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Eurosites Annual Report 2018

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1. Letter from the Eurosite President

The year 2018 has been active and interesting, in which collaborations were further stimulated and carried out: the LIFE European Private Land Conservation Network (ELCN) and Farmer's Pride are well on their way to develop into beneficial framework for the future of nature conservation. As a result of 2017's focus on Twinning, cooperation between members also accelerated, with even a thematic twinning on peatland restoration in the pipeline!

The Eurosite network has remained to be a construction based on its member's most valuable input: knowledge and experience on practical nature management.

Still highly committed to our mission, in which we strive for a Europe where nature is cared for, protected, restored and valued by all, I would this year again like to sincerely thank our members, all who are active in the Eurosite Working Groups, the dedicated Eurosite Board and Council, and the Secretariat staff.

I hope you will enjoy reading the Annual Report, and I thank you all for the trust in the Eurosite network as a means to strengthen nature conservation implementation all around Europe.

Stefan Versweyveld
Eurosite President



"The Eurosite network is build upon knowledge and experience. Working together - for instance through twinning - and exchanging information is an invaluable gift to Europe's nature."

Stefan Versweyveld, Eurosite President

2. Timeline of key activities 2018

20 - 26 January

Study Tour and Global Congress of the International
Land Conservation Network (ILCN)
(Chile)

21 March

LIFE Operating Grants Kick-off
(Belgium)

17 April

Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group Kick-
off
(The Netherlands)

3 - 4 May

European Habitats Forum meeting and EHF meeting
with EC (Belgium)

13 - 15 June

ELCN workshop on Legal Tools in private land
conservation (Finland)

18 September

Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature
meeting (Belgium)

24 - 27 September

Eurosite Annual Meeting (Hungary)

16 - 18 October

2nd Continental, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea
Biogeographical regions Natura 2000 Seminar
(France)

22 - 26 October

Farmer's Pride workshop (Denmark)

12 - 15 March

Peatland Restoration knowledge exchange
(United Kingdom)

23 March

WE Young People See Nature exhibition opening
(The Netherlands)

18 - 20 April

Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour
(The Netherlands)

8 - 9 May

Training: Ecosystem Services for Site Managers
(The Netherlands)

30 August - 3 September

Restoration Summer school in cooperation with SER
Europe (Hungary)

18 - 21 September

EUROPARC Annual Meeting (United Kingdom)

4 - 5 October

Conservatoire d'Espaces Naturels workshop
(France)

18 - 19 October

European Habitats Forum meeting and EHF meeting
with EC (Belgium)

5 - 7 November

ELCN workshop on Incentives for private land
conservation (Spain)

13 November
NGO Discussion Seminar
(Belgium)

11 December
Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group
meeting (The Netherlands)

4 December
ELO Biodiversity Conference (Belgium)

18 December
ELCN meeting (Belgium)



3. Implementing the Eurosite Strategy 2015-2020

Following the adoption of the new Eurosite Strategy 2015-2020 in January 2015, in 2018 the following actions were implemented in line with the agreed Eurosite objectives.

Objective 1: Networking for Europe's nature - Eurosite is recognised as a vital, relevant and active network organisation with a solid, essential agenda for European nature

Priority Activity 1: Workshops and field meetings on key issues - recognising the importance of face to face contact

The clear prioritisation of this activity reflects the central role that networking and field meetings have played over Eurosite's 29 year history.

The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process - networking

In 2015, the European Commission, with support from the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process consortium, launched the next phase of the Process (2015-2017), which builds on the success of previous Biogeographical Seminars and Thematic networking events organised around key issues identified during Seminars.

In 2018, there were several Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process networking events, of which the Second Continental, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea Biogeographical regions Natura 2000 Seminar was attended by Eurosite.

Workshops, trainings and other events

Peatland Restoration knowledge exchange, 12-15 March, United Kingdom

From 12 to 15 March 2018 the Pennine PeatLIFE has hosted a Eurosite's Economics and Ecosystem Services Working Group's knowledge exchange on peatland restoration. Twelve participants from the Eurosite Network, coming from Finland, Croatia and the Netherlands, had the opportunity to visit the sites where the Pennine PeatLIFE project is conducting innovative peatland restoration techniques. Next to the site visits, there were plenty of opportunities to present and discuss the different approaches taken in Finland and the Netherlands, as well as to learn about the details of the Peatland Code and how it could be used to support the restoration efforts. The visit was also an excellent opportunity for the members of the Working Group to come together for a meeting in person. Additionally, a first exchange visit in a Twinning signed last year at the Eurosite's Annual Meeting, between Pennine PeatLIFE and the Finnish Hydrology LIFE project was realised. As it turns out, there is a lot of knowledge on peatland restoration within the Eurosite Network, and we plan to seek ways to disseminate this knowledge broader.

Please find an elaborate report of the visit [here](#).



Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour, 18-20 April, the Netherlands

To learn about five Dutch pioneering natural climate buffer projects and nature-based solutions to climate change adaptation in the Netherlands, 38 participants from 11 European countries gathered from 18-20 April to take part in the first Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour through the north of the Netherlands.

The event was organised by Eurosite in cooperation with Natuurmonumenten and the Dutch Natural Climate Buffer Coalition. The participants expressed great interest in finding project partners, learning from good practices and networking. The aim of the tour was to inspire and to unite forces to work together against the effects of global warming. For this purpose, the Netherlands have the ability of providing various examples of good practices considering their history with water management. The country's below sea level location and the presence of several freshwater rivers makes about two third of the country a high-risk flooding area.

An elaborate report on the Study Tour is available [here](#).

Training: Ecosystem Services for Site Managers, 8-9 May, The Netherlands

On 8 and 9 May 2018, in order to bridge the gap between science and practice the Eurosite's Economic and Ecosystem Services Working Group (EES WG), with the support of EKLIPSE has organised a two-day short course to address this issue and facilitate the exchange of information between science and practice. The course was hosted by Wageningen Environmental Research and was attended by 27 participants from 15 countries. The training focused on:

- analysis of the concept of ecosystem services in the framework of protected sites;
- exploration of the importance of ecosystem services in management through identifying why there is a need to utilise them in protected site management;
- showcasing of several examples from study areas around Europe;
- identification of further training needs on the topic, and the provision of tools which will allow the participants to implement an assessment of needs in their organisation.

Please find an elaborate workshop report [here](#).

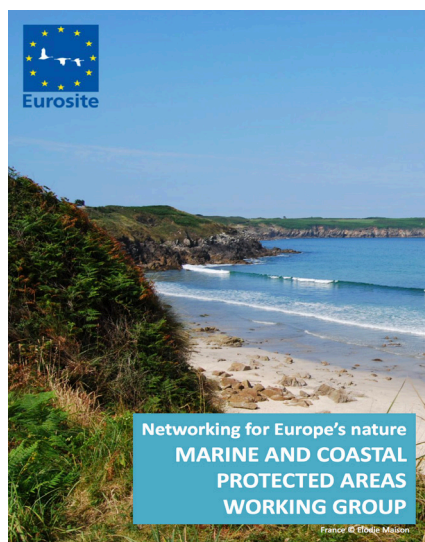


Priority Activity 2: An online platform to allow members to request and receive specialist information relevant to their needs

In the previous working year information was collected to fill such a platform. Throughout 2017 additional content was collected, after which the Eurosite Thematic Library was launched towards the end of the year. However, since Eurosite is in essence a network of natural site managers, in 2018 it was a necessity to meet site manager's needs by updating the toolkit for management plans. It was decided to do this digitally and to create an online toolkit where site managers can find information from A to Z concerning management planning. A new group was established to realise this task: the Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group (EMPEG). The group had its first live meeting in April, then met throughout the year via GoToMeeting, and had another live meeting in December. Its goal is to deliver content for the online toolkit to be launched at the Eurosite Annual Meeting 2019.

Priority Activity 3: Working groups on interesting / specific issues

In 2018, the work of our Working Groups has continued. These working groups are stimulating the dialogue and the exchange of information on the relevant topics, by organising thematic events and exploring joint work possibilities through joint projects. Accompanying communication and promotion of their activities and results helps awareness raising on the topics they cover. The activity of the working groups strengthens the Eurosite network by increasing the knowledge exchange. The Economics and Ecosystem Services Working Group has met several times throughout the year, as did the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas Working Group and the Wetlands and Climate Change Working Group.



Objective 2: A Gold Standard for Information - Eurosite is recognised as a the leading source of information about best practice in nature site management and related European matters

Priority Activity 1: Advice on site management in relation to conservation and development

Database Filemaker Pro

With more information entered in 2018, the database has become more and more useful. Also, after having gained some experience in working with it, additional functionalities were added to the database, based on the ideas that came from using the database in day-to-day work. For example, delegates lists of events can be entered into the database, after which they are processed into new contacts. Participants that already were included in the database get an automatic note at their profile mentioning they have attended the event.

Eurosite Integration Fund

The Eurosite Integration Fund was put in place to offer financial support to members when travelling to Eurosite workshops, meetings, seminars or other events. The total number of people supported in 2018 is 15 with 18 subsidies.

Natura 2000 branding

In aiming to promote the benefits of Natura 2000 to society, the branding campaign was kicked-off early 2017. A functional searchable website database is online. It is a searchable database of products and stories concerning successful partnerships, demonstrating the socio-economic benefits the Natura 2000 sites provide for local stakeholders. The products that are promoted all have a clear link to Natura 2000 sites and there is a mutual benefit for both the Natura 2000 site and the product and its producer. At the end of 2018 the website displayed 75 products and 7 stories about partnerships, covering 11 EU member states. A social media branding campaign was launched during the Nature's benefits: Stories from citizens conference in Brussels in June 2017 and was further carried out in 2018.

Natura 2000 branding website: <https://www.natura2000branding.eu/>

CHEESE

Bio cheese 'De Schorren'



Background

De Schorren is a biological cheese awarded with a silver 'best biological cheese award' at the International Cheese Awards in 2014. The cheese has ripened for a year and is made with milk of the Jersey cow. These cows roam freely in the Loonse & Drunense Duinen & Leemkuilen Natura 2000 area.

Website

www.jerseyhoeve.com

Farmer's Pride

Farmer's Pride, a project funded under Horizon 2020 and led by the University of Birmingham, is establishing the European Network for In Situ Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources. It will bring together stakeholders and sites across the region and coordinate actions to conserve diversity for crop enhancement and adaptation in the future. In 2018, a first workshop was organised in Helsingør, Denmark. Eurosite attended this meeting, in which the eventual goals of the network to be established were further explored. The Farmer's Pride project will be further executed with a final conference in 2020. Farmer's Pride is a project involving a diverse range of stakeholders. We are building a collaborative network for on-site conservation and sustainable use of Europe's plant diversity for food, nutrition and economic security throughout the region.



More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

European Private Land Conservation Network (LIFE ELCN)

In 2016 a proposal was developed for the Development of a European Private Land Conservation Network (ELCN) and submitted to the LIFE Preparatory Call for Proposals. The proposal was successful and the project began in 2017. Eurosite has the leading role in the networking and project communications. If the project is successful, Eurosite will become the secretariat for the newly established Network after the project has ended. The ELCN network will be officially launched during the Eurosite Annual Meeting in 2019, which will also be the final conference of the project. This LIFE project is led by NABU (Germany), and other partners are Natuurpunt (Belgium), Montis (Portugal), Fundacion Biodiversidad (Spain), Fundatia ADEPT (Romania), ELY Centre Lapland (Finland), IMA Europe (EU) and WWF Oasi (Italy). In 2018, the project website was continuously updates and two meetings took place in June and November, on legal tools in private land conservation (Finland), and on incentives for private land conservation (Spain). Lastly, Eurosite's Network and Development Manager attended a study tour in Chile that was organised by the International Land Conservation Network to inspire a delegation of the LIFE ELCN, in combination with the ILCN Conference.



More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

Eurosite Twinning

Twinning has always been an important part of Eurosite's work. In 1987 – the European Year of the Environment – the European Natural Sites Twinning Programme was launched with the financial support of the European Commission and to support the cooperation of nature conservation management organisations from across Europe. Eurosite was born from this Twinning Programme, and ever since then we have been facilitating twinings of natural sites across Europe. In 2018, the first Twinning between individual members of Eurosite was realised, and the ongoing twinning between two LIFE projects has created a very nice partnership and led to the idea of initiating a broader thematic twinning. In 2018 there were 6 ongoing twinings, and a very successful exchange visit took place as part of the twinning between the two LIFE projects, showcasing both the content of the twinning exchange (peatland restoration) as well as the concept of twinning itself.



The value of Twinning:

“Twinning represents a great opportunity for like-minded people and organisations to coordinate and synergise their efforts to better understand and connect the dots between conservation work across Europe.”

Paul Leadbitter, North Pennines AONB Partnership

Priority Activity 2: Training events - at various levels to suit Members' needs

Trainings that were given this year comprise the Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour, the training on ecosystem services for site managers, and the restoration summer school. All trainings are described under Priority Activity 1 of Objective 1 of this report.

Priority Activity 3: Technical information about funding, project management and legislative changes

Through our website, social media and monthly eNewsletter we have shared the latest information about funding and site management, as well as updates on legislative changes and developments in European environmental policy. Among the most important topic in this field was the development of an EU Pollinators Initiative, for which the network was updated and activated to provide feedback to the European Commission. In addition, two factsheets and a thematic eNewsletter was published in 2018, prepared with the support of the Wetlands and Climate Change Working Group.

Objective 3: Advocacy for site-based nature - Eurosite provides the advocacy that is required at the EU level to provide political and practical support for site-based nature conservation in Europe

Priority Activity 1: Representation for Members at European level to provide a role in policy making

In 2018, Eurosite attended a number of key meetings and events in Brussels in order to represent the members and ensure that the members remain informed about the latest nature-related policy processes:

- March: LIFE Kick-off, Brussels;
- May: biannual European Habitats Forum meetings with DG Environment, Brussels;
- September: Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature meeting, Brussels;
- October: Second Continental, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea Biogeographical regions Natura 2000 Seminar, France;
- October: biannual European Habitats Forum meetings with DG Environment;
- November: NGO Discussion Seminar, Brussels.

Priority Activity 2: Timely information to Members about what is happening at EU level

We regularly provide our members with relevant news and updates in EU policy development. While using our communication channels (website, social media and the eNewsletter) to keep the Eurosite network informed, we also ensure that we send a report back to members about meetings and events attended in Brussels. This provides many of our members, who do not have the resources to attend such events, with a valuable service. Both the website and the eNewsletter contain a 'Brussels section' especially for the purpose of transmitting information on what is happening on EU level.

Priority Activity 3: Effective communication channels with the European Commission, working in both directions, on policy and funding

Eurosite has been a reliable partner of the European Commission ever since our establishment in 1989. The emphasis of this cooperation has always been on building a two-way relationship with the European Commission. In 2018 there have been multiple occasions where the Eurosite President or Secretariat Staff had meetings with the European Commission, as for example on 18 December 2018.

Objective 4: Building a strong future - Eurosite is a resilient organisation with the human and financial resources necessary to deliver the expectations of the members

Priority Activity 1: Work with partners to develop funding and project opportunities

ELCN & Farmer's Pride

In 2018, Eurosite was successfully involved in LIFE ELCN and Farmer's Pride. The European Private Land Conservation Network and the Farmer's Pride project will both last three years. For more information see Objective 2, Priority Activity 1.

Friends of Eurosite

Friends of Eurosite are nature conservation related organisations or networks with which we have established a long-term working relationship. Friendships are formalised through a Friends of Eurosite agreement, which sets out the goals for the friendship and is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2018 CEEweb for Biodiversity remained a 'Friend of Eurosite'. Given the clear complementary aims of Eurosite and CEEweb for Biodiversity, particularly regarding the exchange of knowledge and experience, geographic coverage, and a number of common themes addressed by the two networks, both organisations expressed interest to maintain their working relationship.

CEEweb for Biodiversity is a network of non-governmental organisations in the Central and Eastern European region working in 20 countries. The mission of CEEweb is the conservation of biodiversity through the promotion of sustainable development. CEEweb works through advocacy, influencing decision making, common projects, capacity building, networking and awareness raising. It targets its members, local, national and international decision makers, NGOs and NGO networks, companies and the scientific community.

The Migratory Birds for People Programme (MBP) has been a friend of Eurosite since July 2015 and the friendship agreement was renewed in 2017. The Migratory Birds for People (MBP) programme is about 30 wetland visitor centres across Europe and West Africa, in a network that follows the migratory route of many migratory wetland birds species. These centres are working together to share best practice and develop new approaches to delivering wetland messages to their visitors.

SER Europe also became a friend of Eurosite in September 2017. SER Europe is a network of restoration experts, exchanging knowledge and expertise for the promotion of ecological restoration in Europe. Their aim is to promote ecological restoration as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship nature and culture.



Priority Activity 2: Secure and develop present funding: membership fees and funding

Compared to 2017 Eurosite received slightly less membership fee income in 2018. We welcomed new members, but sadly also received a couple of resignations. Fortunately, we had been successful in securing EU NGO Funding for 2018/19. In 2017, Eurosite successfully applied for an EU NGO Framework Partnership Agreement for the years 2018 and 2019, based on the Eurosite Strategy 2015 - 2020, which we wrote together with our members.

Priority Activity 3: Create clear financial projections (1-5 years) and build a financial reserve to improve cash flow

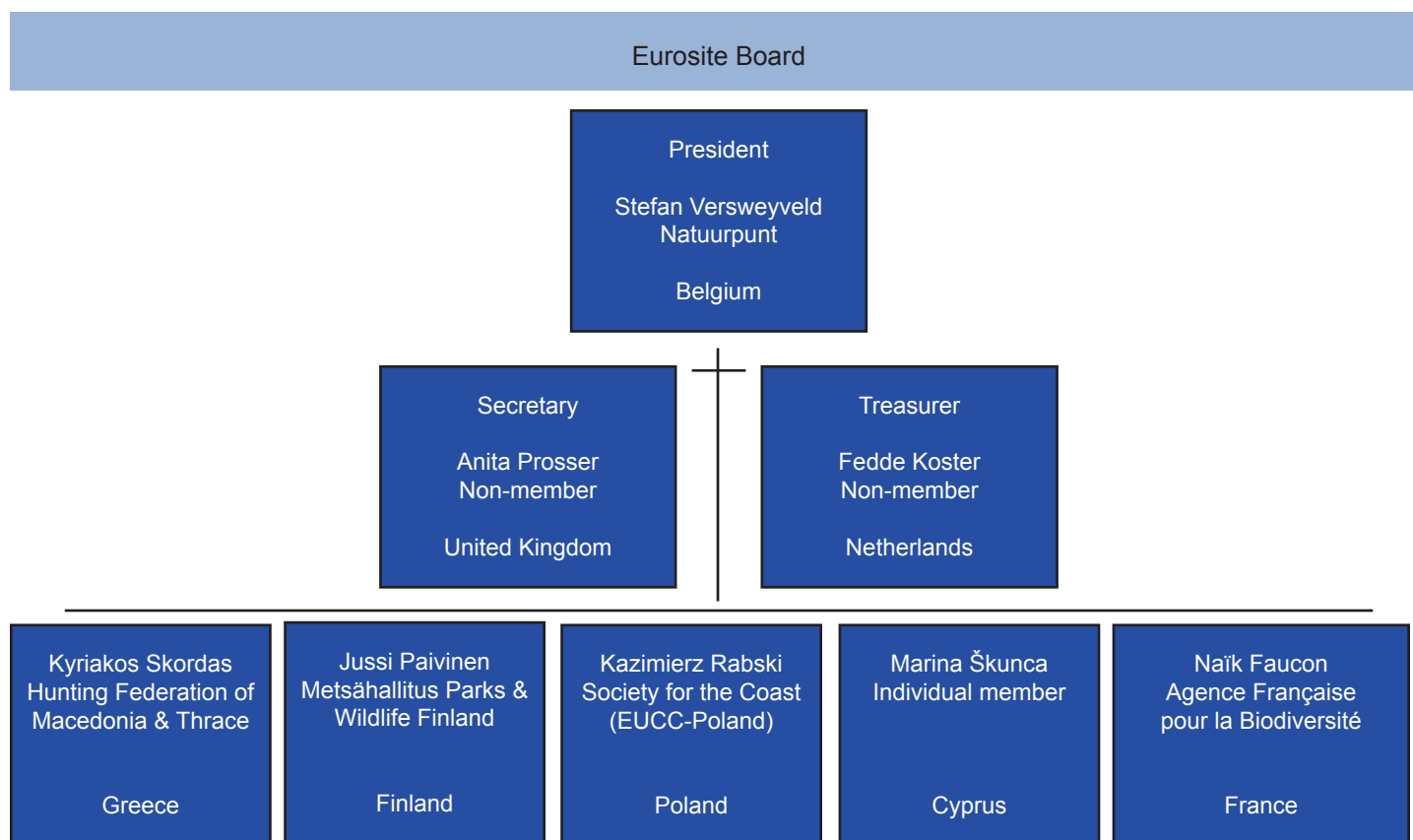
During 2018, Eurosite managed to implement and work on several activities which the Eurosite Board and members defined in our Strategy for 2015 — 2020.

The Specific Grant Agreement, Farmers Pride and LIFE-ELCN gives a foundation for the organisation. To manage the membership risks, we focus on:

- Halting the decrease in membership fee income;
- Ensuring growth of the Eurosite network through improving the membership experience;
- Diversifying funds and applying for new project funds;
- Tight cost control and regular financial reporting.



4. The Eurosite Network - as of December 2018



On behalf of all members of the network, our grateful thanks are extended to them for their service on the Board.

Eurosite Council		
Kevin Feytons	Natuurpunt	Belgium
Viera Horáková	The Krkonoše Mountains National Park	Czech Republic
Tuula Kurikka	Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland	Finland
Jean Jalbert	Tour du Valat - Institute de recherche pour la conservation des zones humides méditerranéennes	France
Lydia Alvanou	Axios Delta Management Authority	Greece
Carlotta Maggio	WWF Oasi	Italy
Harry Koenders	Staatsbosbeheer	Netherlands
Teo Wams	Natuurmonumenten	Netherlands
Anna Wilińska	Kampinos National Park	Poland
Malin-Matei Mușatescu	Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority	Romania
Phil Eckersley	Natural England	United Kingdom

Eurosite Members

Belgium

- Natuurpunt

Croatia

- Public Institution NATURA VIVA for the management of protected natural resources in the County of Karlovac

Cyprus

- Terra Cypria, the Cyprus Conservation Foundation

Czech Republic

- The Krkonoše Mountains National Park

Finland

- Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland

France

- Agence Française pour la Biodiversité
- Parc Naturel Régional des Marais du Cotentin et du Bessin
- Tour du Valat - Institute de recherche pour la conservation des zones humides méditerranéennes

Greece

- Thermaikos Gulf Protected Areas Management Authority
- Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace (KOMATH)
- Management Body of Samaria (White Mountains) National Park

Hungary

- Ministry of Agriculture

Ireland

- National Parks and Wildlife Service

Italy

- WWF Oasi

Luxembourg

- Ministère du Développement Durable, département de l'environnement

Netherlands

- Brabants Landschap
- Dutch Montagu's Harrier Foundation
- Natuurmonumenten
- Staatsbosbeheer
- Vanellus Vanellus

Poland

- Kampinos National Park
- Society for the Coast (EUCC-Poland)

Romania

- Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority (DDBRA)

Spain

- Ministry of Territory and Sustainability (Government of Catalonia)
- Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori (XCT)

Sweden

- The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

United Kingdom

- Forest Enterprise Scotland
- Natural England
- Natural Resources Wales
- North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership

Individual members

- Edin Lugić, Croatia
- Marina Škunca, Croatia
- Dunja Delić, Croatia
- Eric Wirsy Fondzenyuy, Cameroon
- Nicole Nowicki, France
- Artemis Yiordamli, Cyprus
- Ben Delbaere, Netherlands
- Irene Bouwma, Netherlands
- Roelof Heringa, Netherlands
- Hans Hofland, Netherlands
- Michiel Jorissen, Netherlands
- Onno Knol, Netherlands
- Nel Sangers, Netherlands
- Jan Veenstra, Netherlands
- Henk Zingstra, Netherlands
- Jovita García Collado, Spain
- Jude Nunga, Sweden
- Phil Eckersley, United Kingdom
- David Parker, United Kingdom
- Bernie Fleming, United Kingdom
- Clive Hurford, United Kingdom

5. Report of the Treasurer 2018 ¹

Eurosite's financial situation remains delicate. Although Eurosite was able to secure a diverse range of funds, next to our 2018 membership income, we unfortunately incurred a loss in 2018. Due to the unfortunate bankruptcy of ECNC, our co-tenant, Eurosite had to make alternative arrangements, increasing our office rental expenses. Eurosite also unexpectedly needed some more external admin support, which led to an increase in general expenses.

The Specific Grant Agreement and multi-annual projects such as Farmer's Pride and LIFE ELCN give a solid foundation for the organisation. During 2018, we continued putting efforts in the development of project proposals to generate additional funding for the network's activities. This led to a new source of funding for the multi-annual Care-Peat project funded by Interreg North-West Europe, which started early 2019, as part of the Framework Partnership Agreement.



Fedde Koster
Treasurer, Eurosite

Table 1: Balance as of 31 December 2018

	31-12-2018	31-12-2017		31-12-2018	31-12-2017
ASSETS			EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Fixed assets			Equity		
			Association capital	€6,566	€23,958
Tangible fixed assets					
Furniture and office equipment	€2,753	€3,086	Current liabilities		
			Trade creditors	€4,228	€9,357
			Taxes and social securities	€3,298	€3,254
			Other liabilities and accruals and deferred income	€108,712	€95,963
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables					
Trade receivables	€500	€20,566			
Other receivables, deferred assets	€49,882	€31,476			
Cash at banks and in hand	€69,186	€77,404			
TOTAL ASSETS	€122,804	€ 132,532	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	€122,804	€ 132,532

¹ The amounts in this Treasurer's report are derived from the report regarding Eurosite's financial statements of the year 2018, prepared by WVDB Adviseurs Accountants. The report, including an independent auditor's report, is available upon request.

Table 2: Profit and loss account for the year 2018 ²

	2018		2017	
Sum of revenues				
Grants		€128,895		
Membership fees and registration fees		€87,413		
Co-funding other members		€7,206		
Other		€889		
		€224,403		€202,677
Expenses				
Costs related to grants	€218,876		€166,653	
Wages and salaries	€6,296		€26,518	
Amortisation and depreciation	€294		€268	
Other operating expenses	€14,467		€17,868	
		€241,184		€211,307
Balance of revenues and expenses		- €16,781		-€6,630
Financial income and expenses		- €611		-€140
RESULT		-€17,392		-€8,770

Proposed resolutions 2018:

As Treasurer, I would like to ask the Eurosite members to consider the following resolutions for the financial year 2018 and to carry them unanimously during the Annual General Meeting 2019, Monticiano, Italy, 5 November 2019:

Resolution n° 1

The Eurosite Council, having listened to the reading of the Financial Report of the annual accounts for the financial year ended upon 31 December 2018, approves the report of the annual accounts of the financial year which states a result of -17,392 Euro. On 31 December 2018, Eurosite therefore has a reserve of 6,566 Euro. In consequence, the General Assembly discharges without reserve the Administrative Council of its responsibility in the execution of its mandate for the financial year that has been closed.

Resolution n° 2

The General Assembly confers all powers to the bearer of a copy or an extract of the present record of its decision in order to carry out all legal formalities.

² Expenses have been allocated to grants / projects according to the appropriate regulations. The other expenses categories (Wages and salaries, Amortisation and depreciation, and Other operating expenses) represent the net general expenses after the allocation to grants / projects.

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Eurosite is working to create a Europe where nature is cared for, protected, restored and valued by all.

We do this by providing practitioners with opportunities to network and exchange experience on practical nature management. We are a network of site managers, non-governmental and governmental organisations, individuals and organisations committed to our vision. Our members are based across Europe, from the Atlantic islands to the Black Sea; and from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean.

Nature knows no boundaries: we believe the future protection and conservation of Europe's nature will only be achieved through international cooperation.

Interested in what we do? Take a look at our website to find out more and become a member.

Together we can make a difference.