



## Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

### *Workshop 7: the value of integrated management of protected areas for biodiversity*

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# EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy & the Natura 2000 Process

6 targets:

- 1: Fully implement the **Birds and Habitats Directive**
- 2: Maintain and restore **ecosystems and their services**
- 3: Increasing the contribution of **agriculture and forestry** to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity
- 4: Ensure the sustainable use of **fisheries** resources
- 5: Combat **Invasive Aliens Species**
- 6: Help avert **global biodiversity loss**

*Working in collaboration, the Process provides stakeholders with the means to strengthen common understanding of the role of the Natura 2000 network in achieving favourable conservation status.*



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## About the Process

- It is a practical framework for networking and knowledge building to strengthen implementation of Natura 2000
- Natura 2000 covers one fifth of the land territory and includes most areas of highest biodiversity value in the EU
- The management and restoration agenda for Natura 2000 is the single most practical measure towards achieving the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- The Process is central to achieving Target 1 of the Biodiversity Strategy & has an important contribution to make to other Targets (2, 3 & 5)
- There are opportunities for you and your colleagues to network, share experience and build knowledge!

*The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process involves a network of sites and is a network of people.*



## The Process so far ...

- Four biogeographical regions have held their initial seminars:
  - *Boreal, Finland, 2012; Atlantic, the Netherlands, 2012; Alpine, Austria, 2013; Mediterranean, Greece, 2014*
  - *The 'Kick off' Seminar for the Continental, Pannonian, Steppic & Black Sea Regions is in Luxembourg from 29 June to 1 July 2015*
- Each Seminar focuses on habitats (& species) identified for 'priority consideration':
  - *There is extensive consultation to gather management information & share experience*
  - *These can be presented in the form of case studies, 'Knowledge Market', Seminar Document*
  - *Note that other habitats and/ or species can also be discussed!*



## Key steps ...

There are mainly four steps involved in the Process to achieve specific outcomes ...

Steps	Outcomes
1 State where we are currently	Know what practical measures and actions are required to maintain or improve habitats' condition and status.
2 Agree priorities for progress	Common problems and issues defined and scope for cooperative actions identified.
3 Agree what we need to do	Collaborative actions for shared priorities, matched by commitments to act on the priorities so that work gets done.
4 Agree what, when, where & who (where possible)	Produce a timetable of follow-up actions (or a timetable to confirm the proposed actions).
<b>A C T</b> <i>Network &amp; Communicate: Share knowledge and best practice, publish results of networking events</i>	Through workshops, study visits, expert meetings etc. and by using the Natura 2000 Platform – e.g. share news about your projects, your experience, 'sign-up' your organisation/ yourself, provide a news article, promote available guidance etc.)



# The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – some key points

- Participants and contributors share practical management information & experience to build new know-how:
  - *Identify common priorities/ major issues where there is scope & value to collaborate*
  - *Decide together where cooperation can add value and have positive impacts*
- The Process is long-term & continuing – seminars are milestone events, designed to spark new networking and knowledge-building
- We know a lot about how to manage Natura 2000, but we need to know more!
  - *Pooling resources, including experience, will help others and also develop new know how;*
  - *Natura 2000 is a network and the Process opens new opportunities to manage sites collectively and ‘connectedly’.*
- Involvement is voluntary, but, participation can help you!



## Process, follow-up & 'linked' events

Region	Title	Date	Country
Boreal	Seminar about restoration of raised bogs, fens and other mire habitats	24 - 26 September, 2013	Estonia
Atlantic	Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives	2 - 4 December, 2013	UK
Mediterranean	Kick-off Seminar	26 May - 28 May, 2014	Greece
Continental	Visegrad Group nature conservation workshop	27 May, 2014	Hungary
Atlantic	Workshop and Symposium about Integrated Management of Coastal Dunes in Europe	17 - 19 June, 2014	France
Boreal	9th European Conference on Ecological Restoration	3 - 8 August, 2014	Finland
Alpine	River Revitalisation Workshop	2 - 5 September, 2014	Slovakia
Alpine/ Continental	Alpine Seminar follow-up Workshop, preparation for Continental	22-23 September, 2014	Hungary
Atlantic	EUROPARC Annual Conference: "Understanding the value of nature"	28 September - 1 October, 2014	Ireland
Mediterranean	The First European Congress on Land Stewardship - Territorial governance and policy integration for MED water dependent Natura 2000 sites: challenges and opportunities	6 November, 2014	Spain
Mediterranean	Natura 2000 in action! - Regional cooperation for implementing the Natura 2000 network	10-11 December, 2014	Spain
Continental	Continental Biogeographical Region Kick-off Seminar	29 June - 1 July 2015	Luxembourg



## Support to the networking process

***The contractor can support your networking ... together we can***

- Decide on the event's format (conference, workshop, expert meeting etc.)
- Develop programmes for events – e.g. help identify (and invite) speakers and participants
- Facilitate / moderate networking events
- Provide (some) financial support for networking events & participants' travel & accommodation costs
- Promote your event
- Share information – e.g. upload guidance documents on to the Natura 2000 Platform etc.





# Natura 2000 Platform

- [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index_en.htm)

The screenshot shows the Natura 2000 Platform website. At the top, there is the European Commission logo and the word "ENVIRONMENT". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, About us, Policies, Funding, Legal compliance, and News & outreach. A large banner image of a wetland landscape is displayed. To the right of the banner is the Natura 2000 logo. Below the banner is a search bar and a "Share" button. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links: Home, Knowledge exchange, Knowledge Base, Events calendar, Forum, News, and Contact & help desk. Below the menu is a search box and a section titled "UPCOMING EVENTS" with a list of events: "Eurosites Wilderness Workshop", "Follow up workshop on the Alpine process and preparing for the Continental/Danubian/Steppic and Black Sea process", and "Littoral 2014: Facing Present and Future Coast Challenges". The main content area is titled "Natura 2000 Platform" and contains a paragraph of introductory text, a link to "Read more...", and a section for the "Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process Newsletter" with a description and a link to "Subscribe to the newsletter". Below this is a "Latest news" section with several headlines: "Report and documents from Mediterranean Kick-off Seminar available", "2014 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants now launched!", "Eurosites and Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process", "Report of the Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives Workshop is now available", and "Public consultation on conservation status – EU biogeographical level (Art.17 Habitats Directive)". The footer contains a grid of links: Home, Events calendar, News, Forum, Knowledge exchange, Library, Networking events, Action & follow-up, Knowledge Base, Expert directory, Organizations directory, Links to other sources, Links to member states, Contact & Helpdesk, and E.A.Q. The footer also includes the text "Last update: 17/09/2014 17:39:47 | Top".



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