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Strategic discussion on biogeographic seminar

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The new Seminar Process

Brainstorming between the ETC and the EC (in January 2011)

EC – MS discussion started

CGBN: *draft Terms of References for the new process of Natura 2000 seminars, April 2011*

Since then MS, EC have: continuous discussions, official meetings

preparation of pre-scoping documents

some seminar cycles already concluded or ongoing

Boreal in May 2012

Atlantic in December 2012

Alpine in November 2013

Mediterranean kick-off Natura 2000 Seminar

HU has not been part of any, pls share experience!

Purpose of the new Seminar Process

Connection to the EU's Biodiversity Strategy – improve conservation status

Managing Natura 2000 as a real ecological network

Common understanding of the role of the network

Information sharing – exchanging experiences, best practices

Enhancing cooperation (to begin projects among MS)

Identifying common objectives and priorities

Developing new management actions and insights

How did/does it work?

Earlier there were 'Seminar Cycles': Steering Committee meetings - *preparatory workshops* - *Natura 2000 seminars*, finally networking / ad-hoc expert meetings

EC decided to change – all biogeographical processes start with the '***kick-off Seminar***'

New organization of seminar process:

Active networking programme – ad-hoc expert meetings and thematic workshops

Practical collaboration and exchange of experiences instead of compiling large document as an outcome of seminars

Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process in the CON,PAN, STE & BLS regions

Steering Committee:

Circulation of habitat types by regions in December 2013

First meeting 5 March 2014 decided to:

keep the regions together

keep the habitat list together and use it as a menu

increased the habitat groups (4 to 6)

Selection document (1st, 2nd, 3rd draft) – contains priority species/habitats

Last version of the selection document circulated 21 May, deadline 6 June

Questions for the strategic discussion

V4+RO: covers PAN and a part of CON

Common proposals: greater weight, better preparation for future projects (exchange of experience, transboundary projects)

FRV can be better determined jointly

Selection document (what is the opinion of V4+RO on these issues?):

1. 56 habitat types on the present list – **what are the priorities of V4 and RO?**
2. 91D0, 91E0 and 91F0 have been reverted to the forest habitat types (from bogs)
3. CON 62 PAN 11 species (no overlap between proposals) **V4+RO proposal?**
4. Distinction between pastures and meadows within grassland group and merge 3 heath habitats with pastures

Questions for the strategic discussion

Selection document:

1. Management and conservation issues within PAN:

HU and SK: no proposal

CZ: contradiction enabling natural processes (no-interference management) and maintaining the favourable status of habitat types (biotopes) dependent on regular human activities

financing specific (small-case management types)

RO: water management, river and channel management, overgrazing of grasslands, ploughing of grasslands – general problem in the region

2. Management and conservation issues within CON:

Fragmentation, stakeholder involvement, forest management

V4+RO: common proposal? What would help to increase exchange of experience, or to prepare transboundary projects?



Thank You for your attention!