment (BAFU) 1 for Bulgaria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Slovakia and Poland a.o transition countries |
|  | Experience in capacity development, skills development and change management  *(number of projects)* | 5 projects in university education and research development, including trainings, participatory exercises on the ground, Autodidactic Learning for Sustainability |
|  | Experience in program and project evaluation  *(number of projects)* | 3 evaluations of multi stakeholder initiatives for biodiversity conservation and participatory management of protected areas in SDC programs for Bulgaria and Romania including programs focuses on energy efficiency and water management – water user associations, sustainable mountain agriculture and tourism |
|  | Recent domains of cooperation  *(On-going projects)* | Sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) and impact on migration of local residents  SMNR and conflict mediation: Focus on break-away regions in transition countries of the former Soviet Union  Field Study Courses in University Education – An action research approach for Early Stage Researchers (ESR)  Real World Labs: Didactics in Field Studies on SMNR |