Field of tension in R4D projects

Policy or practices, how to reach diverging goals with limited time, competencies and funding?

influence policy making

have an impact on management practices

need to address power dynamics

importance of decision-making arenas

inclusion of stakeholders' perceptions

need for feedbacks loops characterization between ecosystem and human systems

space needed for knowledge exchange

Research for development

projects dealing with complex socio-ecological systems

1. The conditions for achieving policy influence and for getting impacts on management practices through research for development in socio-ecological systems are different.

2. Providing all conditions for both goals is a challenge in terms of managing time, competencies, and funding.

3. Funding agencies and research teams need clear strategies for navigating this challenge jointly.

This infographic is the result of a semantic analysis of the published material from six projects in the "Ecosystems Module" (Telecoupled Landscapes, OPAL, AlaReLa, FTViet, Woody Weeds and ProBE). We conducted a "Quantitative Qualitative Analysis" (QCA) to understand how the projects have applied, adopted and/or internalised the complexity theory throughout their development.

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