



"How does management in Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas support the EU Biodiversity Strategy?"

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- **The EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy**
- **How can the EU support the work of EUROPARC and its members?**
- **How can EUROPARC and its members contribute to the implementation of the biodiversity strategy?**
- **(Illustrated examples of Natura 2000, Green Infrastructure, ecosystem mapping and evaluation)**

Strategy

Structure of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy

2050 VISION

2020 headline target

halt biodiversity loss – restore ecosystem services – global contribution

SIX TARGETS

addressing main drivers of biodiversity loss and aiming to reduce key pressures

1
Enhance
implementation
of nature
legislation

2
Restore
ecosystems
establish Green
Infrastructure

3
Sustainable
agriculture
and
forestry

4
Sustainable
fisheries

5
Combat
Alien
Invasive
Species

6
Contribute to
averting global
biodiversity
loss

ACTIONS

specific, partly time-bound measures

Target 1: Nature Conservation

Objective: Marked improvement in conservation status of habitats and species covered by EU nature legislation by:

- doubling the number of positive habitat assessments
- achieving a 50% improvement in species assessments

Natura 2000 Viewer



2000 km

1000 mi

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Priorities on Target 1

- **Completion** of the Network
- Securing the long-term **management** of sites;
 - ✓ *New Biogeographic process*
 - ✓ *Setting conservation objectives for Natura 2000 sites;*
 - ✓ *Promoting good management practices;*
- Ensure adequate **financing** of Natura 2000 sites (MFF, CAP, EMF, Cohesion, LIFE, PAFs)
- Enhance **cooperation** with key sectors, guidance documents
- **Communicating** to wider public on Natura 2000
- Facilitating **enforcement and implementation** (link to 7 EAP), better application of Art 6 HD
- Improve and streamline **monitoring and reporting**
 - ✓ *New EU bird Article 12 reporting system*
 - ✓ *New Article 17 reporting ongoing*
 - ✓ *improved flow, accessibility and relevance of Natura 2000 data (new SDF adopted)*

Target 2: Ecosystem restoration & Green Infrastructure

Objective: Maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services within and beyond protected areas by:

- restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems (MAES, no net loss initiative, restoration)
- establishing 'Green Infrastructure' throughout the EU



Focus on Target 2, Action 6b: Developing a Strategy on Green Infrastructure

Publication of the EC Communication on Green Infrastructure 'GI – Enhancing Europe's Natural Capital' (06/05/2013).

It emphasizes the use of ecosystems for delivering benefits to people. Investing in Green Infrastructure (planning, maintaining, restoring degraded land, monitoring) is economically interesting and creates jobs, in rural and urban areas.

More information on

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ecosystems/index_en.htm



Target 5: Invasive Alien Species

Objective: Prevent, control, eradicate IAS and their pathways by:

- developing and implementing EU-level legislation on IAS- Commission proposal for a Regulation published on 9.9.2013, COM(2013) 620 final, see also <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/>
- including IAS aspects in other relevant legislation

How can EU support EUROPARC and its members?

- Provision of a stable legal framework
- Raise political profile
- Integration in other policies
- Funding (direct, indirect)
- Cooperation - Networking
- Guidance, studies, publications

Financing

- **Direct support** to European NGOs such as EUROPARC
- **Support for MS - Article 8 HD – PAFs**
- MFF legislation (LIFE, CAP-Rural Development, Cohesion-Regional Funds, Maritime and Fisheries Fund, etc...) negotiations close to be finalised
- **Handbook on Financing Natura 2000**, and toolkit for PAF-OP consistency evaluation close to be finalised, to be presented and discussed at financing Natura 2000 workshops in 27 MS
- Legal obligations support continuation of national funding

Recent and upcoming guidance docs

- Guidance on **Climate Change** and Natura 2000 & Guidance on **Wilderness** and Natura 2000 – completed and posted on the web
- **Art 6 guidance** doc update: discussion at management WG 23/10, approval at Hab Com spring 2014
- **Guidance on Natura 2000 and farmland**: approved at last Habitats Committee, will be finalised following final adoption of CAP reform
- **Guidance on Forestry and Natura 2000**: Second workshop held on 23 May 2013. First meetings of working group on 14 October and 17 December 2013. First draft outline of guidance document available
- **Guidance on Hydropower and Natura 2000**: Work starting
- **Guidance on Natura 2000 and energy transmission infrastructure**: Consultation with MS just finished
- **Study on permitting procedures** soon finalised



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Working together in Natura 2000

This communication platform supports Natura 2000 site managers, policymakers, civil society organizations and land managers in their efforts to achieve favourable conservation status of Europe's most precious habitats. It offers access to available management knowledge, relevant contacts, a forum for discussion, as well as relevant events, documents and news.

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Public Awareness

- **Natura 2000 Newsletter N° 34**
Natura 2000 in Croatia
Large Carnivores Initiative
Green Infrastructure
- **Economic Benefits of Natura 2000 factsheet** Building on the Synthesis Report
- **Facebook** page Nature in Europe



Natura 2000 Awards

Objectives:

- Raise awareness about Natura 2000 among the public
- Recognise excellence in the promotion of Natura 2000
- Recognise excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites
- Encourage networking between Natura 2000 stakeholders
- Provide role models to inspire and promote best practice

First call for applications: Dec 2013/Jan 2014

Awards: May/June 2014.

How can EUROPARC and its members contribute to the implementation of the EU biodiversity strategy?

- Implementation - manage the Natura 2000 sites, monitor, combat IAS, ...
- Educate/inform/raise awareness of people and sectoral categories on biodiversity issues, legislation and policy
- Lobby, dialogue, cooperation with national, regional, local authorities to improve implementation of nature protection policy (e.g. financing frameworks, management plans for N2000 sites)
- Feedback/Information/Suggestions to Commission on various issues
- Show that it works (e.g. as site managers)
- Engage in biogeographic process – communication platform, Natura 2000 award scheme, facebook page

Thank You !

more info on:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index_en.htm