



Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological
Networks - 7th meeting

Aysegul Cil, ECNC

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Council of Europe, Strasbourg



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- Initiated by the Commission in 2011, based on biogeographic regions and involving ministries, experts, NGOs and other representatives from the relevant member states, supported by technical and stakeholder generated documentation, in which region specific solutions can be found to the problems of delivering sustainable site management now and in the future.
- ECNC assist the Commission since 2012; the process of stakeholder engagement is intended to provide real-time identification and assessment of the key management issues in relation to Natura 2000 sites and to deliver ownership for the solutions, where necessary across boundaries.



Overall objective

The overall objective of this project is to provide technical and scientific support to the Commission in relation to the implementation of the new Natura 2000 seminars process, including the logistic preparation of the Natura 2000 seminars and the preparatory workshops. This includes the preparation of invitations, agendas, working documents, reports and guidance documents.



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Technical and scientific support

- Preparatory workshops, Natura 2000 seminars, ad hoc expert meetings and preparatory meetings are organized
- Appropriate technical and scientific information on the conservation status of species and habitat types covered by the seminars, the major threats acting on these species and habitats, existing management instruments and measures for addressing threats and achieving favourable conservation status, including best practice is compiled and made available in advance of the workshops and seminars.
- Major sources for such information are the European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Topic Centre for Biological Diversity (ETC/BD), the Member States, expert networks, NGOs and stakeholder organisations and Natura 2000 Management Plans.
- The appropriateness of existing conservation objectives and measures for species and habitat types covered by the seminars is being assessed.



Technical and scientific support

- Appropriate recommendations are prepared on the adaptation of conservation objectives and measures to changing conditions; including climate change, where necessary.
- High quality working documents are prepared and made available in advance of the workshops and seminars.
- High quality seminar reports and guidance documents, interpretation notes or reviews on particular issues are prepared and made available.
- A permanent internet-based platform of the Natura 2000 Seminars is established, promoted and maintained: ***the Natura 2000 Communication Platform***.
- Ad hoc expert meetings are organised on particular issues if necessary.



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

- 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'.*
- Increasing momentum is being established re practical management insights
 - *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, the Process provides added-value means to increase focus on shared strategic outcomes.
- 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.



The Natura 2000 Seminars

Biogeographical Region	First Seminar or Kick-off Seminar	Thematic events	Review Seminar (indicative)	Thematic Events
Boreal	May 2012	ongoing	2015	Continue after 2015
Atlantic	December 2012	ongoing	2016	Continue after 2016
Alpine	November 2013	ongoing	2016	Continue after 2016
Mediterranean	May 2014	As from 2014	2017	Continue after 2017
Macaronesian	2015	As from 2015	2018	Continue after 2018
Continental, Pannonian, Black Sea, Steppic	2015	As from 2015	2017	Continue after 2017
Marine	2015	As from 2015	2017	Continue after 2017



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Follow-up events

Region	Title	Date	Country
Boreal	Seminar about restoration of raised bogs, fens and other mire habitats	24 - 26 September, 2013	Estonia
Atlantic	Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives	2 - 4 December, 2013	UK
Boreal	9th European Conference on Ecological Restoration	3 - 8 August, 2014	Finland
Alpine	River Revitalisation Workshop	2 - 5 September, 2014	Slovakia
Alpine/ Continental	Follow up workshop on the Alpine process and preparing for the Continental/Pannonian/Steppic and Black Sea process	22 - 23 September, 2014	Hungary
Atlantic	EUROPARC Annual Conference: "Understanding the value of nature"	28 September - 1 October, 2014	Ireland
Mediterranean	The First European Congress on Land Stewardship	5 - 8 November, 2014	Spain
All	Regions and Biodiversity: 'Natura 2000 in action!'	10 - 11 December, 2014	Spain
Alpine	Butterfly Conservation Trust Grassland workshop	15 - 17 April 2015	France



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Linked events

Region	Title	Date	Country
<i>Continental</i>	<i>Visegrad Group nature conservation workshop</i>	<i>27 May, 2014</i>	<i>Hungary</i>
<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Workshop and Symposium about Integrated Management of Coastal Dunes in Europe</i>	<i>17 June – 19 June, 2014</i>	<i>France</i>
<i>Mediterranean</i>	<i>Forest Management Workshop</i>	<i>September, 2014</i>	<i>Cyprus</i>
<i>Marine</i>	<i>Marine Biogeographical Process Kick-off Seminar</i>	<i>May 2015</i>	<i>France</i>



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Process - follow-up & *linked* networking events

Region	Title	Date	Country
Marine	Kick-off Seminar	5 - 7 May, 2015	France
Alpine	Grasslands – Monitoring & Assessment	20 to 22 May, 2015	Italy
Continental	LIFE Platform meeting	27 – 28 May, 2015	Romania
Mediterranean	Grassland Management	29 - 31 May, 2015	Greece
Atlantic	“Breaking Barriers” – stakeholder & public engagement for Natura 2000 sites	11 – 12 June, 2015	UK
Atlantic	LIFE 3Waters After LIFE workshop	17 – 18 June, 2015	Belgium
Continental	Continental Biogeographical Region Kick-off Seminar	29 June – 1 July 2015	Luxembourg
Atlantic	Dutch Nitrogen Study Tour	September TBC	Netherlands
Mediterranean	Natura 2000 Farmland Management & Biodiversity	28 Sept - 1 Oct 2015	Spain
Continental	Wetland Restoration	October 2015 TBC	Hungary
Alpine	Climate Change/ Global Challenge	October 2015	Germany
ALL	Monitoring for Natura 2000	November 2015	Spain TBC
Atlantic	Integrated Management of Natura 2000 in Estuaries	November 2015 TBC	Germany
Alpine	Grassland Management	9 – 10 December 2015	Germany
Macaronesian	Kick off Seminar	TBC	TBC
Mediterranean	Ancient Forest Management	May 2016 TBC	France



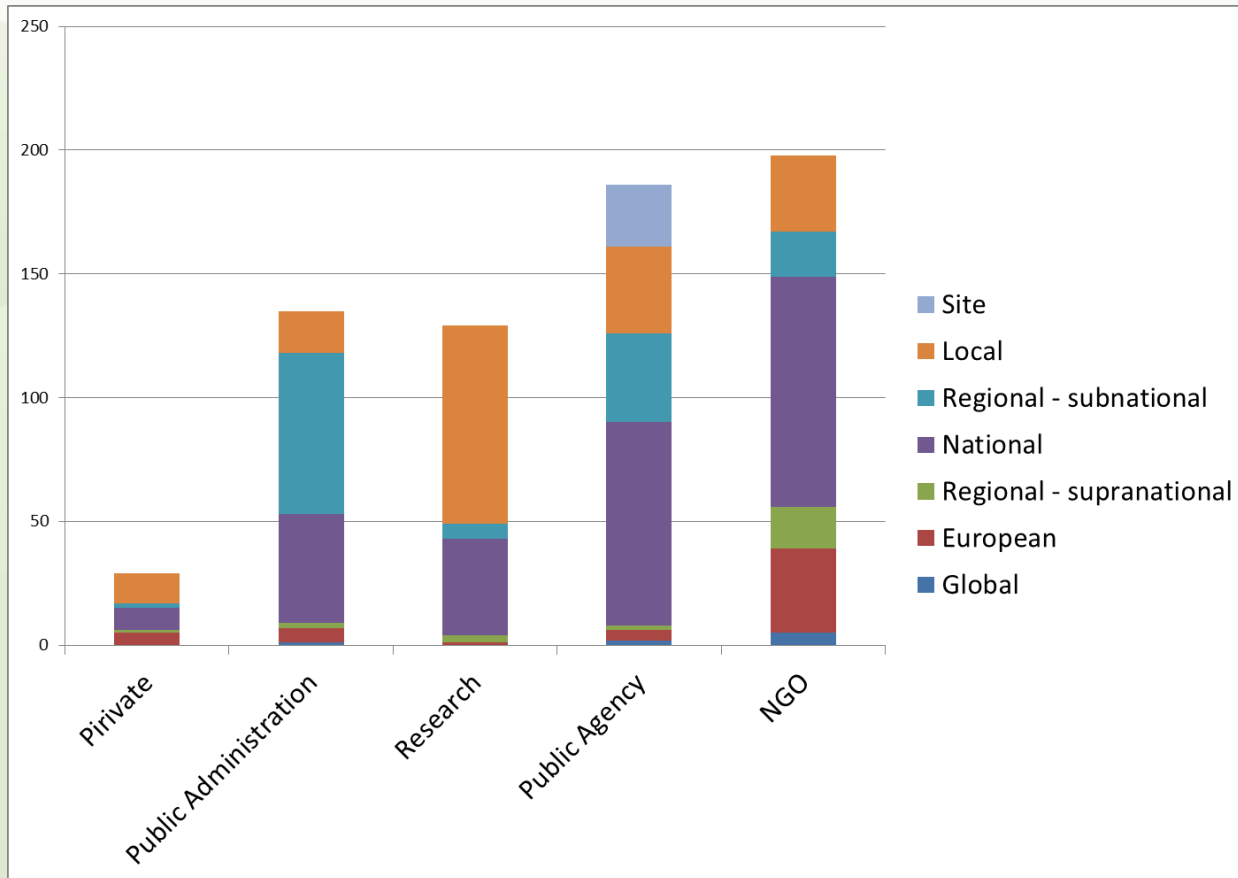
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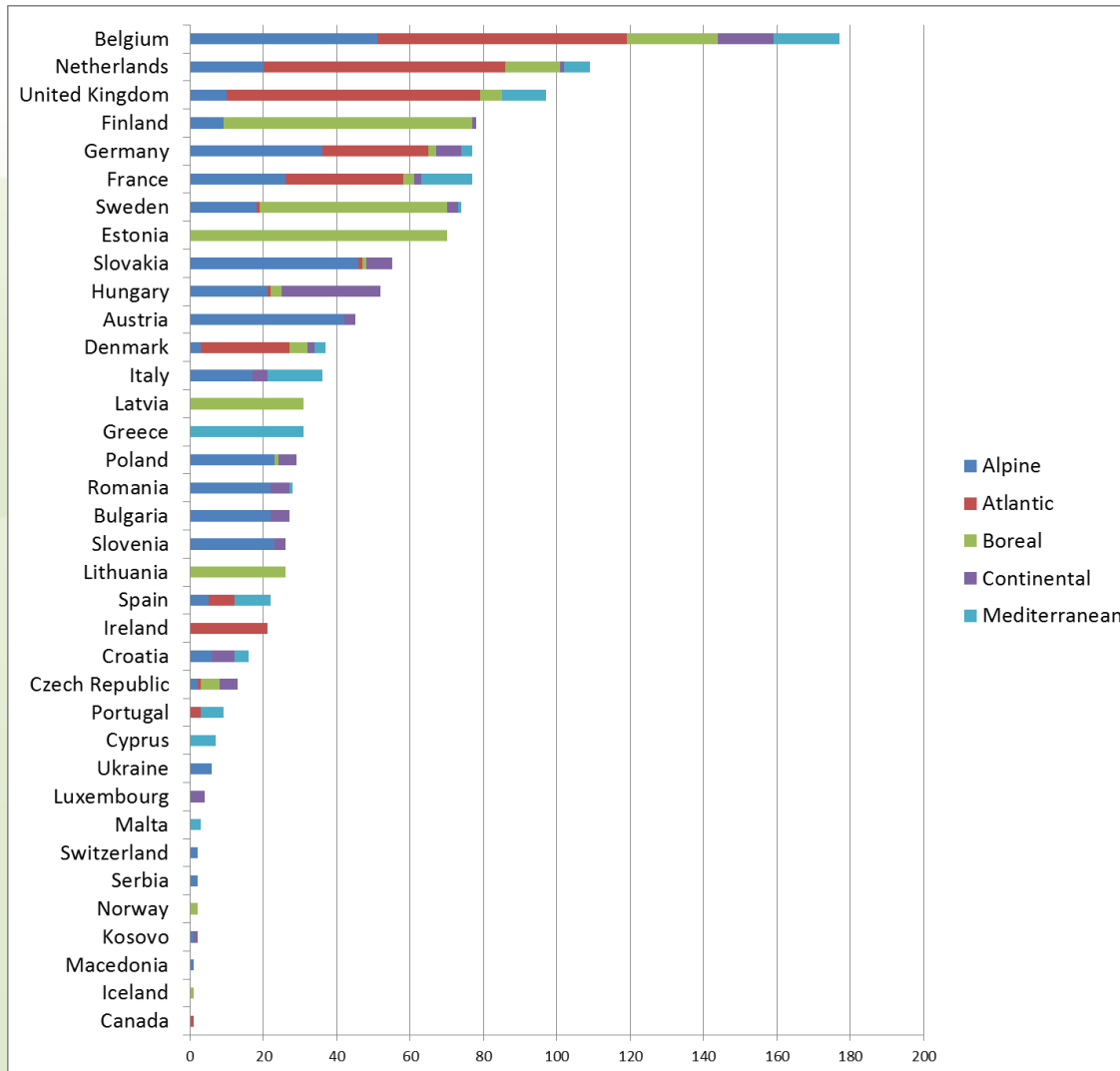
- As a continuing Process, there are new opportunities to mobilise expertise and build new know-how.
- Greater stakeholder mobilisation is being achieved, especially inputs from nature conservation practitioners.
- Awareness of (cost-effective) problem solving & learning benefits from sharing practical experiences is increasing - e.g. about how to avoid problems/ duplicate solutions; new know-how is developed collectively.
- Ongoing 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.



Organisations: 679



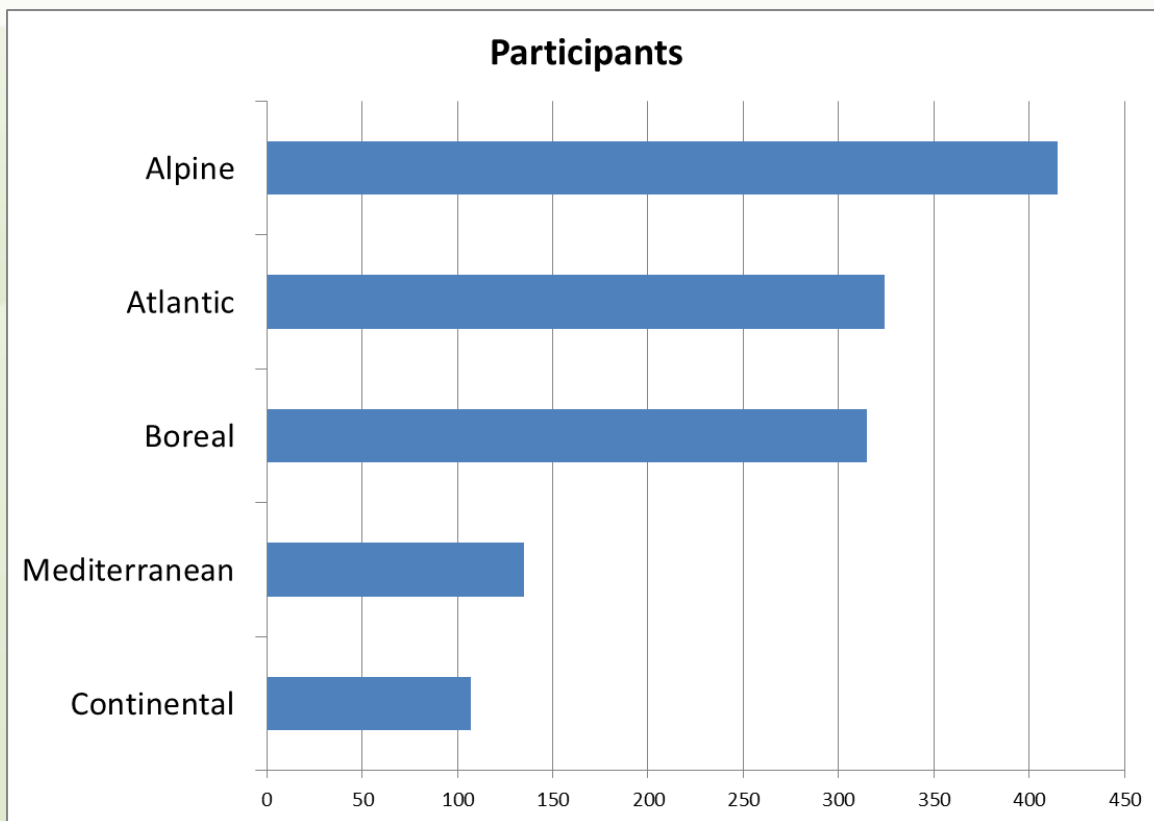
Countries: 36



- Number of participants in BGR level events per country
- All EU Member States, plus experts from outside, e.g. Switzerland and Norway



Active participants: 1296 (as of 2014)



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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



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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)



Support available through the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

The EC's contractor can support networking ... together we

- 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 the event
- Share information – e.g. upload guidance documents on to the Natura 2000 Platform etc.

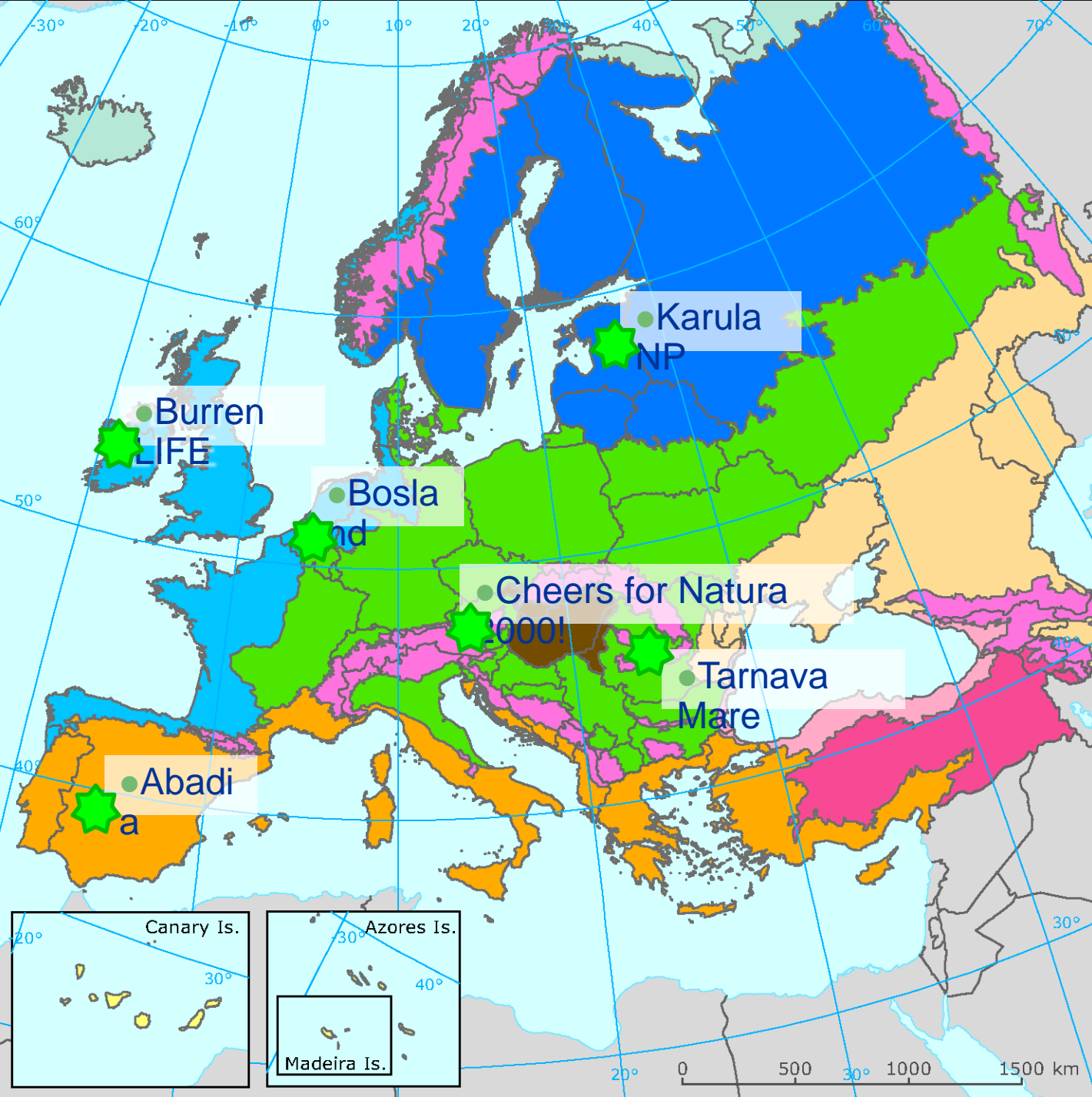


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Best practices



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Biogeographic regions in Europe, 2011

- Alpine
- Anatolian
- Arctic
- Atlantic
- Black Sea
- Boreal
- Continental
- Macaronesia
- Mediterranean
- Pannonian
- Steppic
- Outside data coverage

Fundația ADEPT Transilvania



Promoting viability of agricultural communities to protect a
Natura 2000 landscape
Barcelona December 2014



One-stop shop for farmers, providing information on a wide range of topics: applications for measures; obligations linked to measures; food safety and hygiene regulations for processing and direct sales; marketing.



Policy development through cooperation with the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, and consultations with DG Agriculture, so that design and implementation of measures in current and future Rural Development Programmes are informed by ADEPT's practical experiences.



Information groups for farmers, packaging information and channeling it through farmer groups. Using SMS in cooperation with Orange Romania. Links to National Rural Development Network.



Communication with the consumer such as the 'Know what you eat, know where it comes from' campaign, and top quality products to provoke publicity. With Orange Romania, we are developing mobile phone apps for use by consumers.

Training of individual farmers, and of farmers' associations, to increase their capacity to carry out individual and joint actions.



THIS CIRCLE SHOWS HOW LINKED ACTIVITIES OF FUNDAȚIA ADEPT HAVE INCREASED THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF SMALL-SCALE FARMS, COMMUNITIES AND HIGH BIODIVERSITY LANDSCAPES OF TÂRNAVA MARE N2000 SITE

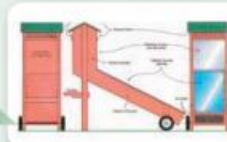
Imaginative diversification such as innovative mountain bike trail networks which link guesthouses and attract visitors and income to the area.



Innovative machinery for management of traditional grasslands under agri-environment schemes, but suited to modern expectations.



Innovative processing to assist micro-producers, and to overcome authorization problems.



Marketing initiatives, developing modern brands and packaging, producer groups, short supply chains and genuine farmers' markets across Romania.

The impact of this integrated information programme has been remarkable... increased local incomes of over €2m per year for 2,000 small-scale farmers in the Târnavă Mare area, increasing farm viability and community prosperity while supporting sustainable farming practices.



Natura 2000 Communication Platform

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICCB - 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology and 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology

SER's 6th World Conference on Ecological Restoration: Towards Resilient Ecosystems: Restoring the Urban, the Rural and the Wild

Coastal Management 2015 - Changing Coast, Changing Climate, Changing Minds

See all...

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.

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Latest news

[River connectivity conference](#)

[EUROPARC N2000 communication Awards the applications are now open!!](#)

[Continental, Pannonian, Black Sea and Steppic Biogeographical Kick-off Seminar](#)

[Breaking barriers: Stakeholder and public engagement for Natura 2000 sites](#)

[Unknown Mediterranean hotspots recognised by Ramsar wetlands convention](#)

BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR EUROPE

EIONET European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity

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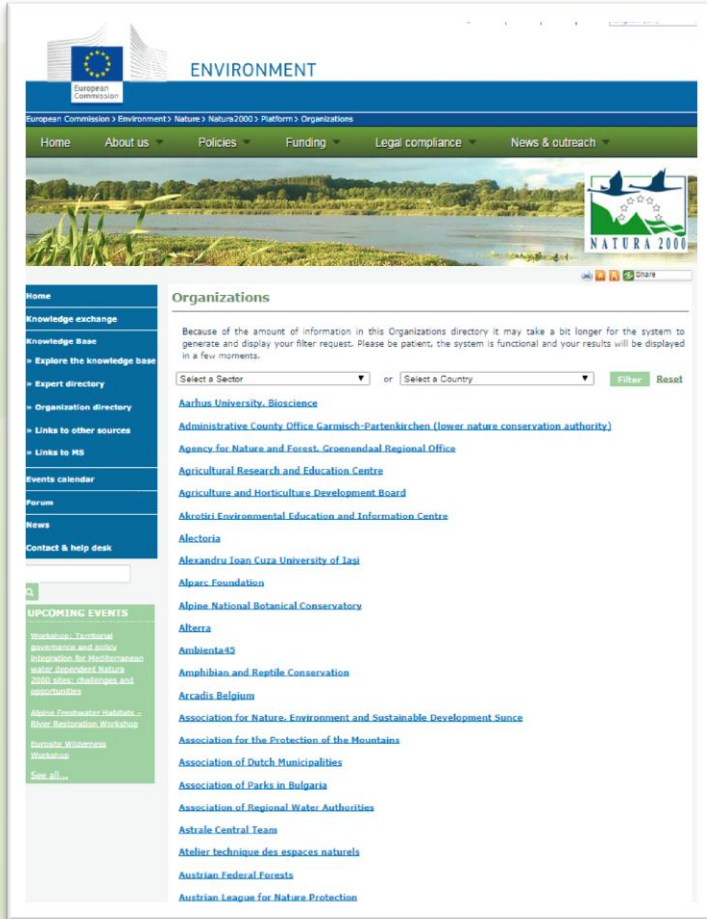
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Platform statistics



The screenshot shows the ECNC Environment website. The header includes the European Commission logo and the word "ENVIRONMENT". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, Policies, Funding, Legal compliance, and News & outreach. The main content area is titled "Organizations" and contains a search bar with "Select a Sector" and "Select a Country" dropdowns, and "Filter" and "Reset" buttons. Below the search bar is a list of organizations, including Aarhus University, Bioscience; Administrative County Office Garmisch-Partenkirchen (lower nature conservation authority); Agency for Nature and Forest, Groenendaal Regional Office; Agricultural Research and Education Centre; Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board; Akrotiri Environmental Education and Information Centre; Alectoría; Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi; Alpsarc Foundation; Alpine National Botanical Conservatory; Alterra; Ambienta33; Amphibian and Reptile Conservation; Arcadis Belgium; Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Suisse; Association for the Protection of the Mountains; Association of Dutch Municipalities; Association of Parks in Bulgaria; Association of Regional Water Authorities; Astrale Central Team; Atelier technique des espaces naturels; Austrian Federal Forests; and Austrian League for Nature Protection. On the left side, there is a sidebar with links for Home, Knowledge exchange, Knowledge Base, Expert directory, Organization directory, Links to other sources, Links to MS, Events calendar, Forum, News, and Contact & help desk. At the bottom left, there is a section for "UPCOMING EVENTS" with a link to "See all...".

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](#))



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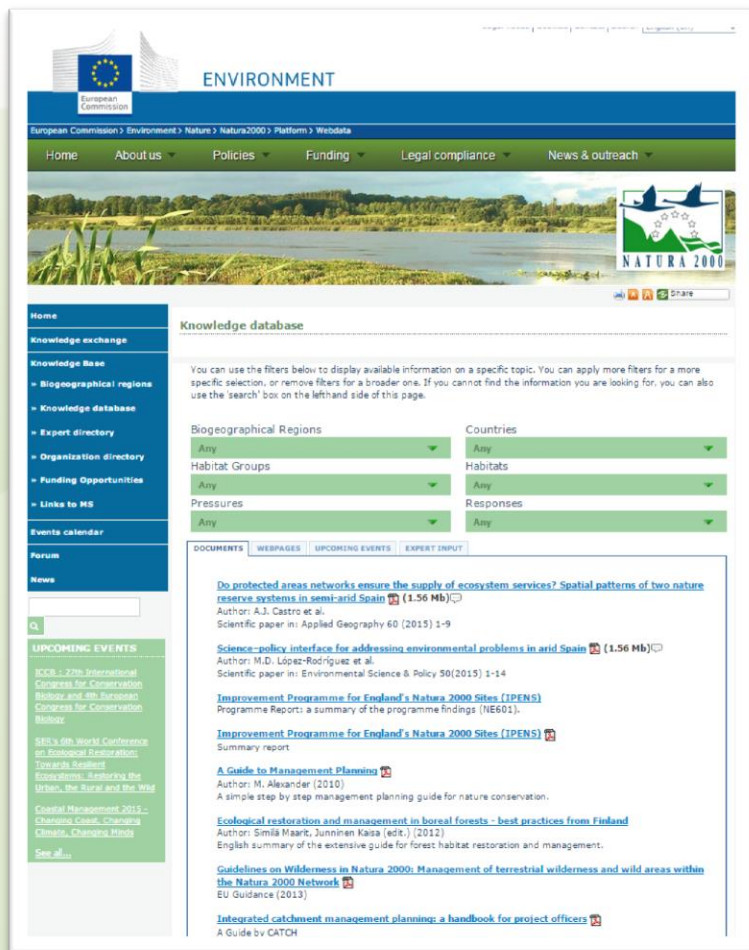
Natura 2000 Platform – recent developments



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 menu with links for Home, About us, Policies, Funding, Legal compliance, and News & outreach. The main content area features a large image of a natural landscape and a "Biogeographical map" of Europe. The map is color-coded by region, with a legend on the right listing regions: Alpine, Anatolian, Arctic, Atlantic, Black Sea, Boreal, Continental, Macaronesian, Mediterranean, Pannonic, and Steppic. A sidebar on the left contains a "Knowledge exchange" section with links to a Knowledge Base, Expert directory, and Organization directory. Below the map, there is a section for "UPCOMING EVENTS" listing various conferences and seminars. The footer contains a grid of links for Home, Knowledge exchange, Knowledge Base, and Links to other sources, along with a "Last update" timestamp.

- 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!

Planned developments



The screenshot shows the ECNC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the word 'ENVIRONMENT'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'About us', 'Policies', 'Funding', 'Legal compliance', and 'News & outreach'. The main content area is titled 'Knowledge database' and includes a search bar and several filter menus for 'Biogeographical Regions', 'Countries', 'Habitats', 'Pressures', and 'Responses'. A list of documents is displayed, each with a title, author, and a small icon representing a document or PDF.

- A user satisfaction poll will be launched soon via the platform
- An image library is under development
- Individual feedback pages for platform users are being developed
- General website design with own look and feel is constantly being developed
- REQUEST - please, get involved & participate > you are each others' resource!



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Natura 2000 Platform forum

Natura 2000 Platform forum
Working together in Natura 2000 Platform forum

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About the process Exchange and discussion about the Bore Biogeographical Process in general, including the workshops, seminars, documents, steering committees, participation, etc.	0	0	No posts
Issues relevant across biogeographical regions Topics that are not specifically linked to a single biogeographical region but are cross-cutting or important for more or all of them.	1	1	by from.admin Tue Dec 17, 2013 10:52 am
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- 64 members
 - 18 topics
 - 34 posts
 - 23744 views
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- Section with restricted access for the Boreal SC members (created on request)
 - Ideal place to post questions and issues regarding Natura 2000 and the Process. Please be engaged!



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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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