



Financing Natura 2000

**Policy framework and new opportunities
for 2014-2020**

Workshop

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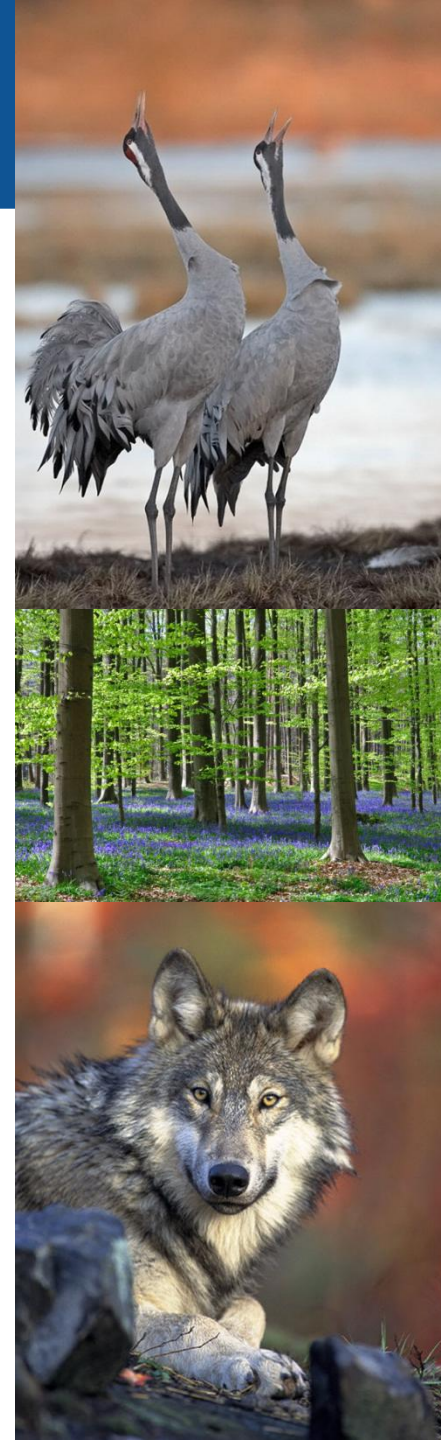
Introduction

❑ 1979: Birds Directive

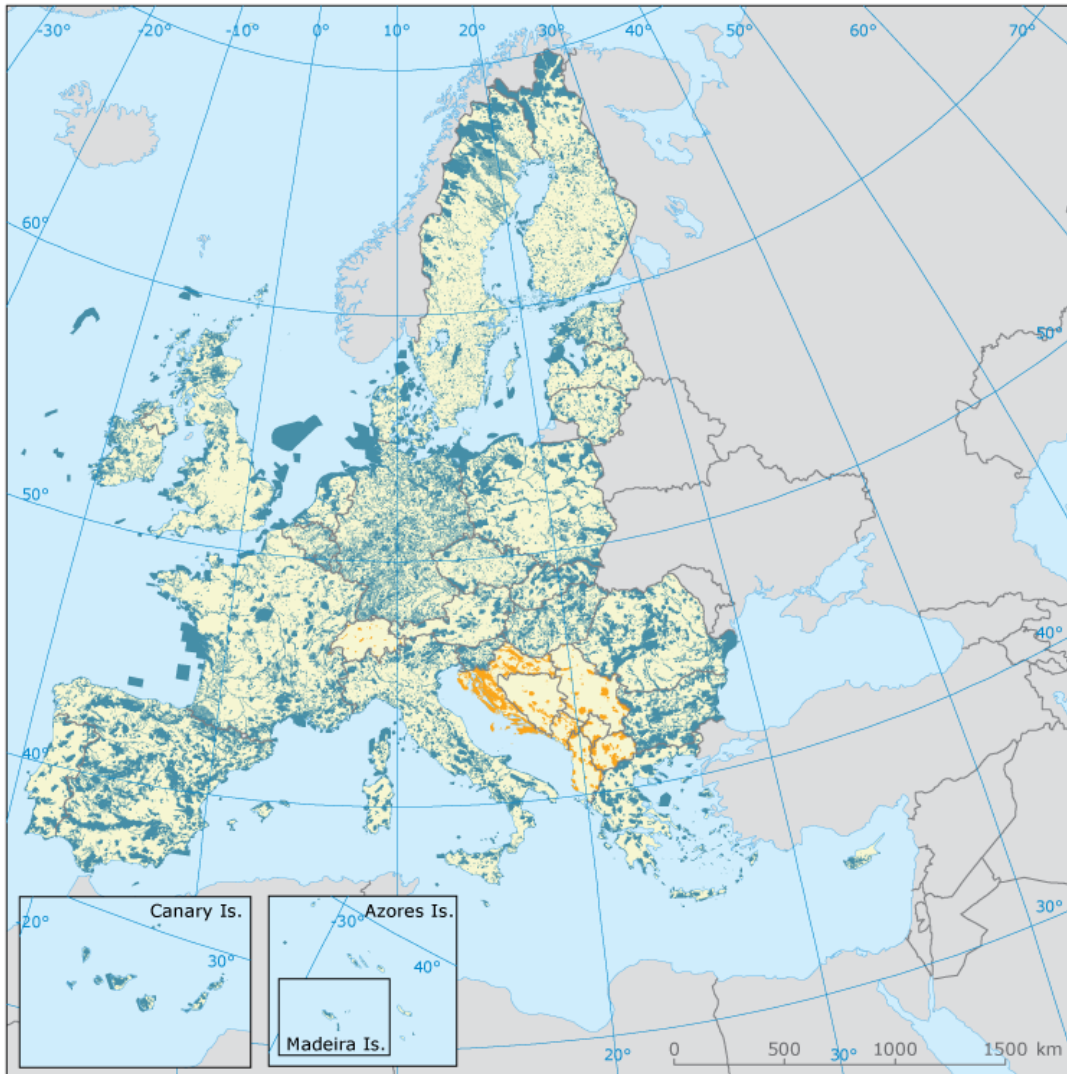
- Scope → all species of naturally occurring birds in the wild in the EU.
- Overall objective → to maintain wild birds in good conservation.

❑ 1992: Habitats Directive



- Scope → More than 1000 threatened plants and animals and approx. 230 habitat types
- Overall objective → ensure their favourable conservation status.



Natura 2000 Network

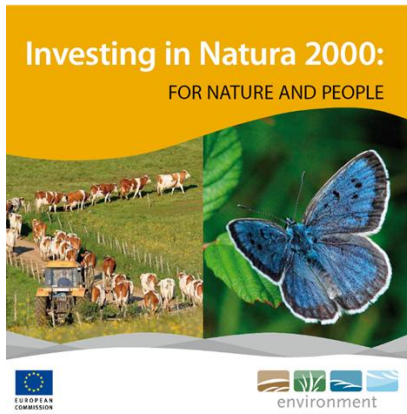


The Natura 2000 and the Emerald Networks

-  Natura 2000 sites
-  Candidate Emerald sites

- **26 400 sites**
- **986 000 km²**
- **18 % EU land**
- **4 % EU seas**
- **Globally largest co-ordinated network of PAs;**
- **Almost complete on land;**
- **Marine component – still some gaps.**

Financing Natura 2000: integration approach



- ☐ Article 8 of the Habitats Directive
- ☐ 2004: Communication on Financing Natura 2000
- ☐ 2007: Handbook
- ☐ 2010: Conference - Financing Natura 2000
- ☐ 2010-11: Public consultation
- ☐ May 2011: Roundtable
- ☐ December 2011: Staff Working Document
- ☐ 2011: COM proposals EU funds
- ☐ 2011-2013: negotiations MFF
- ☐ 2014-2020: next MFF

Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020



- ☐ **June 2011: COM Proposals for sectoral funds:**
 - structural and cohesion;
 - rural development;
 - maritime and fisheries;
 - LIFE.
- ☐ **2012: Position papers**
- ☐ **Feb. 2013: Council agreement on EU budget**
- ☐ **2nd half 2013: Partnership agreements**
- ☐ **End 2013: Adoption regulations (funds)**
- ☐ **2013/2014: Operational Programmes**
- ☐ **2014-2020: Implementation**

Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

**Direct payments -
greening 1st pillar**



EAFRD - 2nd pillar

**Compensation
payments**

**Agri-environment-
climate and forest-
environment
payments**



Content of RDPs: "a pertinent approach towards the environment, including the specific needs of Natura 2000 areas"

Structural funds and the Cohesion Fund

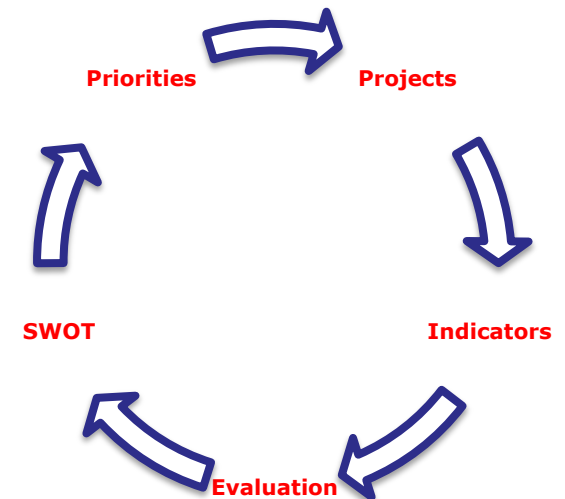
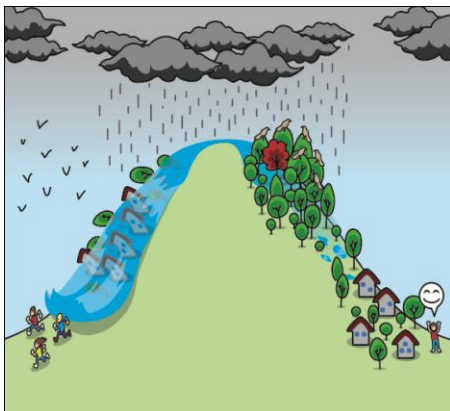
**Natura 2000 and
GI to be
financed from
ERDF and CF**



**Rational: eco-
services, natural
capital, economic
development,
regional
cooperation, legal
obligations**

**Multiple benefits
(synergies with
climate, SME, R&D,
resource efficiency
objectives)**

**Strategic planning and
integrating biodiversity in
the entire programme cycle**



European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

**Sustainable and
resource efficient
fisheries and
aquaculture**



**Biodiversity and
ecosystems inc. N2000**



**Aquaculture methods
compatible with N2000**



**Recognition of link to PAFs and OPs required
to show "pertinent approach" to env.
including Natura 2000**

LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action

- ❑ LIFE as a catalyst;
- ❑ New structure: sub programmes for the Environment and Climate Action;
- ❑ Budget: €3.6 billion with 75% for ENV and 25% for Climate;
- ❑ New concept: integrated projects;
- ❑ More coordination with other funds;
- ❑ Multiannual work programmes;
- ❑ National allocations to be phased out;
- ❑ Co-financing rates: nature and biodiversity 60%, priority habitats and species a 75%.



Innovative financing instruments

- **Payments for ecosystem services;**
- **Habitat banking;**
- **Pro-biodiversity businesses (biomass, certified food products);**
- **Low/Zero rate loans;**
- **Tax incentives;**
- **Carbon credits;**
- **User fees;**
- **Sponsorship, charities.**



Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAFs) –



- ❑ **PAFs objectives:**
 - **Strategic planning;**
 - **Identification of priorities;**
 - **Improve awareness about socio-economic benefits from Natura 2000;**
 - **Identify and assess forms of funding for Natura 2000.**



- ❑ **PAF from HU**
 - **received in April 2013;**
 - **9 priorities, 41 actions;**
 - **science based, clear priorities, adequate measures**

Next steps: opportunities and challenges

- ☐ Partnership Agreement;
- ☐ Operational Programmes;
- ☐ Consider nature/biodiversity for the whole programme cycle;
- ☐ Implementation; learn from the experience;
- ☐ Be smart, look for multiple benefits;
- ☐ Think out of the box – consider innovative financing instruments.



The image shows the front cover of a handbook. The background is a grey, textured surface. In the top left corner, there are three vertical blue lines of increasing height. At the top center is the Natura 2000 logo, which features a stylized landscape with green hills, a blue sky with two birds, and a semi-circle of stars, with the text 'NATURA 2000' below it. On the right side, there are three yellow paper flowers, each with a 10 Euro coin placed in its center. The text on the cover is as follows:

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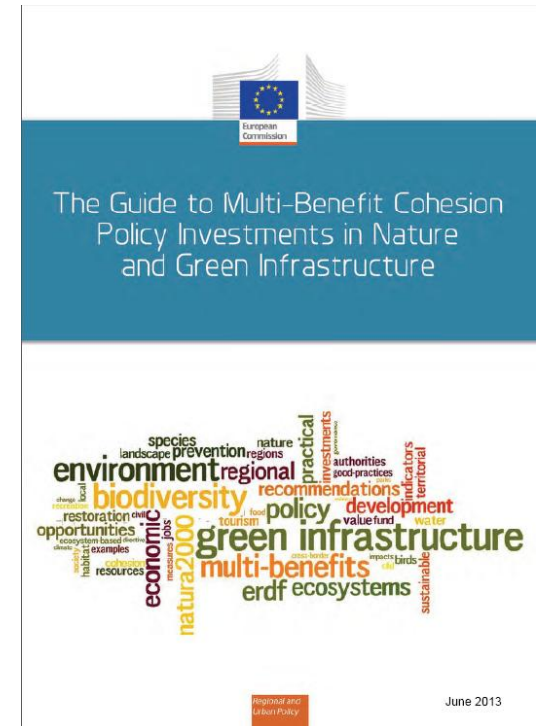
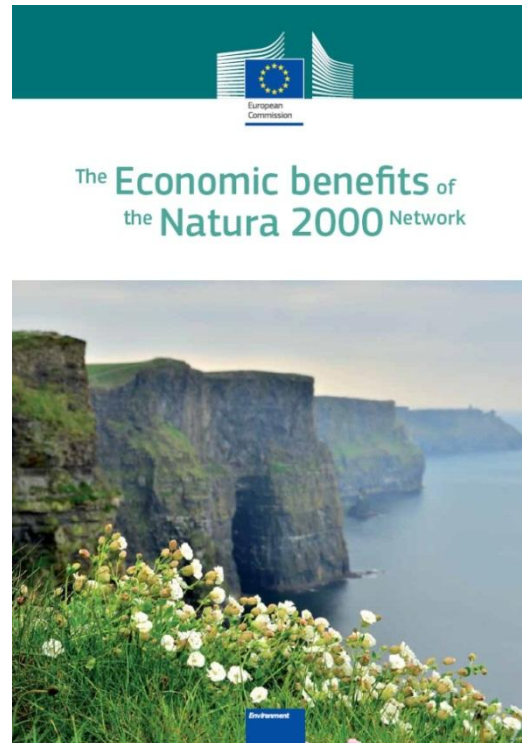
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