



Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

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Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process lies 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**

*Working in collaboration, the Process is a **practical framework for networking** and knowledge building between Member States & all stakeholders. It aims to strengthen implementation of Natura 2000 and achieve favourable conservation status for habitats & species of Community importance.*



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The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – some key points

- We know a lot about how to manage Natura 2000, but we need to know more!
 - *Pooling resources, including experience, will help others and also develop new know how;*
 - *Natura 2000 is a network and the Process opens new opportunities to manage sites collectively and ‘connectedly’.*
- Participants and contributors share practical management information & experience to build new know-how:
 - *Identify common priorities/ major issues where there is scope & value to collaborate*
 - *Decide together where cooperation can add value and have positive impacts*
- The Process is long-term & continuing – seminars are milestone events, designed to spark new networking and knowledge-building
- Involvement is voluntary, but active participation will help your work!



The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – some key points

- Consolidation of links to the LIFE Programme and projects
 - *Pooling resources and experience to help others **and build new know-how**;*
 - *Natura 2000 is a network - the Process creates **new opportunities** to manage sites collectively and ‘connectedly’.*
- Implement existing and future priorities by linking planned events to the Process – use the Process for local, regional, trans-border cooperation actions for Natura 2000.



Key steps ...

There are four steps involved in the Process to achieve specific outcomes ...

Steps		Outcomes
1	State where we are currently	Know what practical measures and actions are required to maintain or improve habitats' condition and status.
2	Agree priorities for progress	Common problems and issues defined and scope for cooperative actions identified.
3	Agree what we need to do	Collaborative actions for shared priorities, matched by commitments to act on the priorities so that work gets done.
4	Agree what, when, where & who (where possible)	Produce a timetable of follow-up actions (or a timetable to confirm the proposed actions).
A C T	<i>Network & Communicate: Share knowledge and best practice, publish results of networking events</i>	Through workshops, study visits, expert meetings etc. and by using the Natura 2000 Platform – e.g. share news about your projects, your experience, 'sign-up' your organisation/ yourself, provide a news article, promote available guidance etc.)



The Process so far ...

- Four biogeographical regions have held their initial seminars:
 - *Boreal, Finland, 2012; Atlantic, the Netherlands, 2012; Alpine, Austria, 2013; Mediterranean, Greece, 2014*
 - *The 'Kick off' Seminar for the Continental, Pannonian, Steppic & Black Sea Regions in Luxembourg from 29 June to 1 July 2015*
- Each Seminar focuses on habitats (& species) identified for 'priority consideration':
 - *There is extensive consultation to gather management information & share experience*
 - *These can be presented in the form of case studies, 'Knowledge Market', via the Seminar Document & through the Platform*
 - *Note that other habitats and/ or species can also be discussed!*

Sharing experience and networking with each other to compare practices is a continuing process.



Other common priorities – issues identified for co-operation

- Lack of stakeholder understanding about / ways to achieve meaningful engagement in Natura 2000 management processes – BOR, ATL, ALP
- Fragmentation including land tenure, land use and ownership related issues, as well as intensification vs abandonment – ALP, ATL, MED
- Visitor and tourism disturbance – ALP, MED
- Cross-border issues (e.g. connectivity) – BOR, ATL, ALP
- Climate change – ALP
- Eutrophication (in particular Nitrogen deposition) - ATL
- Forest management: re-wilding / sustainable forestry – ALP & CONT
- Hydromorphological modification - BOR & ALP (ATL, MED) Benefits of clarifying different interpretations of Favourable Conservation Status– ALP (BOR, ATL, MED)

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 the form of models & practical approaches
- Cross-border cooperation
- Hydrological restoration
- Re-establishing ecological connectivity
- Increased focus on and communication of multiple benefits from Natura 2000
- Sustainable forest management or grazing
- Natura 2000 & Farmland/ rural development



Planning ahead – Review Seminars

- As part of the continuing Process, the Review Seminars are planned to provide the opportunity to:
 - *Consider ‘distance to target’ within the strategic context of the Process and practical implementation steps necessary or required*
 - *Review (with ref to Art 17 reports) habitats and species for priority consideration*
 - *Confirm specific common priorities and shared interests for focus and develop conservation objectives for priority habitats or species*
 - *Discuss targeted outcomes in terms of potential areas for collaboration and cooperation – e.g. work on favourable reference values*
- Your views and ideas are essential in order to, for example:
 - *Build on outcomes to date, identify & agree ways to enliven the Process within regions in future and ensure progress towards shared goals.*
 - *Consider possible steps in preparation for your region’s Review Seminar – e.g. inputs from existing habitat working groups; links to LIFE Platform meetings.*
 - *Consider possible timing & location of the Review Seminars.*



Process - follow-up & *linked* networking events

Region	Title	Date	Country
All	<u>European Workshop on Control and Eradication of Invasive Alien Plant Species</u>	19-21 April, 2016	Budapest, Hungary
Alpine, Con.	<u>Forest management and Natura 2000 in the alpine and continental biogeographical regions</u>	21-23 June 2016	<i>Padova</i>
ALL	<u>Conference: Conciliate operational training with preservation of biodiversity on military camps</u>	28 June - 1 July 2016	Nimes, France
ALL	<u>10th European Conference on Ecological Restoration - 'Best Practices in Ecological Restoration'</u>	21 - 27 August 2016	Freising, Germany
ALL	<u>20th conference of the European Bird Census Council (EBCC): Bird Numbers 2016 'Birds in a changing world'</u>	5 - 9 September 2016	Halle (Saale), Germany
ALL	<u>Management of Natura 2000 sites in Estuaries and Sea Ports</u>	15 - 16 September 2016	Hamburg, Germany
Alpine	<u>AlpWeek 2016 - Call for contributions is open</u>	11-15 October 2016	Grassau, Germany
Boreal	<u>Second Boreal Natura 2000 Seminar</u>	12 - 14 October 2016	Vilnius, Lithuania
Macaronesian	<u>Macaronesian Kick-off Seminar</u>	November, 2016	Funchal, Madeira, Portugal



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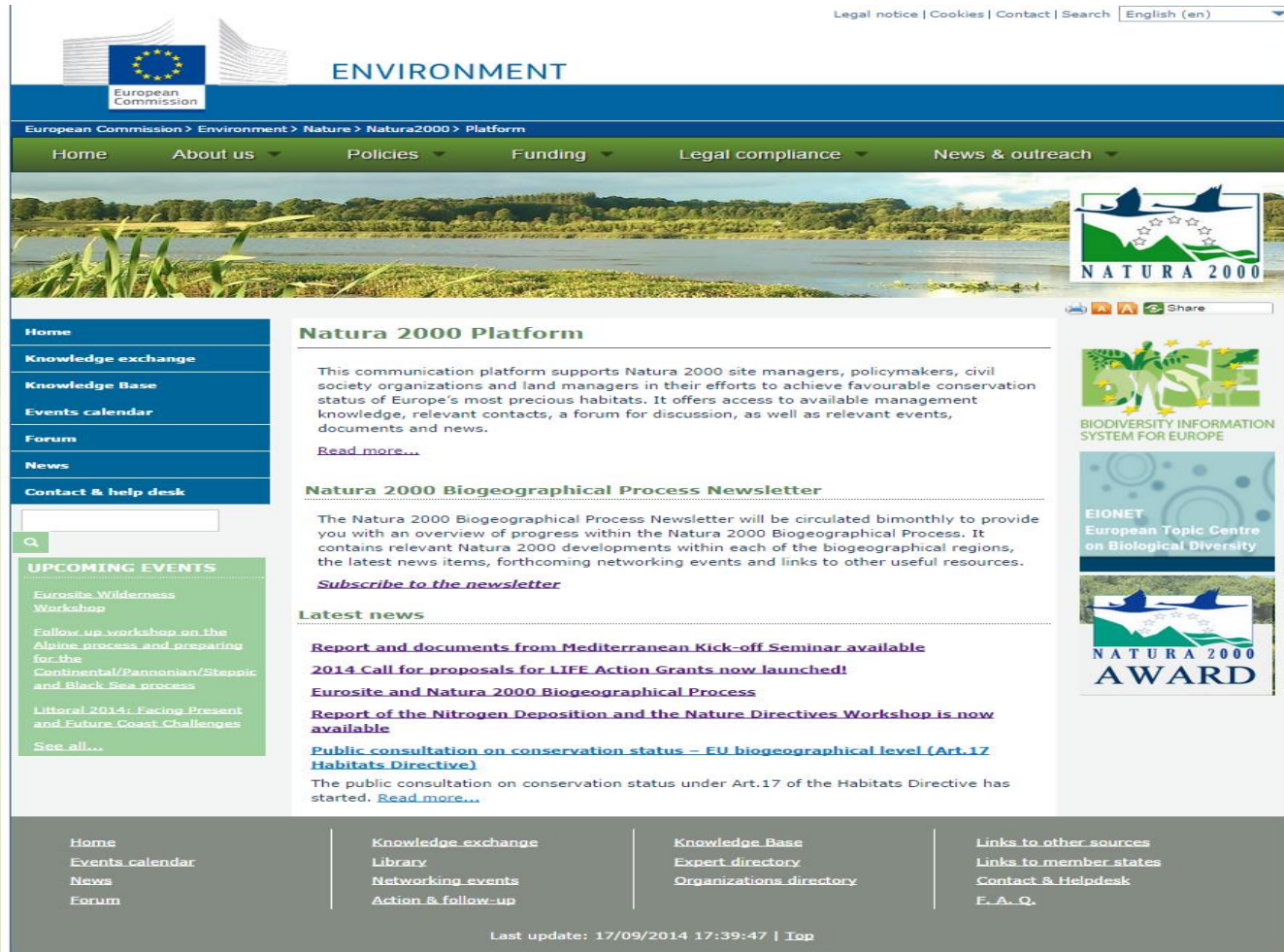
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- Decide on the event's format (conference, workshop, expert meeting etc.)
- Develop programmes for events – e.g. help identify (and invite) speakers and participants
- Facilitate / moderate networking events
- Provide (some) financial support for networking events & participants' travel & accommodation costs
- Promote your event
- Share information – e.g. upload guidance documents on to the Natura 2000 Platform etc.



Natura 2000 Platform

- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index_en.htm



The screenshot shows the Natura 2000 Platform website. At the top, there is a header with the European Commission logo and the word "ENVIRONMENT". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, About us, Policies, Funding, Legal compliance, and News & outreach. A large banner image of a lake and forest is displayed. On the right side of the banner is the Natura 2000 logo. Below the banner, there is a sidebar on the left with a search bar and a list of links: Home, Knowledge exchange, Knowledge Base, Events calendar, Forum, News, and Contact & help desk. The main content area is titled "Natura 2000 Platform" and contains a paragraph about the platform's purpose, a link to "Read more...", and a section for the "Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process Newsletter" with a description and a "Subscribe to the newsletter" link. Below this is a "Latest news" section with several headlines, including "Report and documents from Mediterranean Kick-off Seminar available", "2014 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants now launched!", "Eurosites and Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process", "Report of the Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives Workshop is now available", and "Public consultation on conservation status – EU biogeographical level (Art.17 Habitats Directive)". On the right side of the main content area, there are three vertical boxes: "BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EUROPE", "EIONET European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity", and "NATURA 2000 AWARD". At the bottom, there is a footer with a grid of links: Home, Events calendar, News, Forum, Knowledge exchange, Library, Networking events, Action & follow-up, Knowledge Base, Expert directory, Organizations directory, Links to other sources, Links to member states, Contact & Helpdesk, and F.A.Q. The footer also includes the text "Last update: 17/09/2014 17:39:47 | Top".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Eurosites Wilderness Workshop

Follow up workshop on the Alpine process and preparing for the Continental/Pannonian/Steppic and Black Sea process

Littoral 2014: Facing Present and Future Coast Challenges

See all...

Natura 2000 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.

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Latest news

Report and documents from Mediterranean Kick-off Seminar available

2014 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants now launched!

Eurosites and Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

Report of the Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives Workshop is now available

Public consultation on conservation status – EU biogeographical level (Art.17 Habitats Directive)

The public consultation on conservation status under Art.17 of the Habitats Directive has started. [Read more...](#)

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Natura 2000 Platform – recent developments

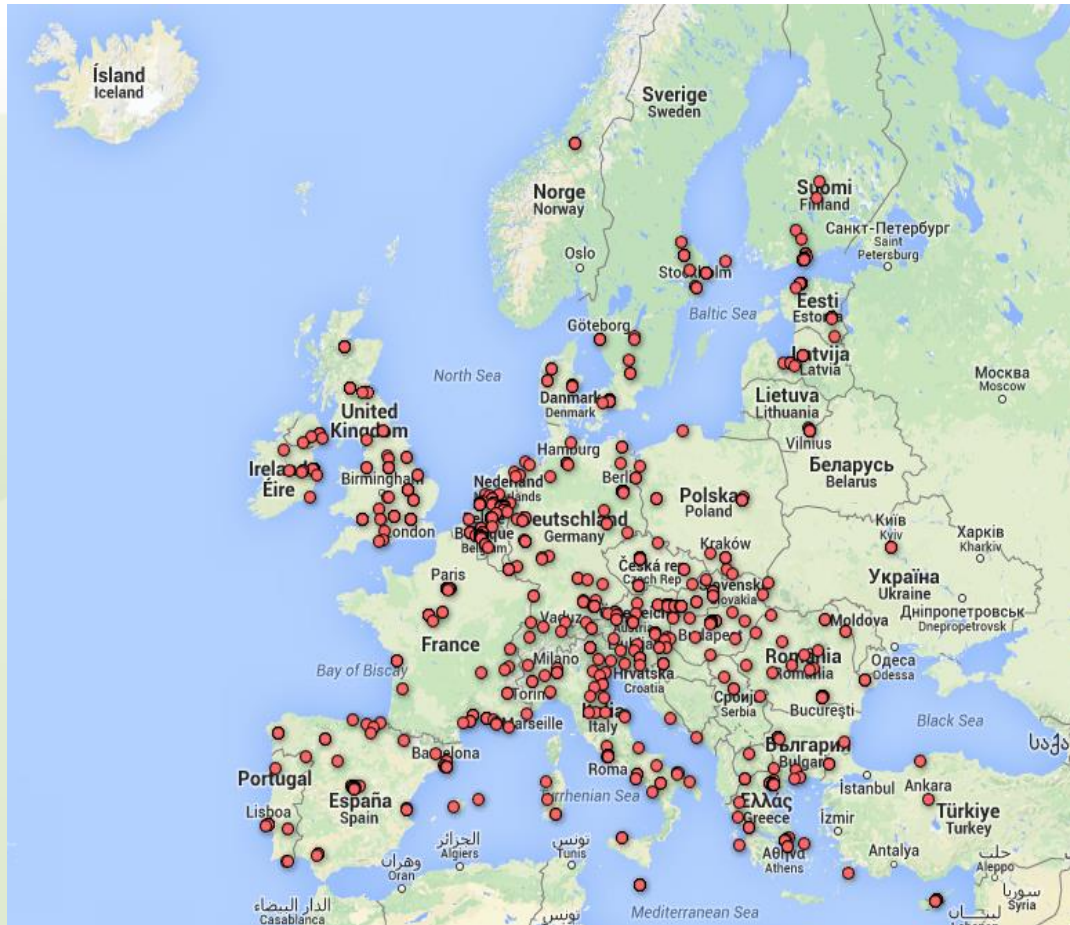


- Digital newsletter developed and circulated (bi-monthly)
- A directory of experts has been created and is currently being developed
- A directory of organisational profiles has been created
- The functionality of Platform services is being routinely improved
- REQUEST - please, get involved & participate > share your details!




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Active participants: 591



- 591 participants
- Steady increase as the Process has been implemented
- Wide range of organisations represented
- Continental: first stage of process – participants have already been involved in earlier seminars in other regions or have participated in preparatory networking events supported through the Process.

Forum statistics



Natura 2000 Platform forum

Working together in March 2004 - Platform forum







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

Mediterranean

Work on this forum

Forum	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
 Mediterranean Coastal Issues Discussions of the Coastal Working Group from the Mediterranean Biogeographical Seminar	4	19	by Svenja Krummholz  Thu Aug 24, 2014 19:43 pm
 Mediterranean Grasslands Issues Discussions of the Grasslands Working Group from the Mediterranean Biogeographical Seminar	1	1	by Jenny Calabrese  Wed Oct 02, 2014 9:38 pm
 Mediterranean Forests Issues Discussions of the Forest Working Group from the Mediterranean Biogeographical Seminar	0	0	No posts
 Mediterranean Freshwater & Wetlands Issues Discussions of the Freshwater & Wetlands Working Group from the Mediterranean Biogeographical Seminar	0	0	No posts

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 New page for the Mediterranean Biogeographical region by forum.admin  • Thu Jul 26, 2014 2:50 pm	0	50	by forum.admin  Thu Jul 26, 2014 2:50 pm
 Life+LAC+Nature: the final technical & methodological guide by forum.admin  • Tue Dec 17, 2013 12:49 pm	0	416	by forum.admin  Tue Dec 17, 2013 12:49 pm

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Currently, there are:

- 18 active topics
- 6855 total views

Most active fora:

- Alpine (2974 views)
- Mediterranean (2717 views)
- Issues relevant across biogeographical regions (638 views)
- Continental (526 views)

The forum can be a useful tool for you to share information / ask questions



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Observations/ lessons being learned

- As a continuing Process, there are new opportunities to mobilise expertise and build new know-how.
- Greater stakeholder mobilisation is being achieved, especially inputs from nature conservation practitioners.
- Awareness of (cost-effective) problem solving & learning benefits from sharing practical experiences is increasing - e.g. about how to avoid problems/ duplicate solutions; new know-how is developed collectively.
- Your work & projects are essential to sharpen focus on common priorities and shared interest - Member States and stakeholders working together to identify cooperative actions to strengthen implementation of Natura 2000 on sites and as a network.





Thank you very much

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