

**Eurosites**

# Report of Activities 2013



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## About Eurosita

Eurosita is one of the largest network organisations devoted to nature conservation management in Europe. With 55 members in 21 European countries, the network assembles a rich and unique diversity of public bodies, private organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations. Our mission is to exchange, enhance and promote expertise and best practices in the management of sites for nature - together, we:

- Focus on site management issues and 'on the ground' nature conservation;
- Exchange knowledge, information and experience to inform and improve practices;
- Nurture relationships between members to support their work and help achieve their objectives and specific nature conservation priorities;
- Innovate new ideas for joint-working to benefit Europe's nature.

## 1. Foreword

In 2013, Eurosite delivered a range of activities and developed new areas of work for 2014. In the first quarter of the year, Eurosite held a workshop in Swansea, Wales, UK on 'Natura 2000 Monitoring: Nature, Pictures and People'. The workshop was hosted by and organised in collaboration with Countryside Council for Wales and was a great success with over 100 participants from 17 countries attending.

This was followed by three workshops in April and May, which were organised as part of the LandLife Project. The workshops were held in France, Italy and Spain and were hosted by LandLife partners Conservatoire d'espaces naturels du Languedoc-Rousillon (CEN-LR), Legambiente Lombardia, and Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori (xct), respectively. The workshops made a significant contribution to the LandLife Project by gathering together key messages that will feed into the First European Land Stewardship Congress, which will be held in Barcelona on 5-8 November 2014.

In June, as part of a sub-contract with Eurosite member Natuurmonumenten, Eurosite supported the organisation of a thematic day on drift-sand. The thematic day contributed to an extensive programme of drifting sand restoration carried out in the Loonse and Drunense Dunes National Park. In 2013, Eurosite also began preparations for the Natura People workshop, which took place in April 2014.

Eurosite held its 2013 Annual Meeting "The importance of networking for nature - then, now & tomorrow" in the Odra Delta, Wolin Island, Poland. The Annual Meeting was kindly hosted by the Society for the Coast (EUCC-Poland) with the support of Woliński National Park. As well as the business meetings, there was a series of workshops and field trips, which were greatly enjoyed by all!

As well as a programme of workshops, Eurosite continued to support the LandLife project. There were a number of key developments in 2013, including the manual on land stewardship, the launch of the land stewardship "helpdesk" and the first organisational steps in preparation of the first European Congress on Land Stewardship.

As many members will know, 2013 was also a pivotal year for Eurosite, with a series of joint meetings between Eurosite and EUROPARC concerning the formation of a new single network. Regrettably, after three years of discussions the merger talks have now been shelved. Eurosite will continue to seek new potential partners in 2014 and is committed to strengthening the network.



I hope that you will enjoy reading this report and that you are left with a sense of pride at all that Eurosite has achieved. As this report shows, Eurosite continues to play an important role in European nature conservation - bringing practitioners together through workshops, promoting the issues that matter at a European and EC level, and most importantly of all, facilitating the important work that our members do.

Henkjan Kievit  
Eurosite President

*Pictures taken during Eurosite's 2013 Annual Meeting in Miedzyzdroje, Poland, 24-27 September 2013*

*Credit: Aline Moore*



## 2. Representing the Network at European level

### 2.1 Eurosite and the European Commission

Eurosite attended various meetings with European Commission representatives, including the 9th meeting of the EC's Expert Group on management of Natura 2000 in March 2013. We continued to work with partners, especially with regard to the New (Natura 2000) Biogeographical Process. At the invitation of the European Commission, Eurosite participated in the follow-up of the Atlantic Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process in early 2013 and attended the Alpine Preparatory Workshop, held in Graz, Austria, in June 2013.



As a follow up from a meeting with Stefan Leiner and other European Commission officers, Eurosite secured the participation of Angelika Rubin at Eurosite's "Terrestrial Natura 2000 Monitoring Workshop: Nature, Pictures and People", which took place in Wales from 12 to 14 March 2013. Angelika Rubin has been working for DG Environment since 1999 and currently focusses on the design and creation of outcome based information-flows and reporting-systems that show the current state of species, habitats and sites of EU-importance, based on the reporting obligations of the nature directives. For this, she works together with Member States experts. Eurosite was honoured by her presence.

### 2.2 Eurosite and the European Habitats Forum

The European Habitats Forum (EHF) brings together leading European nature conservation organisations to provide advice on the development and implementation of EU biodiversity policy with a special focus on the EU Birds and Habitats Directives and the reform of sectoral policies critical to a successful implementation. In 2013, Eurosite continued to contribute to the EHF. Although we were not able to attend all the meetings, Eurosite provided valuable feedback on numerous occasions.

IUCN is the facilitator of the European Habitats Forum. More information about the EHF can be found on their website [www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org).



### 2.3 Eurosite and other European partners

During 2013, Eurosite worked to further develop the merger process with **the EUROPARC Federation** to create one single network for nature. Although Eurosite members voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal to join together to create one network and 'voice' for nature conservation in Europe, a majority of EUROPARC members voted against the proposal at their Annual General Meeting in October 2013. Even though disappointed about this outcome, Eurosite continued to identify ways in which the two networks can work together, by for instance promoting each other's events. The **EUROPARC Atlantic Isles** section was particularly keen to further explore opportunities for joint working with the Eurosite network.

The **WE Young People See Nature** initiative organised a new exchange in June 2013. Young people (aged 15) from the Jan Tinbergen College in Roosendaal (Netherlands), Scholen aan Zee from Den Helder (Netherlands) and a school in Stettin (Poland) met in the Odra Delta. The exchanges are aimed at involving youth in nature and they work! The participants enjoyed bringing into practice most courses they got at school, such as English, Geography, History and Biology. The project has already been running for 7 years and Eurosite supported its promotion.



Eurosite also continued to support the **Migratory Birds for People** initiative. This network of Wetland Centers across Europe and West Africa aims to inform people on migratory birds and conservation, for the benefit of birds and people. Their periodic newsletter is published on the Eurosite website on a regular basis.

Source: *Migratory Birds for People Facebook page*

### 3. Eurosite and the New Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

The European Commission launched the Natura 2000 Seminar Process in 2011. The Process aims to identify priority habitat types and bring together experts, authorities, NGOs and site managers in order to capture and exchange knowledge and develop practical steps for the improved management and conservation of these habitats. The main objective of the Process is to enable Member States and expert stakeholders to work together to improve or maintain the favourable conservation status of priority habitats and, in this way, help Member States to achieve progress towards the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy targets.



In total, there will be five Natura 2000 Seminar Processes, covering either an individual biogeographical region or a group of regions. The regional groupings are: Boreal; Atlantic; Alpine; Mediterranean and Macaronesian; and Continental, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea.

The Process begins with the identification of key habitat types and themes specific to the habitat type. The Seminar then brings together Member States and experts – including nature conservation experts, scientists and NGOs – with practical management experience of each of the habitat types, in order to discuss and agree on a list of actions for their improved management. A Seminar Report is then compiled, which summarises the identified problems, solutions and actions.

The Seminar Process for each region will be repeated every five years. In the intervening years, ad-hoc expert meetings will be held to discuss specific issues, as well as follow-on networking events and seminars.

As part of the Natura 2000 Seminar Process, the Natura 2000 Platform was launched in 2013. The Platform is a web-based resource that underpins the face-to-face networking and provides information about upcoming events, as well as reports and documents from previous events. Currently still in an early stage of development, the Platform will become a vital knowledge hub for Natura 2000 practitioners throughout Europe, especially those engaged in Natura 2000 management.

At the Atlantic Natura 2000 seminar, held in December 2012, an action was agreed to translate a Dutch report on reducing impacts of nitrogen deposition on Natura 2000 sites and habitats into English. Subcontracted by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Eurosite secretariat carried out the translation of this Dutch report on recovery strategies for nitrogen-sensitive habitats in support of the national Programmatic Approach Nitrogen. The English version of the report can now be found on the Natura 2000 Platform.



*Atlantic Seminar, picture courtesy of ECNC*



*Alpine Seminar, picture courtesy of ECNC*

In November of 2013, Eurosite learned that it had been awarded – as part of a consortium with ECNC and Arcadis Belgium – the EC contract for the “Maintenance of the Communication Platform and Support to the New (Natura 2000) Biogeographical Process”. This service contract will cover a period of three years. Eurosite’s role includes the promotion of the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process and its events and the identification of Natura 2000 related documentation and publications which can be promoted through the Natura 2000 Platform: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index_en.htm)

## 4. Eurosite workshops and events

### 4.1 Terrestrial Natura 2000 Monitoring Workshop: Nature, Pictures and People, 12-14 March 2013

On 12-14 March 2013, Eurosite, in collaboration with Countryside Council for Wales held a workshop on Natura 2000 monitoring in Swansea, South Wales, United Kingdom at the Dragon Hotel.

The workshop aimed to help organisations and individuals involved in nature conservation across Europe gain a better understanding of effective practices in field monitoring, including remote sensing, open-sourced software, 'citizen science' and volunteer engagement.

The main aims of the workshop were:

- 1) The practical application of Natura 2000 monitoring
- 2) The practical application of remote sensing in Natura 2000 monitoring
- 3) The development of citizen science in Natura 2000 monitoring

The first day of the workshop included an introduction from Angelika Rubin from DG Environment, followed by a series of presentations on topics including non-invasive monitoring of large carnivores and the applications of Unmanned Aerial Systems for wildlife monitoring. The day closed with an interactive discussion session.

Day 2 also included a number of presentations covering the workshop's main themes, as well as simultaneous workshops on remote sensing for beginners and for those with more advanced experience. The workshops covered how to get started with remote sensing and provided the attendees with examples of how remote sensing can be applied at the site level. Again there were opportunities for networking and discussions throughout the day.

On the final day the workshop attendees took part in site visits on the Gower Peninsula to the 'Limestone Coast of South West Wales SAC'; Whiteford Burrows, which is part of the 'Carmarthen Bay Dunes SAC'; and the Burry Inlet SAC. These locations offered attendees the possibility to see a number of important Natura 2000 habitats and their flora and fauna first-hand.

Alongside the presentations and workshops, a poster exhibition displaying 15 posters provided attendees with the opportunity to learn from case studies from across Europe.

The three-day workshop was a great success, with 110 attendees representing 17 countries from across Europe. The feedback provided by workshop delegates<sup>1</sup> was very positive, with a majority finding the workshop to be stimulating and very relevant to their work. Attendees enjoyed the valuable networking opportunities provided by the workshop and went away with new ideas to implement in their own work and a better understanding of how their work fits into the wider Natura 2000 network.

The compilation of the workshop report was somewhat delayed, also due to organisational changes at the host organisation, but the report was published on the Eurosite website early September 2014 and can now also be found on: [http://issuu.com/eurosite/docs/monitoring\\_workshop\\_report\\_2013](http://issuu.com/eurosite/docs/monitoring_workshop_report_2013).

Our special thanks go to Clive Hurford of CCW (now Natural Resources Wales) for his excellent support and tremendous input to the planning and development of the workshop. We are also indebted to David Parker for his support before and during the workshop.



<sup>1</sup> 33% of delegates completed the evaluation form

## 4.2 LandLife Regional Workshops

In April and May 2013, Eurosite helped to organise three regional workshops for the LandLife Project. The workshops aimed to contribute to the LandLife Project goal of promoting land stewardship as a conservation tool for Europe's nature, by sharing best practise, increasing knowledge of land stewardship, facilitating contact between key actors and promoting cooperation on land stewardship initiatives. The results of all the workshops will also feed into the First European Land Stewardship Congress, which will be held in Barcelona on 5-8 November 2014.

### 4.2.1 LandLife workshop France, 22-23 April 2013

The first of the regional workshops, 'Land Stewardship: reconsidering land stewardship as a tool to conserve nature and setting up land stewardship initiatives', was held in Montpellier, France, on 22-23 April. The workshop was hosted by LandLife partner Conservatoire d'espaces naturels du Languedoc-Rousillon (CEN-LR), a French NGO that owns and restores 230 hectares and cooperates with local landowners to manage over 1600 hectares. 63 delegates from Spain, the Netherlands, the UK, the USA and France, representing 37 organisations, took part in the workshop.

Under the overarching theme of "Rethink and initiate land stewardship in France", the workshop was split into two parts: communicating land stewardship and strategies to initiate it; and drafting the key principles of land stewardship in France. On the first day of the workshop, case studies illustrating land stewardship practices in the Netherlands and France were presented; each presentation was followed by a question and answer session. On the second day, the speakers, LandLife partners and CEN staff and representatives drafted the ideas discussed the day before into key messages.

### 4.2.2 LandLife workshop Italy, 10-11 May 2013

The second regional workshop took place in Giussago, Italy, on 10-11 May. The full workshop title was 'Land Stewardship: the cultural challenge to land valorization and biodiversity conservation'. The workshop was hosted by LandLife partner Legambiente Lombardia, an Italian non-profit organisation that focuses on the environment, soil use, biodiversity and climate change. 81 participants from Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany and Canada attended the workshop.

The focus of the first day was the use of land stewardship as a tool to halt soil consumption and biodiversity loss. Legal frameworks and policy initiatives that can support land stewardship were also presented. A number of presentations were delivered, showcasing examples of how land stewardship can be applied in different contexts, including a presentation from Eurosite's Project Manager Merijn Biemans on 'Natura 2000 policy: the European framework for the conservation of nature and biodiversity'. During the second half of the first day, key messages were collected in order to create an action plan for the improvement and dissemination of land stewardship practices in Italy and the EU.

Feedback from the workshop's participants provided via a questionnaire showed that the workshop helped to increase knowledge of land stewardship (100% of respondents said the workshop had improved their knowledge of land stewardship) and to promote it as a useful tool for land management and the preservation of biodiversity (98% of the questionnaire respondents said they considered land stewardship to be a useful tool). The workshop organisers were also successful in promoting the workshop widely, with the national TV channel (RAI 13) covering the event.

On the morning of the second day, the participants took part in field trips to two sites managed under land stewardship agreements. In the afternoon, the first official meeting of land stewards in Italy took place and the "Giussago Manifesto" was drawn up, listing the criteria for a land stewardship network.

### 4.2.3 LandLife workshop Spain, 29-31 May 2013

The third and final regional workshop, 'Exchanging on Land Stewardship and Natura 2000: experiences and networking in Europe', took place in Tavertet, Spain on 29-31 May. The workshop was hosted by LandLife partner Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori (XCT), a non-for-profit organisation that promotes land stewardship as a conservation strategy. 48 participants, mainly from land stewardship organisations, took part in the workshop.

On the first day of the workshop three methodological sessions were held. The sessions focused on: legal and technical mechanisms for land stewardship agreements, LandLife and boosting land stewardship in Europe, and the creation of public-private partnerships in Catalonia and Spain.

The focus of the second day was networking, with a round table session where experiences from Catalonia, Spain and Europe were shared and a World Café – a networking methodology that involves participants sitting round coffee tables, each with a specific subject, and moving between the tables to contribute to the different discussions. At the end of the day the writer Elisenda Queralt present the children's story 'What's going on at the pond?', which explains land stewardship in a clear and accessible way.

The third day of the workshop involved field trips designed to increase understanding of how land stewardship is applied in different sites in Catalonia including agricultural and forested landscapes.

#### 4.2.4 LandLife workshop reports

All three final workshop reports, including summaries of the key messages gathered during the workshops, can be downloaded from the LandLife website. An overall workshop report was also created, highlighting the different approaches that have arisen from different local conditions, as well as identifying common issues and perspectives. Summarising the impact of the workshop, the overall report states: "...the workshops were extremely fruitful events. Participants left with broadened scopes, new connections and increased land stewardship knowledge, at the individual as well as the collective level."



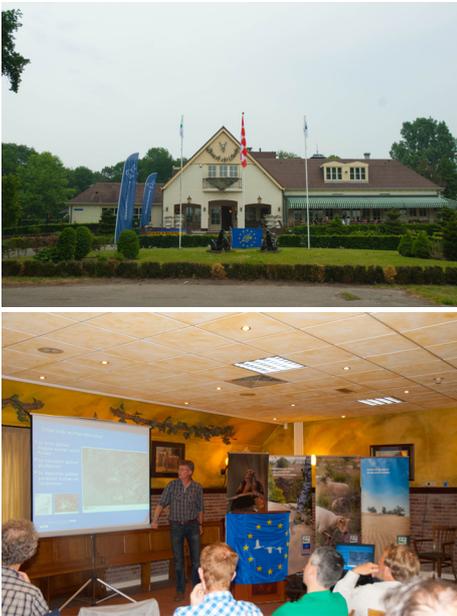
### 4.3 Thematic day on drift-sand, 20 June 2013

As part of a sub-contract with Eurosite member Natuurmonumenten, Eurosite supported the organisation of the thematic day on drift-sand, organised as part of their LIFE project "Sand Dynamic in Inland Dunes" (LIFE 07/NAT/NL/000571). Eurosite was asked to support the organisation by taking care of the lay-out and circulation of invitations, lay-out of the programme, preparation of a travel information sheet, development of the registration form and management of registrations, including the preparation of the delegates list.

Between 2009 and 2013 an extensive programme of drifting sand restoration was carried out in the Loonse and Drunense Dunes National Park. Open areas of sand, drifting dunes and heathland were becoming overgrown with trees. A dynamic landscape with its own special flora and fauna was gradually disappearing.

With financial support from the EU nature conservation programme LIFE+ Nature and the Province of North Brabant, around 137 ha of drifting sand heathland and almost 24 ha of dunes have been created and a unique natural habitat has been preserved for future generations.

More information about the project can be found in the Layman's Report "Sand Dynamics in Inland Dunes".



### 4.4 Natura People workshop preparations

As part of a sub-contract with the Belgian Province of West-Flanders, Eurosite started the preparations of the Natura People workshop which took place in April 2014. Eurosite's informal cooperation with the project partners - Minsmere in the United Kingdom (RSPB), Zwin Nature Reserve in Belgium (Province of West-Flandres) and Waterdunen and Grevelingen reserves in the Netherlands - already started back in the summer of 2011. The workshop was foreseen to take place in the last quarter of 2013, but was postponed for practical reasons regarding the project. During 2013 Eurosite supported the Natura People project partners with the development of the workshop programme.



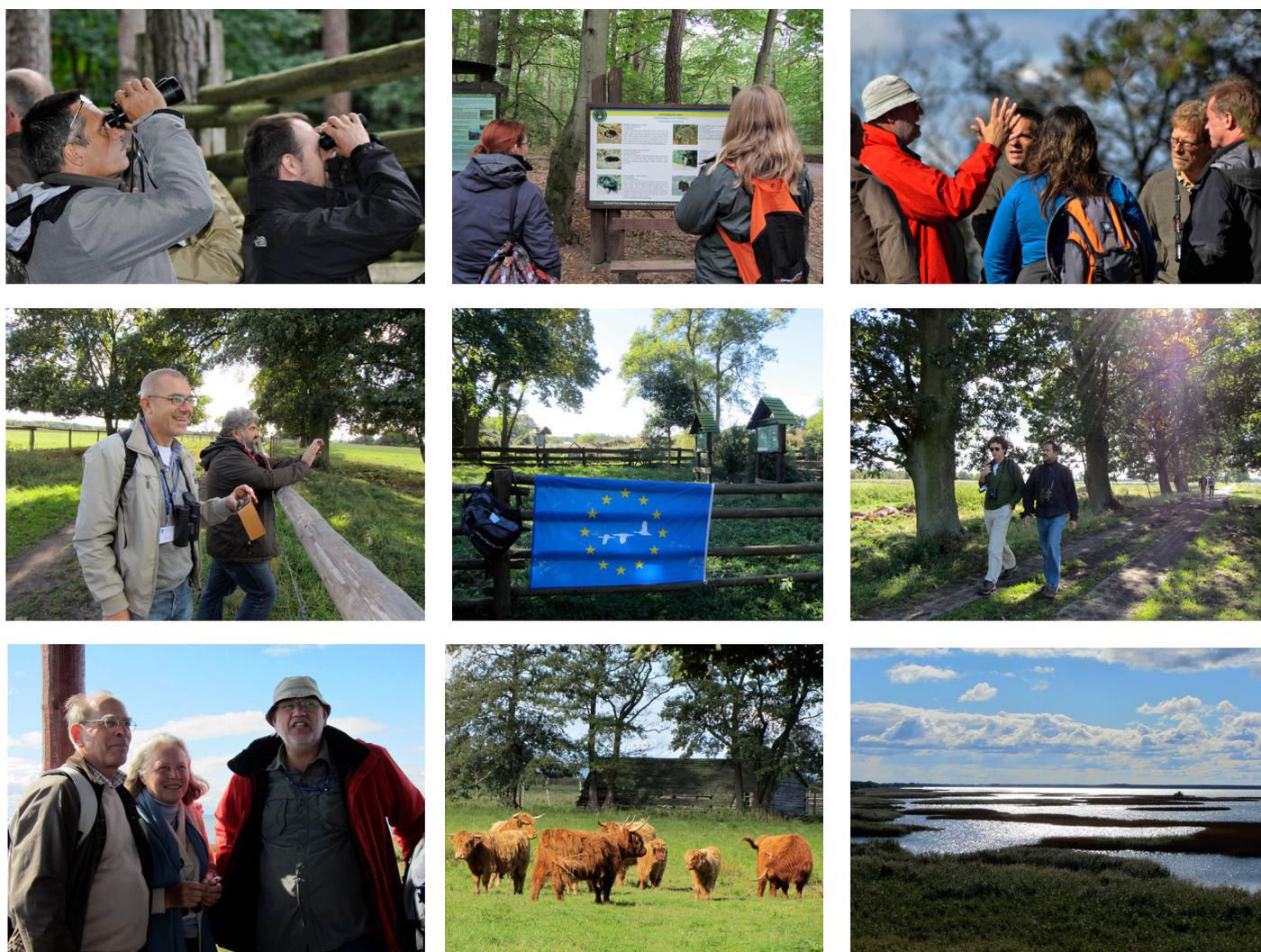
#### 4.5 Eurosite Annual Meeting 2013, Poland 24-27 September 2013

The Eurosite Annual Meeting “The importance of networking for nature - then, now & tomorrow” took place in the Odra Delta, Wolin Island, Poland and was hosted by the Society for the Coast (EUCC-Poland) with the support of Woliński National Park. Kazimierz Rabski and his team put in a lot of effort to give us a warm welcome and a great few days in the beautiful surroundings of Międzyzdroje.

The meeting started with a welcome reception at the venue on Tuesday evening. The business meetings (Board, Council and Annual General Meeting) took place on Wednesday morning. The main issue of this year’s meeting was the vote on plans for a single European Network for Nature. The Eurosite members voted in favour of a merger with the EUROPARC Federation and in view of the expected changes the Board and Council of Eurosite were re-elected for one year.



After the business elements, there was room for members to present their recent work. Andrew Bachell from Scottish Natural Heritage presented the new Scottish forward thinking biodiversity strategy and Jan Danylow from Kampinos National Park presented their LIFE+ project on purchasing and restoring land. During the afternoon attendees could participate in one of three workshops, including various other presentations from members and guests. Topics included the LandLife project, Natural Grazing, the Europe-Africa flyway of wetland birds and Ecosystem Services. The workshops were followed by a visit to Woliński National Park. The day ended with a dinner and our traditional EuroCocktail! There was a special moment to say thank you to Nicole Nowicki, former Special Delegate, who retired earlier in the year, and Neil McIntosh, Eurosite’s former Head of Network Services.





Day 2 (26 September) provided a spectacular full-day field trip, taking us through the beautiful Odra Delta Nature Park with stunning views of the peninsula, followed by a boat trip on the Szczecin Lagoon and estuary of the Odra river! During the boat trip, some pop up presentations were held by the Maritime office and Eurosite members Krkonoše National Park and Kampinos National Park.

During the Annual Meeting, we were fortunate to have a Polish film crew present, filming the activities. The video was intended to showcase Eurosite's work and to give people a glimpse into our friendly network! You can view the video online at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=753564274673130&set=vb.126009647428599&type=2&theater>

## 5. LandLife project on Land Stewardship

*"Boosting Land Stewardship as a conservation tool in the Western Mediterranean Arch" (LIFE10 INF/ES/540)*

The LIFE+ project, led by Eurosite member XCT, Spain, officially commenced in September 2011. LandLife aims to communicate the value of land stewardship as an effective and successful tool to exchange, enhance and promote expertise in the management of sites for nature, throughout Europe. The project is consistent with goals set by the EC in the Biodiversity Plan of the EU. Eurosite's role is to help reach a level wherein land stewardship is applied across different European settings and the European target to halt the loss of biodiversity is achieved.

In 2013 the main activities of the project were the publication of a manual on land stewardship (a shorter version of which was made available in five languages - English, French, Italian, Spanish and Catalan), the organisation of a series of regional workshops on land stewardship themes held in France, Italy and Spain, the launch of the land stewardship "helpdesk" and the first organisational steps in preparation of the first European Congress on Land Stewardship, to be held in Barcelona in November 2014.

The project continues to be pro-actively promoted at the European level by Eurosite through email announcements and social media alerts, and by promoting the project at events, as well as through the network. Additionally, working with project partners in Spain, Italy and France, Eurosite has led the development, implementation and management of the project's main communication and outreach platform ([www.landstewardship.eu](http://www.landstewardship.eu)), including the development of a specific new section for the Barcelona Congress.



## 6. Eurosite & EUROPARC – Update on the formation of the new single network



In 2013, a continued series of joint meetings took place between Eurosite and EUROPARC concerning the formation of a new single network. The finance, structures and options for the formation of a new network were discussed at length throughout the year, complemented by an in-depth report and legal analyses undertaken by the Organisational Development Committee (ODC), specially set up for the purpose, and independent legal advisers. The culmination of all the work of the past years was the presentation of this report and the putting to the vote of the merger proposal at the Eurosite and EUROPARC AGMs in autumn 2013.

Regrettably, though Eurosite members voted in favour of the creation of a new single network, the result of the EUROPARC vote was negative. As such, Eurosite is sad to announce that after three years of discussions the merger talks have now been shelved. In 2014 Eurosite will continue to seek other opportunities for joint working with European partners to secure our vision of a coherent and comprehensive network cooperating for the benefit of Europe's nature and people.

## 7. Future Directions

In 2013 Eurosite developed a number of ideas that we hope to implement in 2014 with the help of an EU NGO operating grant. As mentioned above, we will be seeking new potential partners and looking for ways to strengthen the network through cooperation with other organisations. We also aim to improve our communication with Eurosite members and mailing list subscribers by developing a digital newsletter. We hope that this will be a significant improvement on the current mailing system and that it will not only benefit the members, but will also help Eurosite to project a modern and professional appearance that will attract new members to the network.

We are planning a series of workshops for 2014, covering topics such as wilderness and large herbivores and carnivores, wildlife management, and climate change. These are topics that are important to the members and a number of our members have indicated that they would like to work in close collaboration with us to develop and realise the workshops. In order to improve the workshop implementation process, Eurosite will also be trialing a number of new online registration systems. We hope that this will make registration much simpler for our members and other workshop participants!

In November 2014 Eurosite will also turn 25. This will be an opportunity not only to look back at all that we have achieved over the past 25 years, but also to look ahead to the future and to re-affirm our founding vision of a network united by its common aim: benefitting Europe's nature. We look forward to taking our current members along with us on this journey, and to welcoming new members along the way.

Here's to the next 25 years!

## 8. The Eurosite Board and Council

The Eurosite Board and Council members were re-elected for a period of **one year** at the Annual General meeting in September 2013, as a result of the ongoing merger talks with the EUROPARC Federation.

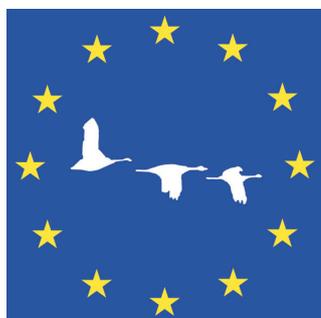
Henkjan Kievit	(President)	Natuurmonumenten (as of 1 June 2012)	(NL)
Yves Verilhac	(Secretary)	Atelier Technique des Espaces Naturels	(FR)
Matti Määttä	(Treasurer)	Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services	(FI)
Teo Wams		Natuurmonumenten	(NL)
Fabrice Bernard		Conservatoire du Littoral	(FR)
Xavier Escuté		Fundació Catalunya - La Pedrera, Àrea de Territori i Medi Ambient	(ES)
David Parker		non-member (formerly Countryside Council for Wales)	(UK)
Artemis Yiordamli		Terra Cypria - the Cyprus Conservation Foundation	(CY)

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

The Eurosite Council members of 2013 are:

Joost Dewyspelaere	Natuurpunt	(BE)
Catherine Hallet	Ministère de la Région Wallonne (resigned December 2013)	(BE)
Viera Horáková	The Krkonose Mountains National Park (since AGM 2013)	(CZ)
Jean Jalbert	Tour du Valat	(FR)
Luc Terraz	Réserves Naturelles de France (resigned February 2013)	(FR)
Stella Varelzidou	Authority for Management of Axios Loudias Aliakmonas Estuaries	(GR)
Zoltán Árgay	Ministry of Rural Development	(HU)
Peter Carvill	National Parks & Wildlife Service (pending replacement nominee)	(IR)
Antonio Canu	WWF OASI	(IT)
Frank Wolff	Administration de la nature et des forêts	(LU)
Hank Bartelink	De12Landschappen	(NL)
Nel Sangers	Staatsbosbeheer	(NL)
Jan Danylow	Kampinos National Park	(PL)
Ion Munteanu	Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority	(RO)
Josefin Olsson	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	(SE)
Andrew Bachell	Scottish Natural Heritage	(UK)
Anita Prosser	The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) (since AGM 2013)	(UK)

Nominees to fill any vacancies are welcome, especially any further nominations for countries in which there are members but where there is currently no Council representation.



# Eurosite

## 9. The Eurosite Network - members as at December 2013

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- MINISTÈRE DE LA RÉGION WALLONNE
  - NATUURPUNT
-  **CROATIA / CROATIE**
- ZUMBERAK – SAMOBORSKO GORJE NATURE PARK
-  **CYPRUS / CHYPRE**
- TERRA CYPRIA, THE CYPRUS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
-  **CZECH REPUBLIC / REPUBLIQUE TCHEQUE**
- THE KRKONOSE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
-  **FINLAND / FINLANDE**
- CITY OF TURKU, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
  - NATURAL HERITAGE SERVICES OF METSÄHALLITUS
-  **FRANCE**
- AGENCE DES AIRES MARINES PROTÉGÉES
  - CONSEIL GÉNÉRAL DE LA GIRONDE
  - CONSERVATOIRE DU LITTORAL
  - EDEN 62
  - G.I.P. L'ATELIER TECHNIQUE DES ESPACES NATURELS (ATEN)
  - OFFICE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT DE LA CORSE
  - OFFICE NATIONAL DES FORÊTS
  - PARC NATUREL RÉGIONAL DES MARAIS DU COTENTIN ET DU BESSIN
  - PARCS NATIONAUX DE FRANCE
  - STATION BIOLOGIQUE DE LA TOUR DU VALAT
  - SYNDICAT MIXTE BAIE DE SOMME GRAND LITTORAL PICARD
-  **GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE**
- LANDESUMWELTAMT BRANDENBURG
-  **GREECE / GRECE**
- HUNTING FEDERATION OF MACEDONIA & THRACE (KOMATH)
  - LABORATORY OF MARINE SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS
  - MANAGEMENT BODY OF SAMARIA (WHITE MOUNTAINS) NATIONAL PARK
  - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE LESVOS PETRIFIED FOREST
  - AUTHORITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROTECTED AREA OF AXIOS LOUIDAS ALIAKMONAS ESTUARIES
-  **HUNGARY / HONGRIE**
- MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
  - PRO VÉRTES PUBLIC FOUNDATION
-  **IRELAND / IRLANDE**
- NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
-  **ITALY / ITALIE**
- WWF OASI
-  **LITHUANIA / LITUANIE**
- LITHUANIAN FUND FOR NATURE
-  **LUXEMBOURG**
- Administration de la nature et des forêts
-  **NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS**
- Brabants Landschap
  - Crossbill Guides Foundation
  - De 12Landschappen
  - ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation
  - The Foundation for Restoring European Ecosystems (FREE Nature)
  - Ibumana
  - Staatsbosbeheer
  - Natuurmonumenten
-  **NORWAY / NORVEGE**
- Stiftelsen iNasjonalparker
-  **POLAND / POLOGNE**
- Kampinos National Park
  - Society for the Coast (EUCC – Poland)
-  **ROMANIA / ROUMANIE**
- Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority
  - Vanatori Neamt Natural Park
-  **SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE**
- Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation
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- Fundació Catalunya - La Pedrera
  - Generalitat de Catalunya, Departament de Medi Ambient
  - Govern Balear, Servei de Biodiversitat
  - Junta de Andalucía, Consejería de Medio Ambiente
  - Lliga Per A la Defensa Del Patrimoni Natural (DEPANA)
  - Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori (XCT)
-  **SWEDEN / SUEDE**
- Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
-  **UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI**
- A Rocha International
  - Conservation Management System Consortium
  - Forest Enterprise Scotland
  - Natural England
  - Natural Resources Wales
  - Scottish Natural Heritage
  - The Conservation Volunteers
  - The Wildlife Trusts

## 10. Staff update

In 2013, there were several staff changes. Neil McIntosh, Head of Network Services, left Eurosite in July 2013 to take on a new position as Deputy Executive Director and Head of Strategy & Innovation at ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation. Nicole Nowicki, Eurosite's Special Delegate and one of the network's founders, retired in early 2013 to move back to France. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work and efforts to strengthen the Eurosite network and improve nature conservation practices across Europe. All at Eurosite wish Nicole the very best for the future. Aline Moore, a former intern with Eurosite in 2010, rejoined the team as Junior Project Officer in September 2013.

Merijn Biemans continued to focus on the implementation of the LandLife project during 2013, a main task being the organisation and implementation of three regional workshops. Carlijn Poirters provided overall support to the network and in running the Secretariat as Eurosite's Network & Project Support Officer.

Continuing from her work with us in 2012, the Eurosite team was also complemented by intern Alexandra Rogers from January 2013 to September 2013.

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