Abstract

This article portrays the working programme of the division “Participation and Sustainable Development” at the Institute for Environmental Communication and Sustainability. Firstly we sketch briefly the starting points of our research activities, teaching and transfer. Thereby we take up recent analyses, which have illustrated that social change and global (environmental) transformations have increasingly lead to a vivid discussion on participation and cooperation as social mechanisms of (self-)organization with regard to sustainable development. Subsequently we present our working programme for the next years. We explain our activities in the realms of research, teaching and transfer and look at the challenges and targets we intend to tackle in the near future.