Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

Networking Event

Dutch Nitrogen Tour
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23 to 25 November 2015
Dwingeloo, The Netherlands
Welcome!
Dutch Nitrogen Tour: how did we get here?

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- **Atlantic preparatory workshop (The Hague (NL), June 2012)**
  - Heaths and Bogs group: Nitrogen one of the main pressures

- **Atlantic Seminar (Bergen aan Zee (NL), December 2012)**
  - Heaths and Bogs group: Need for knowledge exchange: workshop

- **Workshop: Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives Impacts and Responses: Our Shared Experiences (Peterborough (UK), December 2013)**
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At the heart of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy

6 targets:

- 1: Fully implement the **Birds and Habitats Directive**
- 2: Maintain and restore **ecosystems and their services**
- 3: Increase 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**
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Objectives:

- Strengthen implementation of Natura 2000
- Achieve favourable conservation status for habitats & species of Community importance

Means:

- Practical framework for networking and knowledge building
- Collaboration between Member States & all stakeholders
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Structure of the process:

- Steering Committee meetings
- Kick off Seminars
- Follow up (networking) events
- Review Seminars
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- Consolidation of links to the LIFE Programme and projects
  - Pooling resources and experience
  - Help others and **build new know-how**;
  - **Natura 2000 is a network of sites AND people**
  - Practical management insights
  - **Identify common priorities/ major issues**
  - **Scope & value to collaborate**
  - Decide together **where cooperation can add value** and have positive impacts

- The **Process is long-term** & continuing
- Involvement is voluntary
- **Shared strategic outcomes.**
- For local, regional, trans-border **cooperation actions for Natura 2000.**
## The Natura 2000 Seminars

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## Process - follow-up & networking events

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Organisations: > 1000
Countries: 36

- Number of participants in BGR level events per country
- All EU Member States, plus experts from outside, e.g. Switzerland and Norway
Active participants: >2,400 (as of now!)
There is significant scope for future LIFE or INTERREG projects!

Scope for cooperative actions identified in the following areas of common interest:

- Integrated management approaches – e.g. estuaries management
- Integrated governance approaches
- Policy integration in non-nature conservation sectors – models & practical approaches – e.g. Natura 2000 & Farmland Management for biodiversity ... rural development, alternative land uses etc
- Cross-border cooperation
- Hydrological restoration
- Re-establishing ecological connectivity – green & blue infrastructure
- Increased focus on and communication of multiple benefits from Natura 2000
- Sustainable & integrated forest / grassland management
Natura 2000 Communication Platform


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.

Read more...

Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process Newsletter

The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process Newsletter will be circulated bimonthly to provide you with an overview of progress within the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process. It contains relevant Natura 2000 developments within each of the biogeographical regions, the latest news items; forthcoming networking events and links to other useful resources.

Subscribe to the newsletter

Latest news

River connectivity conferences

EUROPARK N2000 communication Awards the applications are now open!

Continental, Pan-African, Black Sea and Static: Biogeographical Kick-off Seminar

Breaking barriers: Stakeholder and public engagement for Natura 2000 sites

Unknown Mediterranean hotspots recognised by Ramsar wetlands convention
Natura 2000 Platform – your information resource, some statistics

Content uploads to date:

- 431 documents
- 48 news items
- 52 projects links
- 65 other links
- 7 Funding opportunities
- 194 listed experts (link)
- 816 listed organisations (link)
- 126 Expert Input Pages (link)
Natura 2000 Platform – recent developments

- An advanced document and information management system has been developed
- Digital newsletter developed and circulated (bi-monthly)
- Facility for users to submit expert and organisational profiles
- Access to information through an interactive biogeographical map
- Page with Natura 2000 funding opportunities added
- REQUEST - please, promote & participate > share your details!
Programme

• **Today**
  – 3 introductory presentations

• **Tomorrow morning:**
  – 2 Presentations
  – Excursion to Dwingelderveld

• **Tomorrow afternoon**
  – De Achermate Farm: presentations, visit & workshop

• **Tomorrow evening**
  – 3 presentations

• **Wednesday**
  – Bargerveen: presentations, visits & discussion
Thank you very much

Supporting the implementation & development of the EC’s Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process & developing the Natura 2000 Platform

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