Programming of the EU funds to achieve the biodiversity targets

Europarc seminar on protected areas

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Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy

- Protect Nature
- Enable Transformative Change
- Restore Nature
- EU For An Ambitious Global Agenda

20 billion EUR/year
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<td>Next Generation EU 2021-2023</td>
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Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

New mechanism:
• CAP strategic plans (both pillars)

Two pillars, two funds:
☐ EAGF:
• Eco-schemes
• No back-sliding

☐ EAFRD:
• 30% for environment
Budget: 5.45 billion EUR;
Environment (3.5bn/5.32 bn - 73,2%):  
- Nature & Biodiversity (44,9%)  
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life  
Climate Action  
- Climate Adaptation and Mitigation  
- Clean Energy Transition

Max co-financing rates up to 60% and up to 75% in the case of projects funded under the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity

Types of project  
- Traditional  
- Integrated – including strategic nature projects (SNPs) to implement PAFs  
- Technical assistance
Regional and cohesion funds

Specific thematic objective:

- 2b(vii) "enhancing nature protection, biodiversity and green infrastructure, in particular in the urban environment, and reducing pollution".
- minimum 30% to PO2 ("greener, low carbon Europe")
- improved tracking methodology
4 main objectives, including 3 for env:

- Healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- Promoting blue economy
- International governance, safety and security

• Budget: 6.14 billion EUR + 500 milion from Next Generation EU

• Art. 22 – the EMFF may support actions for the protection and restoration of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, including in inland waters:
  - the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 areas in accordance with the PAFs;
  - the protection of species pursuant to the Birds and Habitats Directives.

• Art. 23 – support for sustainable aquaculture
• Art. 26 – Community-led Local Development
• Art. 27 – support for collection of data/monitoring
no specific biodiversity or nature objective; but biodiversity and natural capital related research can be funded under the „Food and Natural Resources” cluster

- specific multiannual programme to set out objectives and rules for the implementation;
- funding primarily delivered through calls for proposals;
THE InvestEU FUND
Mobilising public and private investment using guarantees from the EU budget.

- €10 billion investment initiative for natural capital and circular economy under InvestEU;
- investments in nature and ecosystems restoration by using public/private blended finance solutions;
- builds on Natural Capital Financing Facility experience.

Just Transition Fund
Bridge between MFF and InvestEU; landscape restoration incl. biodiversity
PAFs – planning tools to achieve the goals of nature legislation

Article 8 Habitats Directive

- First cycle 2014-2020;
- Second cycle 2021-2027;
- Priorities and measures for funding;
- Planning tools for EU funds (operational programmes, CAP strategic plans, LIFE integrated projects [SNAPs]).
Financial needs for Natura 2000 in 2021-2027

- EUR 10.2 billion per year
- EUR 7 bn (69%) - annual costs
- EUR 3.2 bn (31%) - one-off costs
- maintenance and restoration (EUR 5 bn, 49%)
- additional green infrastructure measures beyond Natura 2000 (EUR 2.5 bn, 25%)
- horizontal and administrative measures (EUR 2 bn, 19%)
- species specific measures (EUR 0.8 bn, 7%)
- costs average EUR 151 /ha (terrestrial)

Data: March 2021
Financial needs for Natura 2000 in 2021-2027

Financial needs

- Marine/coastal: 3%
- Heathlands and shrubs: 1%
- Bogs, mires, fens: 6%
- Grasslands: 7%
- Other agroecosystems: 2%
- Woodlands and forests: 14%
- Freshwater habitats: 29%
- Rocky habitats, dunes: 17%
- Others: 21%
State of play with PAF submission

- Officially received 56 PAFs from 25 MS:
  - 12 MS – final PAFs
  - 12 MS – draft PAFs
  - 1 MS – only part of the territory
  - 2 MS still to officially submit draft