



Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

Networking Event

Natura 2000 Monitoring

Integrating conservation management & monitoring

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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 Seminars

Biogeographical Region	First Seminar or Kick-off Seminar	Thematic events	Review Seminar (indicative)	Thematic Events
Boreal	May 2012	ongoing	2016	Continue after 2016
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	2016	As from 2016	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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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	November 2015	Netherlands
Mediterranean	Natura 2000 Farmland Management & Biodiversity	28 Sept - 1 Oct 2015	Spain
Continental	Wetland Restoration	4 to 6 Oct 2015	Hungary
ALL	Integrating conservation management & monitoring	October 2015	Spain
Atlantic	Integrated Management of Natura 2000 in Estuaries	Spring 2016 TBC	TBC
Alpine	Grassland Management	9 – 10 December 2015	Germany
Macaronesian	Kick off Seminar	Spring 2016 TBC	TBC
Mediterranean	Ancient Forest Management	May 2016 TBC	France
CONT/ ALP	Integrated Forest Management	June 2016 TBC	Italy



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Subjects identified for collaboration - scope for future cooperative actions, including via LIFE or INTERREG projects

- Integrated management approaches in specific habitats – e.g.
 - Estuaries, forests, grasslands etc
- Improved management measures and conservation objectives with respect to specific management priorities – e.g.
 - Hydrological restoration;
 - Re-establishing ecological connectivity – green & blue infrastructure.
- Governance approaches & stakeholder engagement processes
- Areas for greater policy integration at different levels – e.g.
 - Natura 2000 & Farmland Management for biodiversity
 - Rural development
 - Land uses and spatial planning etc.
- Cross-border cooperation/ trans-national collaboration projects

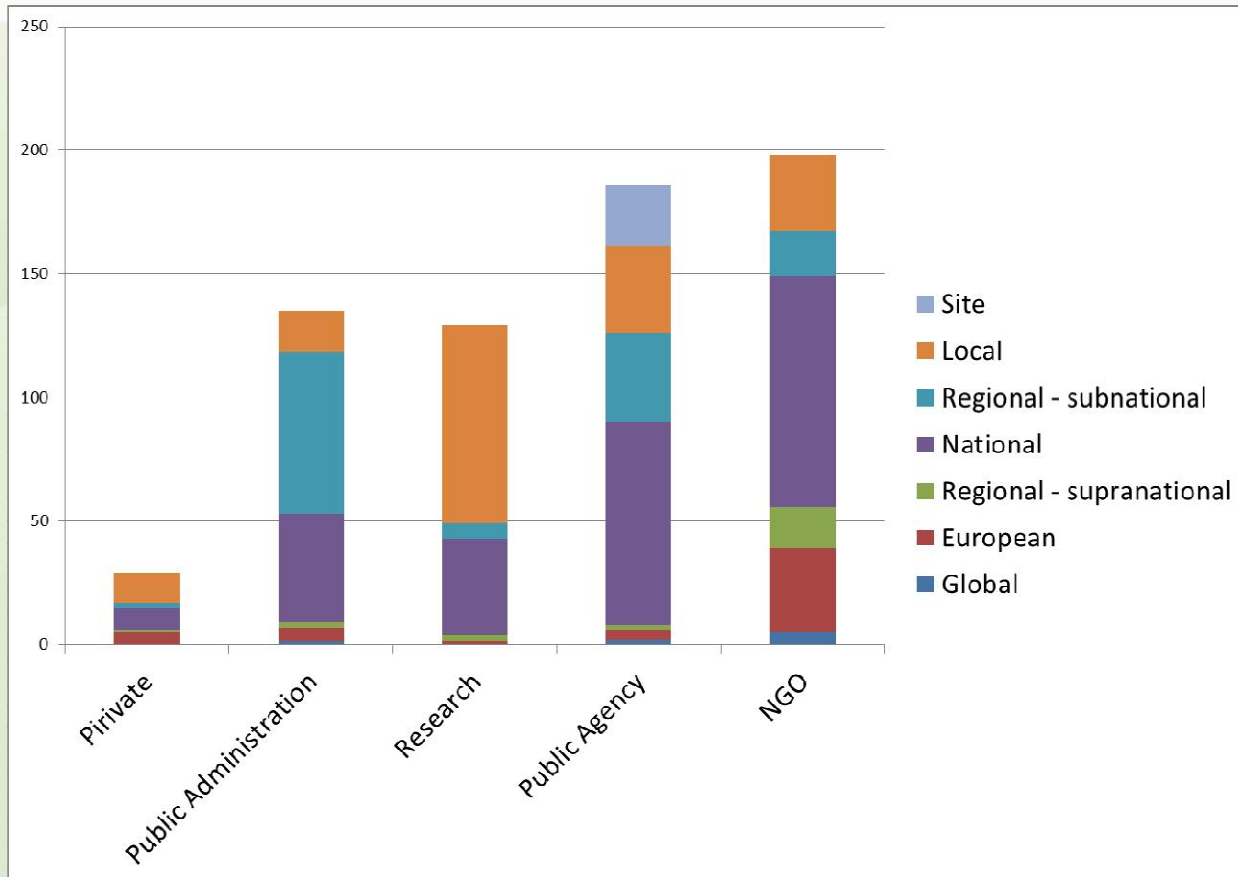


The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – important features

- The **Process is long-term** & continuing – seminars are milestone events, designed to spark new networking and knowledge-building
- Consolidating links to the LIFE Programme and projects
 - *Pooling resources and experience to help others and **build new know-how***
- Increasing momentum is being established re **practical management insights**
 - ***Natura 2000 is a network of sites AND people** - the Process creates new opportunities to manage sites collectively and 'connectedly'.*
 - ***Identify common priorities/ major issues where there is scope & value to collaborate***
 - *Decide together **where cooperation can add value** and have positive impacts*
- **Involvement is voluntary** – but, the Process provides added-value means to increase focus on **shared strategic outcomes**.
- Use the Process for local, regional, trans-border **cooperation actions for Natura 2000**.

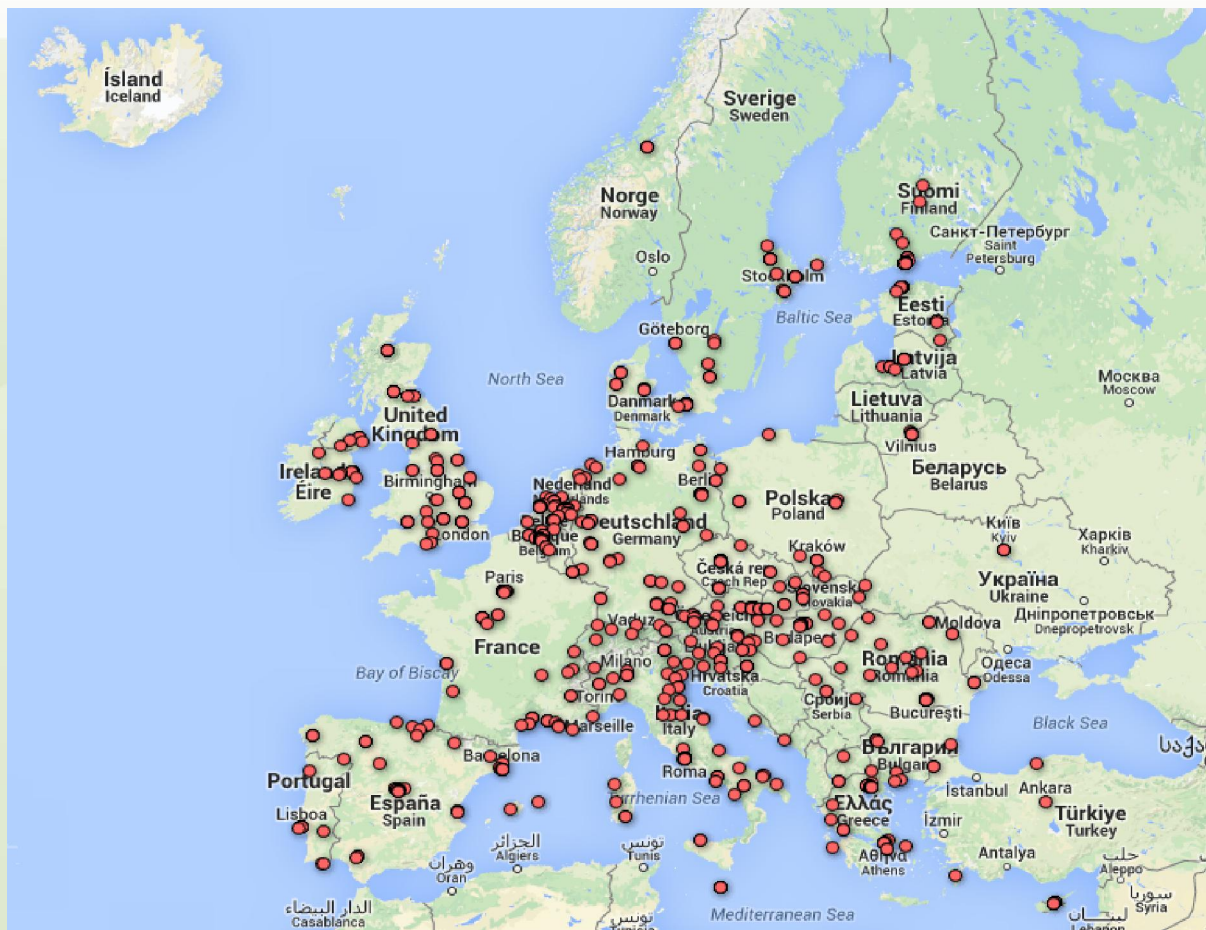


Organisations: > 700



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Active participants: >2,400 (currently)



Suggested topics for discussion during this event

- How do you integrate Natura 2000 monitoring with nature conservation management?
- What common features / practical steps can be identified from the case studies & your own experience? Can these be promoted for use in other Natura 2000 sites?
- What are the common issues/ challenges associated with integrating nature conservation and monitoring? What solutions can we identify? What forms of cooperation and collaboration could help?
- Favourable Reference Values – how can the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process be useful to develop an EU biogeographical region approach to define FRVs?
- Is there scope to develop common approaches to nature conservation status assessments and monitoring actions? How would this be used to ensure the effectiveness of management measures?



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

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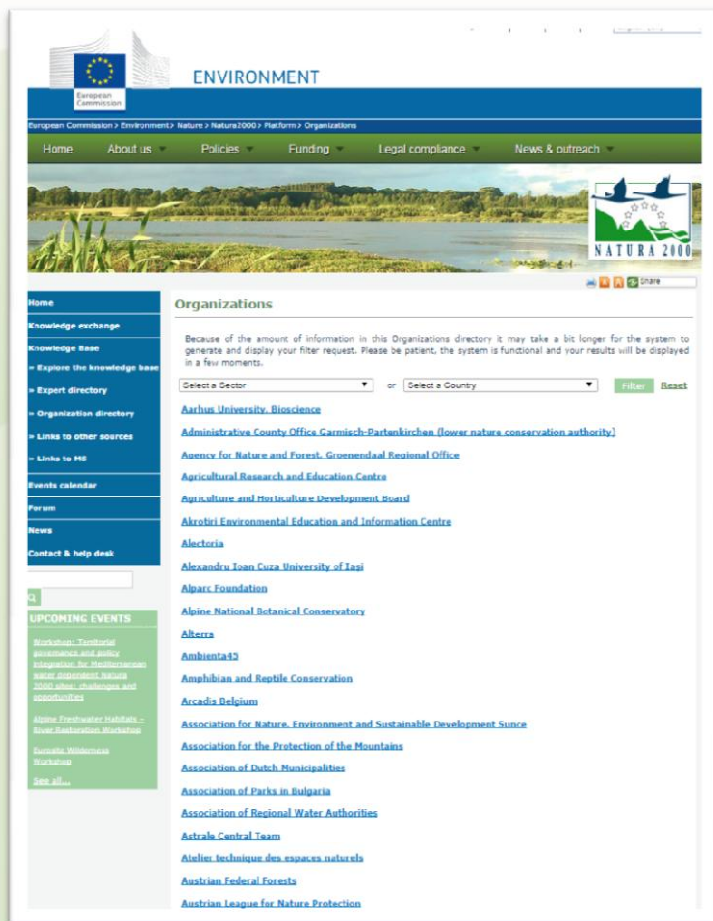


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Natura 2000 Platform – your information resource, some statistics

Content uploads to date:

- 431 documents
- 48 news items
- 52 projects links
- 65 other links
- 7 Funding opportunities
- 194 listed experts
- 816 listed organisations
- 126 Expert Input Pages



The screenshot shows the 'Organizations' page on the Natura 2000 Platform. The page features a navigation menu at the top with options like 'Home', 'About us', 'Policies', 'Funding', 'Legal compliance', and 'News & outreach'. Below the navigation is a search bar with filters for 'Select a Sector' and 'Select a Country', and a 'Filter' button. The main content area lists various organizations, including 'Arhus University, Bioscience', 'Administrative County Office Garmisch-Partenkirchen (lower natura conservation authority)', 'Agency for Nature and Forest, Groesendael Regional Office', 'Agricultural Research and Education Centre', 'Agriculture and Ruralisation Development Board', 'Akrotiri Environmental Education and Information Centre', 'Alectoria', 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi', 'Alparc Foundation', 'Alpine National Botanical Conservatory', 'Aikera', 'Ambienta13', 'Amphibian and Reptile Conservation', 'Arcadia 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', 'Atelles technique des espaces naturels', 'Austrian Federal Forests', and 'Austrian League for Nature Protection'. A sidebar on the left contains links to 'Home', 'Knowledge exchange', 'Expert directory', 'Organization directory', 'Events calendar', 'Forum', 'News', and 'Contact & help desk'. There is also a section for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' with a 'See all...' link.



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Natura 2000 Platform – recent developments



The screenshot displays 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 options like "Home", "About us", "Policies", "Funding", "Legal compliance", and "News & outreach". A large banner image shows a natural landscape with a lake and reeds. Below the banner is a "Biogeographical map" of Europe, color-coded by region. A legend on the right lists the regions: Alpine, Anatolian, Arctic, Atlantic, Black Sea, Boreal, Continental, Macaronesia, Mediterranean, Pannonian, and Steppe. The website also features a sidebar with "Upcoming events" and a footer with contact information and 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!



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Thank you very much

Supporting the implementation & development of the
EC's Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process &
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