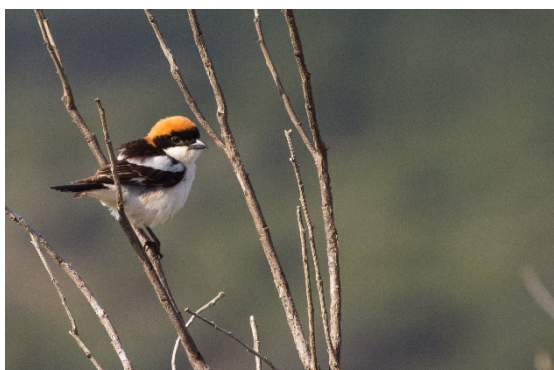




# Programme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Natura 2000 seminar for the Mediterranean biogeographical region

4 – 7 May 2021

Online





## Introduction

The biogeographical seminar for the Mediterranean Region is held online on 4 to 7 May. It is hosted by the Calabria Region and the Sila National Park (Italy).

**Note: all times mentioned in the program are Central European Summer Time, CEST**

*Monday 3 May 2021*

Time	Test Session	
11:00-13:00	Testing of MS-TEAMS for participants; Possibility to call in every 15 minutes, and check online connections, to solve possible problems  <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>	Organisers



## Programme

Tuesday 4 May 2021

Plenary session (Chair: Micheal O’Brian, Deputy Head of the Nature Protection Unit, DG ENV)		
Time	Topics	Speakers
8.45-9.00	<b>Opening online channel</b> for participants to test access to the session <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>	
9:00-9:15	Opening and welcome Introduction round of main speakers, and supporting team	Micheal O’Brian, Deputy Head of the Nature Protection Unit, DG ENV
9:15-9:40	<b>Opening address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calabria Region</li> <li>• Sila National Park</li> <li>• Ministry of Ecological Transition of Italy</li> <li>• European Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergio De Caprio, Regional Counsellor Environment</li> <li>• Francesco Curcio, President</li> <li>• Antonio Maturani, General Manager Natural Heritage PNA</li> <li>• Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital, DG ENV</li> </ul>
9:40-10:00	The EU’s biodiversity strategy for 2030 and the multi-annual financial framework 2021-2027 The use of EU funds for the protection of biodiversity in Calabria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Vassen, DG ENV</li> <li>• Maurizio Nicolai, EU Funds Management Authority Region Calabria</li> </ul>
10:00-10:15	Video, Natura 2000 in Calabria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Prigoliti, Environmental Protection Department - Calabria Region</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	The situation of species and habitats in the Mediterranean region based on the Habitats Directive Article 17 reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Patricia Gavilan, ETC-BD</li> </ul>

Plenary session (Chair: Micheal O’Brian, Deputy Head of the Nature Protection Unit, DG ENV)		
Time	Topics	Speakers
10:30-10:50	Perspectives for the Natura 2000 biogeographical process. Harmonisation of procedures for monitoring, assessment and conservation of Habitats of Community Interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie Ouzet, DG ENV</li> <li>• Rafael Hidalgo, Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge</li> </ul>
10:50-11:00	Explanation of the organisation of parallel thematic sessions.	Organisers
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee break</b> <b>Opening online channels</b> for participants to test access to thematic sessions 1 and 4.	



Tuesday 4 May 2021 (continued)

Parallel thematic sessions		
Time	Session, topics and speakers	Session, topics and speakers
11:15 - 13.00	<p><b>Theme 1: Defining and coordinating a Natura 2000 restoration agenda in the Mediterranean region</b></p> <p>How to decide on priorities and implement restoration activities in the Mediterranean region?</p> <p>Chair: Ioannis Tsiripidis Facilitator: Theo van der Sluis</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zelmira Sipkova-Gaudillat (ETC-BD): Restoration priorities in the Mediterranean region.</li> <li>• Jordi Cortina (Society for Ecological Restoration): Tools to support habitat restoration in Europe.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 1</p> <p>Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>	<p><b>Theme 4. Building capacity for Natura 2000 management</b></p> <p>How to improve the Natura 2000 management through capacity building?</p> <p>Chair: Sabina Burrascano Facilitator: Irene Bouwma</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mara Rihouet (Office Français de la Biodiversité, OFB)</li> <li>• Neil McIntosh (Europarc Federation): New approaches in competence-based capacity building for the management of Natura 2000</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 1</p> <p>Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>



Wednesday 5 May 2021

Parallel thematic sessions		
Time	Sessions, topics and speakers	Session, topics and speakers
08:45-9:00	<b>Opening online channels</b> for participants to test access to thematic sessions 2 and 3.	
09:00-11:00	<p><b>Theme 2: Defining conservation objectives at site level and monitoring impact of measures</b></p> <p>How to establish conservation objectives and monitor the impact of measures at site level?</p> <p>Chair: Carmelo Maria Musarella Facilitator: Jorge Capelo</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Vassen (DG ENV): Introduction on conservation objectives.</li> <li>• Francesca Pani (Mettiamoci in RIGA project): Definition of conservation objectives for achieving the favorable conservation status of habitats and directive species in Italy.</li> <li>• Pedro Ivo Arriegas (ICNF): Management plans for Natura 2000 sites (Habitats Directive): the process in mainland Portugal.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 1  <b>Breakout Group 1:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 2:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 3:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 4:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 5:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>	<p><b>Theme 3. Addressing land abandonment in the Mediterranean region.</b></p> <p>How to manage land abandonment for addressing EU nature conservation objectives?</p> <p>Chair: Michael Vrahnakis / Yannis Kazoglou Facilitator: Carlos Sunyer</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolina Perpiña &amp; Stephen Mackenzie Bell (JRC&amp;UAB): Agricultural land abandonment in the Mediterranean region: trends, trajectories, and the implications for soil health.</li> <li>• Teresa Pinto-Correia (Univ. Evora): Supporting HNV montados, using result based payments</li> <li>• Carlotta Maggio (WWF – Italy): Presentation: Conserving High Natural Value Farmlands in WWF protected areas.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 1  <b>Breakout Group 1:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 2:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 3:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 4:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>  <b>Breakout Group 5:</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>



Wednesday 5 May 2021 (continued)

Parallel thematic sessions		
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee break</b> <b>Opening online channels</b> for participants to test access to thematic sessions 1 and 4.	
Time	Session, topics and speakers	Session, topics and speakers
11:15- 13:00	<p><b>Theme 1 [continued]: Defining and coordinating a Natura 2000 restoration agenda in the Mediterranean region</b></p> <p>How to decide on priorities and implement restoration activities in the Mediterranean region?</p> <p>Chair: Ioannis Tsiripidis Facilitator: Theo van der Sluis</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alessio Satta (MedWet): Protection, management and restoration of Mediterranean wetlands as Nature-based solutions to address environmental and climate changes.</li> <li>• Aljoša Duplić (Institute for Environment and Nature, Croatia): Restoration priorities in Croatia.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 2</p> <p>Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>	<p><b>Theme 4 [continued]: Building capacity for Natura 2000 management</b></p> <p>How to improve the Natura 2000 management through capacity building?</p> <p>Chair: Sabina Burrascano Facilitator: Irene Bouwma</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabina Burrascano (Univ. Roma Sapienza): Introduction, COSTS Action Bottoms-up, building capacity for Natura 2000 foresters.</li> <li>• Maša Ljuština (Institute for Environment and Nature, Croatia): Systematic approach to capacity building in Croatia.</li> <li>• Serena Corezzola (LIFE GoProFor): Capacity building for European foresters.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 2</p> <p>Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>



Thursday 6 May 2021

Parallel thematic sessions		
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08:45-9:00	<b>Opening online channels</b> for participants to test access to thematic sessions 2 and 3.	
09.00 - 10.30	<p><b>Theme 2 [continued]. Defining conservation objectives at site level and monitoring impact of measures</b></p> <p>How to establish conservation objectives and monitor the impact of measures at site level?</p> <p>Chair: Carmelo Maria Musarella Facilitator: Jorge Capelo</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piero Genovesi (ISPRA): Standardized procedures for monitoring and reporting in Italy.</li> <li>• Giovanni Spampinato (Univ. Mediterranean Studies Reggio Calabria): Monitoring of habitats in Calabria.</li> <li>• Paul Rouveyrol (UMS Patrinat OFB/CNRS/MNHN): Assessing the efficiency of conservation measures in Natura 2000 sites.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 2            Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>	<p><b>Theme 3 [continued]: Addressing land abandonment in the Mediterranean region</b></p> <p>How to manage land abandonment for addressing EU nature conservation objectives?</p> <p>Chair: Michael Vrahnakis / Yannis Kazoglou Facilitator: Carlos Sunyer</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veronica Cruz-Alonso (Univ. Alcala de Henares): Restoring forests after land abandonment.</li> <li>• Giuseppe Bombino (Univ. Mediterranean Studies Reggio Calabria): Measures for mitigation of fires.</li> <li>• Pedro Prata (Rewilding Europe): Solutions: rewilding the Greater C�a Valley.</li> <li>• J�ni Vieira (Montis): Giving nature a hand.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Breakout sessions 2            Breakout Group 1: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 2: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 3: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 4: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>            Breakout Group 5: <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>
10:30-10:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p> <p><b>Opening online channel</b> for participants to test access to the session</p>	



Thursday 6 May 2021 (continued)

Plenary session (Chair: Sophie Ouzet, DG ENV)		
Time	Topics or session	Speakers
	<a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>	
10:45- 10:55	The LIFE projects in the Mediterranean biogeographical region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chiara Spotorno, NEEMO</li></ul>
10:55 – 11:00	Introduction on the organisation of the knowledge market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rui Rufino</li></ul>
11:00- 13:00	<b>Knowledge market:</b> parallel sessions organised around the themes of the seminar. <i>Before the session starts a detailed list of the speakers and projects they offer to present and discuss during the knowledge market will be distributed.</i>	





Friday 7 May 2021

Plenary session (Chair: Nicola Notaro, Head of the Nature Protection Unit, DG ENV)		
Time	Sessions and topics	Speakers
08.45-9.00	<b>Opening online channel</b> for participants to test access to the session <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>	
09:00 – 9:50	<b>Closing session:</b> Feedback on the discussions and summary of proposed actions defined during the four parallel thematic sessions.	Chairs from the 4 thematic sessions.
09:50 – 10:00	Introduction to carousel rounds	Organisers
10:00-10:30	<b>Planning for action – Carousel round I</b>  Carrousel 1: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 2: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 3: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 4: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 5: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 6: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 7: <a href="#">Click here to join</a> Carrousel 8: <a href="#">Click here to join</a>	Organisers
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
10:45- 11:15	<b>Planning for action – Carousel rounds II and III</b>	Organisers
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Report back from the carousel discussions:</b> perspectives for next steps for the Natura 2000 biogeographical process and the road map for cooperation in the Mediterranean region	Carousel reporters
11:45 – 12:00	Video highlights from the Mediterranean seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kistina Wood (NatureBureau)</li> </ul>
12:00- 12:30	<b>Conclusions and closure of the seminar.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola Notaro (Head of the Nature protection Unit, DG ENV)</li> <li>• Maurizio Batteggazzore (Dir. Division III PNA, Min. of Ecological Ttransition)</li> </ul>