



EU level PAF

Funding needs and opportunities for nature

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EU level PAF: why and when

- Staff Working Document (SWD);
- Update of data (previous SWD in 2011);
- Steer programming of EU funds;
- Help reach goal of 7,5-10% of funding for biodiversity from the current MFF;
- Communication/outreach;
- One of the commitments of the BS2030;
- Inter-service finished; planned adoption for Dec 2022.

EU level PAF: content

- Context (BS2030, MFF 2021-2027, Covid recovery);
- Estimates of funding in 2014-2020;
- Aggregated financial needs for 2021-2027 per:
 - type of measures;
 - ecosystem types;
 - EU funds;
 - Member States (annexes to the SWD with MS needs).
- Conclusions

Financial needs for Natura 2000 in 2021-2027



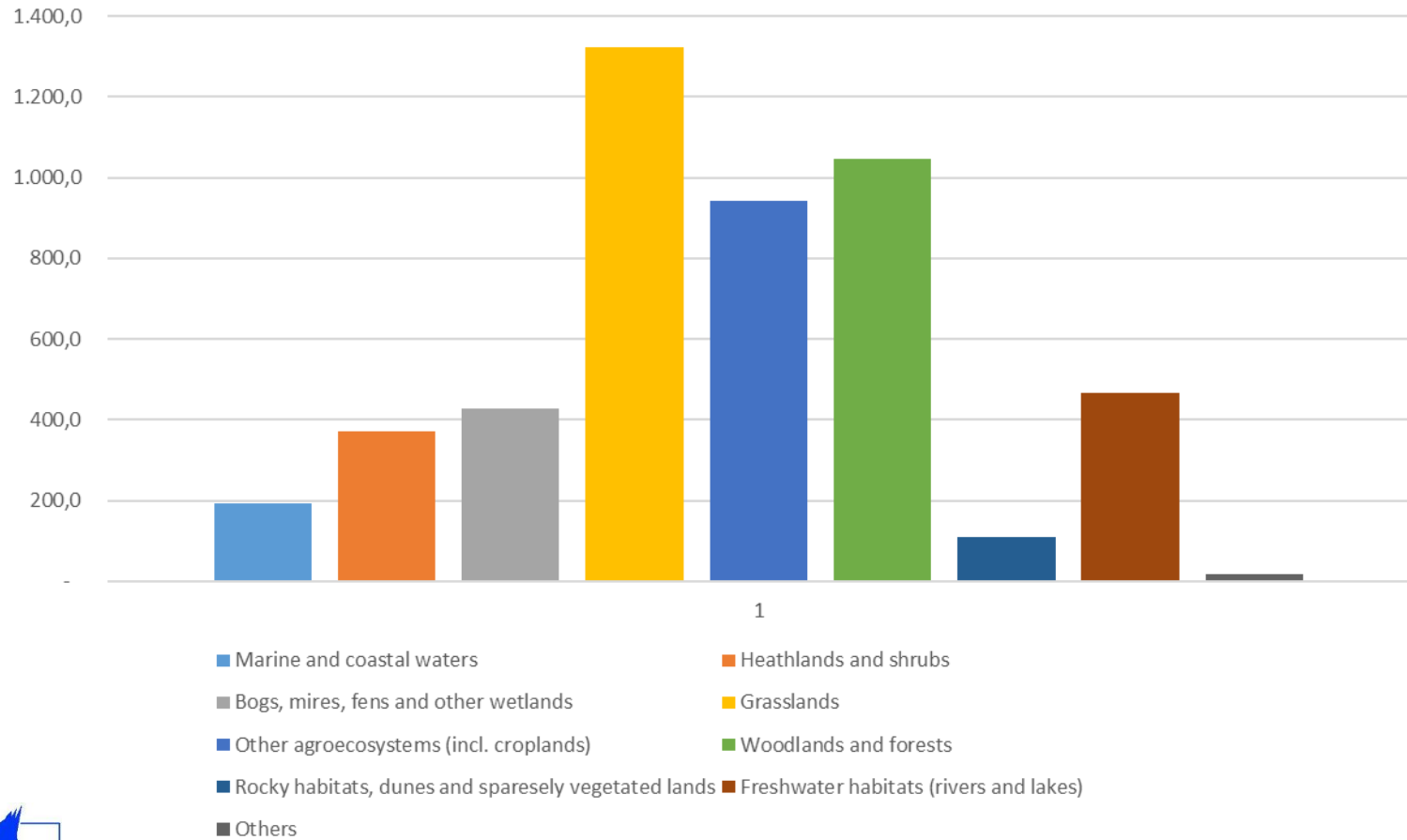
- EUR 10.2 billion per year (10.3 when extrapolated to EU27)
- EUR 6.8 bn (66%) - annual costs
- EUR 3.5 bn (34%) - one-off costs
- maintenance and restoration (EUR 4.8 bn, 47%)
- additional green infrastructure measures beyond Natura 2000 (EUR 2.5 bn, 24%)
- horizontal and administrative measures (EUR 2.1 bn, 21%)
- species specific measures (EUR 0.9 bn, 8%)
- costs average EUR 133/ha (terrestrial)

Data: June 2022



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Annual funding needs per ecosystem type in Natura 2000 in billion EUR



Financial needs per funding source

- CAP (EAGF and EAFRD)
- ERDF/CF
- EMFAF
- LIFE
- ESF
- Horizon Europe
- Other (InvestEU/NCFF, Erasmus, etc.) too marginal

Financial needs per funding source - challenges

- Data on funding only from PAFs for 22 MS
- Multiples sources often indicated (risk of double/triple counting) – risk of overestimation
- Risk of underestimation for EU 27
- PAFs prepared before final regulations (not all opportunities fully factored in; eco-schemes and recovery and resilience funds largely overlooked).

Total costs of different categories of measures earmarked for different EU funds in million EUR.

EU fund	Horizontal	Conservation and restoration		Species	Total
		Inside	Outside		
CAP	394	2,309	1,345	148	4,197
LIFE	356	1,552	479	1.197	3,584
ERDF	692	1,187	1,038	223	3,139
EMFAF	147	168	64	39	418
Horizon	84	5	0.35	0.05	89
ESF	52	1.6	0.4	0,4	54
Total					≈11.482

Example of aggregation of needs per fund

Costs of PAF measures indicatively earmarked for the CAP:

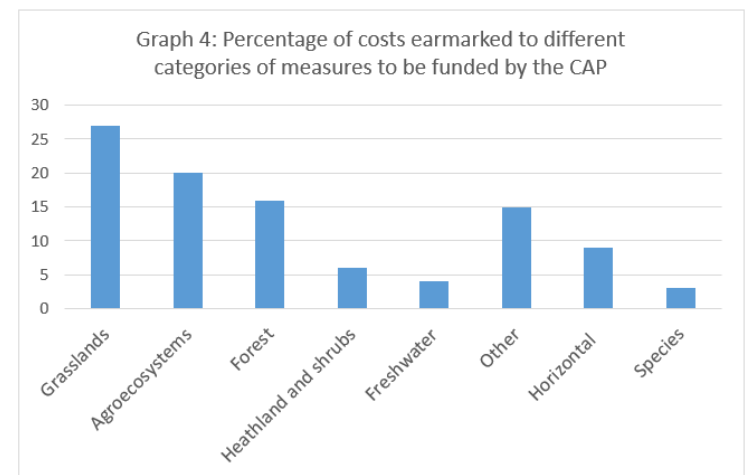
Annual costs: EUR 4,197 million; of which:

Horizontal measures: EUR 394 million (9.4%)

Maintenance and restoration of habitats and species and green infrastructure measures:
EUR 3,654 million

- **Inside Natura 2000:** EUR 2,309 million (55.03%)
- **Outside Natura 2000:** EUR 1,345 million (32.05%)

Species measures not related to specific ecosystems or habitats: EUR 148 million (3,52%)



First conclusions

- New PAF format: better data, aggregation possible
- Important upward revision of needs; from 5.8 billion/year in 2010 to 10.3 billion currently;
- Quality and reliability of data re. fund specific needs is problematic;
- Integration of Natura 2000 needs in the main funds shows limited success;
- Calls for new mechanisms of funding;
- Links with proposed Nature Restoration Regulation have to be explored (incl. national restoration plans); possible revision for coverage, format of the PAF.