



Eurosites

Eurosites Management Planning Guidance - Identifying the needs of Europe's natural site managers

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1 Introduction

Management of natural sites has been Eurosites's core focus since day one. Management planning is a necessary first step in this process. The first guidance on this topic, which was translated in different languages and was used by many site managers across Europe, Eurosites has produced already in 1998 /1999.

Management Planning is about the goals of nature management in (protected) nature areas, the focus being on what has to be preserved and in what ways, how can nature serve the people who are to be considered as users of the nature at stake (stake holders) and how to prevent over exploitation. New developments and insights relating to adaptive planning, stakeholder participation, socio-economic benefits, climate change, monitoring and possibilities of information technology necessitate an update of the existing management planning guide. The aim is to develop an online portal, an information platform where site managers can find information about how to tackle issues they encounter while elaborating a management plan.

The Eurosites network has accumulated a wealth of knowledge on many of the above-mentioned aspects. Therefore, Eurosites has decided to initiate an update of the **Eurosites Management Planning Guidance** by setting up a **Eurosites Management Planning Expert Group (EMPEG)** to help the Secretariat achieve this task.

With this survey we would like to ask you for **15 minutes** of your time to provide us with insight into **which important topics *you think should be*** considered in management planning, and what are the **areas where *you would like to get more guidance on.***

2 Provisional structure of the Guidance

The aim of the EMPEG is to develop an online portal where site managers can find background information on how to tackle issues they encounter while elaborating a management plan. The idea is that this portal can be updated easily as new information on certain topics becomes available.

Contents outline:

Introduction

- Narrative concerning baseline (policy landscape context (EU/Europe) (IUCN categories), from fence to inclusive societal needs (cross-sectoral cooperation)
- Learning points for other regions
- Target group(s) for the Management Planning Guidance
- Objectives and content of the Guidance (non-standardized and not being prescriptive)
- Survey results and identified gaps in Management Planning
- Unified terminology facilitating information exchange

Methodology for creating your Management Plan

- Legal backgrounds that need to be satisfied (e.g. at European, national or regional level)
- Adaptive management – project cycle – management
- Basic Management Planning process: steps, data selection, who to involve.
- Data management (access and presentation of stored data)
- Monitoring
- Digital Platforms

Themes

Each theme description will cover why the theme is being considered when drafting the management plan and will provide guidance on how the theme can be incorporated in your management plan (good examples).

- Citizen science & volunteers
- Climate Change
- Connectivity
- Ecosystem Services
- Land use / Cross-sectoral Cooperation (tourism & recreation, forestry, agriculture, hunting...) - Common language/ understanding (external influences) - Why, how, good examples – how and when to include in Management Planning
- Marine and Coastal
- Participatory processes/stakeholder engagement
- External development (outside of the protected area)

Based on the outcomes of this survey themes may be added or removed, as well as prioritised.

3 Your input

* 3.1 What problems/ issues are you facing in the management planning process where a good guidance could help you?

1000 character(s) maximum

* 3.2 From the list of themes that will be covered in the guidance (listed above) which three do you consider the most important?

at most 3 choice(s)

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3.3 What other topics would be helpful to consider in a separate thematic section?

500 character(s) maximum

3.4 Are there any restrictions, mandatory methodology and/or formats for your conservation planning within your organisation?

1000 character(s) maximum

* 3.5 Which digital platforms (planning tool) are you using?

- CMSi
- Miradi
- ManagePlaces
- None
- Other

* 3.6 Please specify

3.7 What are (in your opinion) the **main advantages** of the digital platform you are currently using?

1000 character(s) maximum

3.8 What are (in your opinion) the **main disadvantages** of the digital platform you are currently using?

1000 character(s) maximum

3.9 Are there any tools, guides, documents you are using for management planning that you would like to recommend to other site managers, which we could include or refer to in our guidance?

Please provide links and references or email [Eurosite](#).

4 Contact

4.1 Name (first name and last name)

Optional

* 4.2 Country

4.3 Organisation

Optional

4.4 Function within the organisation

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* 4.5 May we contact you for clarifications about your contribution?

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- No
 Yes

4.6 Email