

## CV

Alumni

### **Dr. Rainer Müssner**

Senior Fellow

Since July 2007 Rainer Müssner has worked at the Project Management Agency (PT) of the German Aerospace Centre (DLR). He works in the unit for Environmental Research and Technology and is responsible for European Biodiversity and Climate Change research. In this capacity, he gives advice to German scientists intending to participate in EU programmes.

Rainer Müssner was a Senior Fellow at Ecologic Institute from 2005-2007. The main emphasis of his work was on the environmental effects of the EU Common Agricultural Policy and its subsequent regulations as well as biodiversity and nature conservation strategies and instruments. During his 2 years at Ecologic Institute, Rainer Müssner conducted a number of policy-relevant research projects, e.g. on market based incentives for biodiversity conservation, cost and competitive effects of cross-compliance, innovation in rural development, implementation of Art.12 of the Habitat Directive and EU funding for environmental projects and programmes to name just a few.

Before joining Ecologic Institute, Rainer Müssner worked as deputy co-ordinator for the EU Biodiversity research strategies thematic network "Bioplattform" with partners from 28 countries. Based at the Centre for Marine and Environmental Research (CIMAR) in Porto / Portugal, he was responsible for supporting the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS), a science policy interface that strategically reviews and helps to structure the European Research Area (ERA) in the field of Biodiversity. Amongst other duties Rainer Müssner was responsible for advising several Member States and Accession Countries on how to establish National Biodiversity Platforms. A cornerstone of his scientific work is the integration of nature conservation objectives in land use and spatial planning regulations as part of the Cardiff process. A particular focus is the establishment of science-policy interfaces in the environmental sector.

Between 1997 and 2002 he conducted interdisciplinary research projects on the integration of nature conservation objectives in a revised definition of the Codes of Good Farming Practice (2000-2002) and on methodological and procedural standards for landscape planning in Germany (1997-2000).

Rainer Müssner has an interdisciplinary education with an MSc in Physical Geography and a PhD in Conservation Biology. The theme of his final dissertation was "Integrative Nature Conservation Strategies in European Cultural Landscapes".

He works in English and German and has good knowledge of French. He enjoys working in an international and interdisciplinary working environment.

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