

Delphi survey: 2nd round options

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Brief assessment of explorative phase results

Lot of information, but difficult to analyse ...

Experts opinions in form of ,feelings‘ rather than argued ,statements‘

Opinions often expressed in a general manner, lack of elements to analyse the problems

Wide scope of the subject, overlaps and contradictions between domains



Deep heterogeneity in the information

Translations problems: doubts on the meaning of some expressed opinions



Explorative phase contribution to WP6 objectives

WP6 objectives

Identify most important alpine problems

Improve understanding of these problems through their meaning in terms of challenges for future regional development

Explorative phase contribution to WP6 objectives

At the moment: producing lists of issues according to experts opinions as they have been expressed

But also: raise interest of experts to go further



To go further with the delphi survey

Which explorative phase results for the experts?

- First option: Lists of issues they can react on summarizing information from the expert group so that they can reformulate their opinion on these issues and assess their importance
- Second option: Take more leeway and propose an interpretation of issues identified through the experts opinions
formulation of ‚statements‘ in terms of causes and consequences of the issues in terms of alpine development sustainability



First option: advantages and drawbacks

More or less last July proposal: jump over delphi analytical phase, engage the assessment phase

Expected results: rough assessment of the importance of some alpine issues that have been identified in the explorative phase

No real analysis, risk of heterogeneity in the answers

Further work required to interpret the results
e.g.: which issues influence other issues?



Second option: advantages and drawbacks

In some aspects, deviation from delphi surveys rules, in other aspects, more coherent

Questionnaire based on interpretations, not directly on experts opinions

More strict logic: analytic phase following explorative phase

New questionnaire to build!

Wide scope of the subject: identify different issue areas and key issues referred to

Formulate ,theses' or ,statements' for issue areas, e.g. on causes and consequences of key issues

Decide which information is expected from the experts: e.g. reasons to approve or to reject the theses



Second option: organisation aspects

Issue areas to distinguish

May refer to 'sectors' (e.g. agriculture, tourism, transport, even population and society), or be more 'integrative' (e.g. natural resources, governance, regional development policies)

Begin with sectoral issues areas, then, with the help of answers to sectoral issues, deal with more integrative issue areas?

Formulation of 'statements' or 'theses'

Work in sub-teams

Pre-tests and update of time table!