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Full name: LIFE e-Natura2000.edu: supporting e-learning & capacity building for Natura 2000 managers

Total budget: €845k
Project period: 1.4.2018 to 31.07.2021
Involves: 6 partners from 6 countries
Participants from across the EU in private & public land
Includes: 6 Implementation actions
5 Communication actions
5 Project management actions
23 Deliverable outputs

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Natura 2000 sites & PAs require **competent managers**

Natura 2000 & PA Management
... core functions

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Cooperation
- Inclusion
- Education
- Sustainable development
- Project development
- Project management

**Transferrable skills**

- Network administration
- Area based coordination function
- Management planning
  - Supervision
  - Coordination
  - Technical advise
  - Communication
  - Monitoring - Reporting
- Overlapping responsibilities
- Operational planning
  - Implementing measures
  - Site monitoring
  - Site monitoring & Reporting
  - Site protection
- Site level action
- Staff levels
  (as from the Global Register)

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Competent Nature Managers ... know how to build alliances for Natura 2000 management

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… know how to communicate & work inclusively

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Focusing on the individual

- Nature conservation professionals are each others’ primary resource
- Networks are established ‘communities of practice’

• Natura 2000 management is a process
• Participatory management needs to be learned & applied
• Capacity building needs continuity of investment, use of new tools and methods
Project experience so far

- **DEMAND** – 4 applicants for each project place:
  - How to develop, apply and work with participatory processes
  - How to communicate to include and involve diverse stakeholders in nature management
  - How to think & work synergistically whilst ensuring focus on nature’s needs

- **INVESTMENTS** – 5 hours content per week:
  - 35 hours of ‘virtual classroom’ time in 7 weeks
  - 14 external experts mobilised
  - 10 hours per week (on average) invested by participants

- **DIGITAL READINESS** – New technology, new skills:
  - Most participants use smartphone apps in personal & professional life
  - Facebook = 90% ... but:
    - 17% had never participated in a webinar
    - 54% never use Twitter
    - 26% have never used Linked-In

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LIFE e-Natura2000.edu - looking to the future …

- LIFEedu is meeting demand
- Digital platforms provide the means to scale-up capacity building
- Appropriate investments are necessary
- We need to be proactive, not reactive
- With the right competencies, nature managers can drive integration processes

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