



Natura 2000 in action!

Regional cooperation for implementation of the Natura 2000 Network

Linking the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process with the European Learning Network on Regions and Biodiversity

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona, Spain

Wednesday 10 – Thursday 11 December 2014



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Programme

Day 1 – Wednesday 10 December 2014

13:30 - 14:00 Registration and drinks / coffee

14:00 – 16:30 **OPENING SESSION: SETTING THE SCENE**

Welcome addresses

- **Mr Rob Wolters**, Executive Director, ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation, Chair
- **Ms Marta Subirà**, General Director for Environmental Policies, Government of Catalunya
- **Mr Joan Puigdollers Fargas**, Councillor for Natural Areas and Environment of the Barcelona Provincial Council

Setting the scene: key note speeches

- **Mr Stefan Leiner**, Head of the Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Ms Kadri Tilleman**, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Estonia
- **Mr Peter Torkler**, WWF Germany: The Guidance Handbook for Financing NATURA 2000 in 2014-2020

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

Setting the scene: key note speeches (continued)

- **Mr Jordi Parpal**, Natura 2000 Manager, Natural Environment Planning Unit, Government of Catalunya
- **Mr Carles Castell Puig**, Head of the technical office for territorial planning and analysis, Barcelona Provincial Council
- **Ms Maria Thordarsson**, Deputy Head of the Nature Conservation Unit, County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland, Sweden
- **Mr Ed Dammers**, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, PBL

16:30 - 17:00 **INTRODUCTION TO THE THEMES**

Implementing Natura 2000 in regional planning

- **Mr Miquel Rafa**, Director, Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera, Spain

Promoting the multiple benefits of Natura 2000

- **Ms Sophie Bourlon**, Natura 2000 manager, Parc naturel régional du Luberon, France

Innovative funding for Natura 2000

- **Mr Henkjan Kievit**, President, Eurosite, The Netherlands

Building partnerships for effective Natura 2000 management

- **Ms Savita Custead**, Director, Bristol Natural History Consortium, UK

17:30 – 18:15 **GUIDED TOUR**

Optional guided tour of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

18:30 – 21:00 **KNOWLEDGE MARKET AND BUFFET RECEPTION**

18:30 – 18:40 Short opening speech

- **Mr Neil McIntosh**, Deputy Executive Director, ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation, The Netherlands

The knowledge market combined with a drinks and buffet dinner will allow the participants to inform themselves of projects and to network. Participants in the Knowledge Market can present a poster, a roll up banner, publications or a laptop presentation about a project, initiative, case of good practice, organisation etc.

Day 2 – Thursday 11 December 2014

09:00 – 09:15 **OPENING SESSION DAY 2**

- **Mr Rob Wolters**, Chair

09:15 – 09:30 **Short film projections**

URBES Film: Barcelona – embracing the vision of a greener future

Introduced by **Dr Francesc Baró**, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA), Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain

Natura 2000 Film: When biodiversity rhymes with solidarity

Winner Grand Prix Natura 2000

Introduced by **Thomas Biéro**, DREAL de Basse-Normandie, France

09:30 – 11:00 **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS, part 1**

To discuss the themes introduced on Day 1

Implementing Natura 2000 in regional planning

Chair: **Mr Miquel Rafa**

Case study presentations

- ***Approving planning requests in Natura 2000 sites, Greece***
Ms Christina Kontaxi, Department of Environment and Spatial Planning, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece
- ***The Humber port development and Natura 2000, United Kingdom***
Mr Bernie Fleming, Fleming Ecology
- ***TIB-Trans Insubria Bionet. Habitat connection and improvement along the Insubria ecological corridor between the Alps and the Ticino valley***
Ms Sara Barbieri, Varese Province, Italy

Promoting the multiple benefits of Natura 2000

Chair: **Ms Sophie Bourlon**

Case study presentations

- **Muntanya d'Alinyà**, Spain
Mr Xavier Escuté, Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera
- **BurrenLIFE Project "Farming for Conservation in the Burren"**, Ireland
LIFE Nature Award Winner 2011
Dr Sharon L. Parr, Project Scientist, Burren Farming for Conservation Programme

Innovative funding for Natura 2000

Chair: **Mr Henkjan Kievit**

Case study presentations

- **Natura 2000 in the LIFE Programme**
Ms Lucie Trokanová, Nature & Biodiversity Expert, LIFE Programme Communications Team,
ASTRALE GEIE - AEIDL
- **The LIFE+ 3WATER Project: a model for sustainable cooperation**, Belgium
Winner of a Natura 2000 Award 2014
Ms Marie-Alice Budniok, Director of Legal and Administrative Affairs, European Landowners
Organisation

Building partnerships for effective Natura 2000 management

Chair: **Ms Savita Custead**

Case study presentations

- **Converging partnership approaches for the management of the Plaine du Forez**, France
Winner Grand prix Natura 2000
Mr David Marailhac, Conseil général de la Loire
- **Tarnava Mare: promoting viability of agricultural communities to protect a Natura 2000 landscape**, Romania
Winner of a Natura 2000 Award 2014
Mr Razvan Popa, Director, ADEPT Foundation

11:00 - 11:30: Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS, part 2**

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 16:30 **THE WAY FORWARD**

Reports of the workshops

The results of each workshop will be reported in plenary (10 to 15 minutes each). Followed by a questions and answers session.

Panel discussion

Mr Rob Wolters, Chair

Lively interactive question and answering session "*Regional cooperation for implementing the Natura 2000 network: the way forward*" with panellists drawn from the contributors to the programme .