



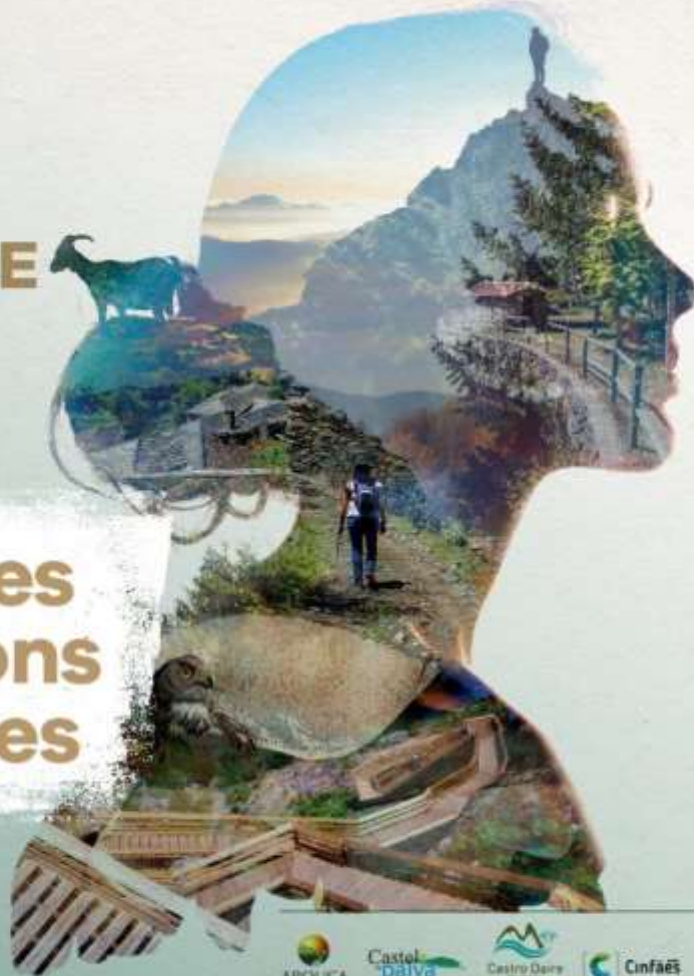
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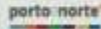
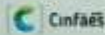
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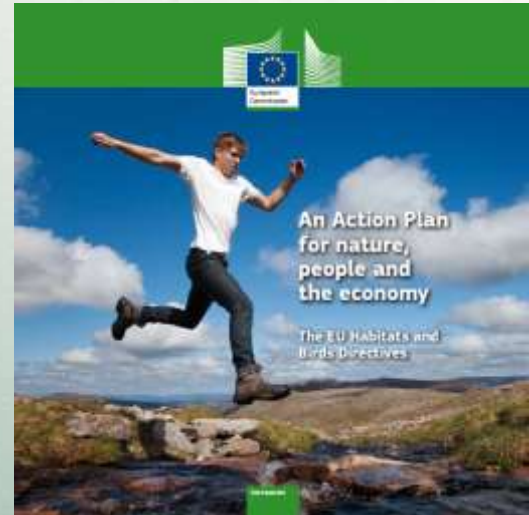
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The Laws of Nature. Managing Natura 2000 sites EU Action Plan for nature, people and the economy: how it helps PA managers, and vice versa?

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Objectives of the EU Nature Action Plan

- To realise the full potential of the Directives to achieve healthy ecosystems, whose services benefit of people, nature and the economy
- To boost their contribution towards reaching the EU's biodiversity targets for 2020
- To improve the Directives' coherence with broader socio-economic objectives



Approach of Action Plan

•4 priority areas of Action

- ❖ Improving guidance and knowledge and ensuring better coherence with broader socio-economic objectives
- ❖ Building political ownership and strengthening compliance
- ❖ Strengthening investment in Natura 2000 and improving synergies with EU funding instruments
- ❖ Better communication and outreach, engaging citizens, stakeholders and communities

•15 Actions & over 100 measures

•**Timeframe 2017-2019** (cannot pre-empt next MFF and ongoing debate on future of CAP)

•**Key Actors: MS, COM, CoR, EIB, EEA, Stakeholders**



Improve guidance & knowledge and ensure better coherence with broader socio-economic objectives

1. Update, develop and actively promote , in all EU languages, guidance on (a) site permitting procedures, species protection and management as well as sector-specific guidance (b) integrating ecosystem services into decision-making	COM/CoR/MS / stakeholders
2. Establish a support mechanism to help Member State authorities address key challenges in applying the permitting requirements of the Birds and Habitats Directives for Natura 2000 and species protection rules	COM / MS / stakeholders
3. Improve knowledge , including through enhanced and more efficient monitoring , and ensure public online access to data necessary for implementing the Directives (e.g. satellite imagery from the Copernicus programme)	COM / EEA / MS

Some actions particularly relevant for PA managers

- Share experience and good practice and help promote and disseminate guidance documents (site protection, species, sectoral, ecosystem services)
- If involved in 'permitting' consider supporting 'Peer to Peer' mechanism under Environmental Implementation Review for practical transfer of know-how
- Help fill knowledge gaps and improve quality and access to data on Natura 2000 and protected species (incl: citizen science initiatives)



Building political ownership and strengthening compliance

<p>4. Complete Natura 2000 network, especially gaps for marine & put in place necessary conservation measures for sites</p>	<p>MS/ stakeholders/ COM</p>
<p>5. Use Environmental Implementation Review for dedicated bilaterals with national & regional authorities to develop agreed roadmaps to improve implementation & consult with landowners & other stakeholders on challenges</p>	<p>COM/MS/ stakeholders</p>
<p>6. Bring together public authorities & stakeholders from different MS at biogeographical region level to address common challenges, including on cross-border issues</p>	<p>COM/CoR /MS/ stakeholders</p>
<p>7. Further develop Species & Habitats Action Plans for most threatened species/natural habitats & stakeholder platforms on coexistence with conflict species (e.g. large carnivores)</p>	<p>COM/MS / stakeholders</p>

Some issues particularly relevant for PA managers

- **Work on conservation objectives & necessary conservation measures for Natura 2000**
- **Co-operation & exchange of best practice at Biogeographical level**
- **Stakeholders Engagement in site management**
- **Identifying challenges for Environmental Implementation Review**
- **Support species & habitat Action Plans & stakeholder platforms – including for large carnivores**



Strengthening investment in Natura 2000 & improving synergies with EU funding instruments

<p>8. Strengthen investments in nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Update PAFs - improve Natura 2000 multiannual financial planning (b) Propose 10% nature/biodiversity increase within LIFE budget (c) Stimulate private sector investment in nature projects 	<p>COM/EIB/MS/stakeholders</p>
<p>9. Promote synergies with CAP, incl. Natura 2000 payments & agri-environment-climate measures, development of result-based schemes, Farming Advisory Services, innovation and knowledge transfer.</p>	<p>COM / MS / stakeholders</p>
<p>10. Increase awareness of cohesion policy funding opportunities and improve synergies</p>	<p>COM / MS / stakeholders</p>
<p>11. Improve synergies with the common fisheries policy & integrated maritime policy, including more effective use of financing opportunities</p>	<p>COM / MS / stakeholders</p>
<p>12. Provide guidance to support deployment of green infrastructure for better connectivity of Natura 2000 areas; support nature-based solutions projects through EU research and innovation policy and Horizon 2020 funds</p>	<p>COM / MS / stakeholders</p>

Some issues particularly relevant for PA managers

- **Make full use of increased LIFE fund & share results**
- **Promote use of EU sectoral funds – including result-based payment schemes under CAP**
- **Help improve estimates of Natura 2000 funding needs**
- **Input to update of Prioritised Action Frameworks & future funding – including private sector funding**
- **Contribute to work on Nature-Based solutions and support strategic deployment of Green Infrastructure**



Better communication & outreach, engaging citizens, stakeholders & communities

13. Support knowledge exchange & engagement of local & regional authorities through a joint platform with Committee of the Regions	CoR / COM
14. Support recognition of good management of Natura 2000 & awareness-raising of Nature Directives, availing of new technologies and outreach activities , and strengthen links between natural and cultural heritage (2018 European year of cultural heritage)	COM / CoR / MS stakeholders
15. Involve young people by giving them the opportunity to get involved in nature protection in Natura 2000 sites (European Solidarity Corps)	COM / MS / stakeholders

Some issues particularly relevant for PA managers

- Support recognition of good management (eg Natura 2000 Award and Day)
- Sharing information, expertise and good practice between site managers & online learning
- Strengthen link between nature & culture (2018 EUR year cultural heritage)
- Promote volunteerism/vocational training for youth and European Solidarity Corp
- Work with local and regional authorities for smart implementation of nature policy



Expenditure supported by visitors to Natura 2000 sites
≈ €50–85 billion/year (in 2006)





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