

**Pre-meeting Comments on Ongoing Research Projects**  
**except for those subject to Mid-term or Final Evaluation**

Project Year	FR1	
Project Title	Satoyama Reconnections: Engaging Communities in Resilient, Nature- and Climate-positive Land Use Futures	
Abbreviated Title	SATOCONN	
Project Leader	Janet Dwyer	
Project Period	4 years Full Research	
Affiliated Program	Combining Knowledge for a Fundamental Innovation of Land Use Program, SHOBAYASHI PD	

**General advice and comments of the EREC**

The project takes an inherently Asian and Japanese concept to global discourse. The application of Satoyama to European context is an important contribution to research and action.

Three living labs are on-going, with intensive attention to process management. The fact that the communities wanted to start on the living labs even in the first year is a positive sign and builds on existing initiatives and relationships that the project teams have developed over the years.

The project is shaping and sharing the concept of Satoyama, using indigenous knowledge for functional landscape management in areas between mountain and flatland. The agrarian diagnosis approach has been implemented across all case studies, revealing the strength and potential of the methodology and providing a flexible comparative framework across the cases. The project also has strategic thoughts in linking local to global, using cross regional cases based on the plans to synthesize across cases.