



Participatory Theory Building: a citizen-science approach for "grounding" the MOVING conceptual and analytical framework

Inspired by the citizen-science approach, the Participatory Theory Building (PTB) aims at improving the Conceptual and Analytical Framework (CAF) by refining its concepts and grounding them into practice. The PTB advances the CAF so to make it able to describe and interpret the diversity of mountain VCs and assess their contribution to the sustainability and resilience of mountain areas and population. For this co-learning process, two workshops were organised, involving MOVING partners to collect inputs to: i) define the CAF's boundaries, and b) clarify some essential concepts. The feedbacks collected were used to refine the concepts and ground the CAF in the stakeholders' empirical knowledge while strengthening the learning process within the consortium.

The most relevant outcomes of the first two PTB exercises pertain the concepts of resilience and sustainability (the CAF must look for analytical procedures combining the systemic approach with the analysis of potential trade-off between them); conducive policy environment (the CAF must consider both the regulatory as well as the implementation of policies); and VCs' specificities. In this regard, the current categorization of 'local' or 'global' is based on i) the amount of value distributed to local actors, and ii) the specificity of local resources used – conceived as territorial capital - and actors in the value chains which depend on the degree of control actors can have on the resource, processes, and governance of the value chain.

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Deliverable: [D2.1](#) Conceptual and analytical framework (draft)

[Blog article](#): Linking the Value Chain to Socio-Ecological Systems approaches

[Video](#): Understanding MOVING Conceptual and Analytical Framework (CAF)

