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Expectations regarding the workshop: I am looking forward to learn a lot about new challenges facing protected areas in other European countries and to the stimulating discussions among the participants. I hope that we will be able to find some common themes in our work, see our individual projects in a wider perspective and come up with new research ideas. It should be a nice networking opportunity and hopefully a chance to prepare joint publications.