

# Upper Rhine Cluster for Sustainability Research

## Researchers Profile

### Name, Position & Affiliation

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*Forestry & Rural Development*

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### Expertise in relation to the topics of the Upper Rhine Cluster for Sustainability Research

*Effective use of natural resources for local development; Understand and assess actor-specific land-use decisions; Design conditions & measures to stimulate endogenous development; Transdisciplinary research*

*Pokorny, B. and De Jong, W. 2015. Smallholders and forest landscape transitions: Locally devised development strategies of the tropical Americas. International Forestry Review 17(S1), 1-19*

*Pokorny, B., Scholz, I. and de Jong, W. 2013. REDD+ for the poor or the poor for REDD+? About the limitations of environmental policies in the Amazon and the potential of achieving environmental goals through pro-poor policies. Ecology and Society 18(2): 3. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5751/ES-05458-180203>*

*Pokorny B., de Jong, W., Godar, J., Pacheco, P. and Johnson, J. 2013. From large to small: reorienting development policies in response to climate change, food security and poverty. Forest Policy and Economics 36, 52–59*

### Special Interests in the topics of the Upper Rhine Cluster for Sustainability Research

*The Upper Rhine Cluster stands for an increasing number of sustainability initiatives driven by sub-national actors thought as an innovative complement to multi-national efforts. Many of these initiatives have a limited geographical and sectoral focus and tend to ignore possible indirect effects within and outside the regional focus. To understand the societal effects of the Cluster as well as the various sustainability initiatives at the local and global scale would help in the designing of actions to internalize, scale up and multiply successful initiatives.*

### What you are searching for regarding the cooperation within the Upper Rhine Cluster for Sustainability Research

*An institutional and operational framework that allows an integrative assessment of sustainability initiatives and their societal effects, as well as interested and competent partners. Within the Cluster, it is planned to develop a proposal for an international project about sub-national sustainability initiatives to be presented to Horizon 2020.*