

Strengthening the uptake of EU funds for Natura 2000

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General Content

- Background: about the project
- THE HANDBOOK

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About the project



Background – about the project

- “Strengthening the uptake of EU funds for Natura 2000”
(ENV.B.3/SER/2012/0020)
- Consortium leaded by WWF Germany (with IEEP and others)
- Timeline: from December 2012 to June 2014 (18 months)

Goal of project

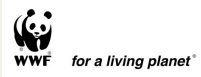
Support the EC and Member States in their task to ensure a good understanding of funding opportunities for Natura 2000 under the next Multiannual Financial Framework

EC motivations:

- Ensure financing for Natura 2000 (Action 2 Biodiversity Strategy)
- Take stock of funding opportunities arising from new financial perspective
- Use PAF to allow for more strategic approach to integrated funding

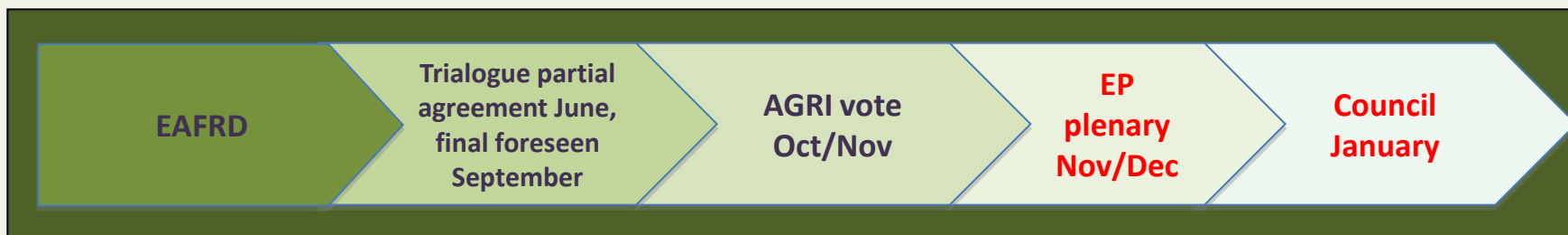
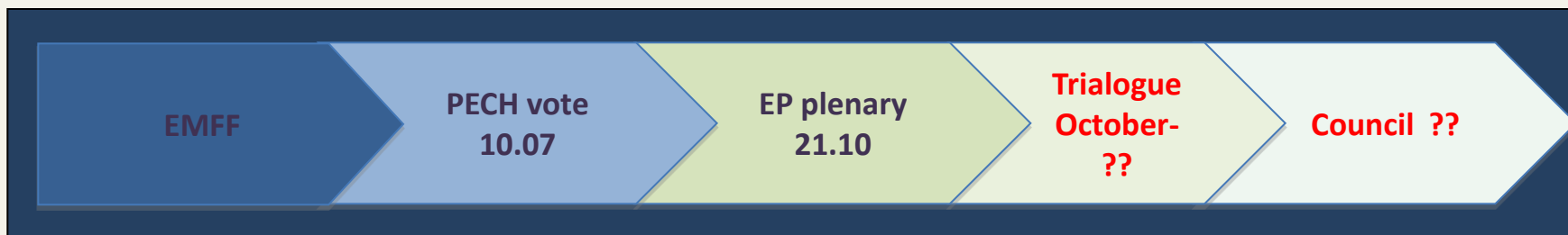
Project tasks

- Task 1: Updating the ‘Financing Natura 2000 Guidance **Handbook**
- Task 2: Developing a **toolkit** to assess the consistency between the PAFs and the Operational Programmes
- Task 3: Organizing **workshops** in the Member States to provide information on the possibilities of financing investments in the Natura 2000 in the specific national context



The Guidance Handbook *for Financing Natura 2000 In 2014-2020*







Content

+What is the handbook for
Objectives, use and target audience

+The updating
Changes compared to 2007-2013 Handbook

+About its content





What is the objective?

- Identify funding possibilities across EU funds 2014-2020
- Identify a range of potential beneficiaries
- Address all categories of Natura funding needs
 - => Link all these elements in a user-friendly way



Possible Use of the handbook

- Overview of opportunities for EU co-financing for Natura 2000
- Support crosscheck of funding opportunities from EU funds for all Natura 2000 actions, and if these opportunities are being taken up in practise (link with toolkit!)
- Support the future review of operational programs
- Help to improve future Quality of PAFs
- But...

! Actual funding opportunities decided at national /regional level !



Who is the target audience?

- ✓ **Authorities** responsible for formulating national and regional programs (2014-2020)
- ✓ **Authorities** involved in the implementation of Natura 2000, especially the development of management plans for Natura 2000 sites
- ✓ **Stakeholders** living in, working on, or managing Natura 2000 sites (direct beneficiaries or experts who advise on activities related to Natura 2000 sites)



The Handbook



The updating

2013



2007



2006





The updating

- **Analyzing the draft Regulations (draft September 2013)**
- **Discussion and feedback from the Member States (Workshops!)**
- **Consultations with relevant Commission DGs**
- **General updating of info, new chapters and overviews polishing text etc.**
- **Finalisation with all feedback after the regulations are agreed (December 2013?)**
- **Only English version foreseen!**

The Handbook Content

- 1-3 INTRODUCTION; WHO AND WHAT FOR, BENEFITS; DEFINITIONS, STRUCTURE
- 4. DESCRIPTIONS OF FUNDS
- 5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTING IN NATURA 2000 UNDER THE EU FUNDS 2014-2020
- 6 GUIDANCE FOR ENSURING INTEGRATION IN PRACTISE
- 7 GUIDANCE FOR COMPLEMENTING EU FUNDS WITH INNOVATIVE FINANCING
- 8 REFERENCES

ANNEX 1 CASE STUDIES ON FINANCING NATURA 2000

ANNEX 2 OVERVIEW OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR NATURA 2000 FINANCING

ANNEX 3 DETAILED “MEASURE BY MEASURE” ANALYSIS ON USING DIFFERENT EU FUNDS FOR FINANCING NATURA 2000 MANAGEMENT



Snapshot Chapter 1 - benefits

+Includes examples of socioeconomic benefits from Natura 2000, eg on

- Food security..
- Tourism...
- Health...
- Employment

...each topic is illustrated with specific references and examples eg:

full implementation of the Natura 2000, network in the EU could create an additional 122,000 FTE jobs (page 11)

Snapshot Chapter 4 – Description Funds

Article (EAFRD Regulation)	Short description
Article 15	Knowledge transfer and information action: supports for example 'vocational training and skills acquisition actions, demonstration activities and information actions'
Article 16	Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services: support for the setting up and use of these services
Article 17	Quality schemes for agricultural products: covers costs to farmers participating in quality / value added product or certification schemes
Article 18 (1d)	Investments in physical assets: for example 'non-productive investments linked to the achievement of agri- and forest environment commitments, biodiversity conservation status of species and habitat as well as enhancing the public amenity value of a Natura 2000 area or other high nature value area to be defined in the programme; capital investments to farm infrastructure
Article 19	Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions
Article 20 (1b)	Farm and business development: business start-up aid for non-agricultural activities
Article 21 (1a)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: supports drawing up and updating development plans including protection of Natura 2000 management plans.
Article 21 (1d)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: investments for basic rural services and infrastructure
Article 21 (1e)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: investments by public bodies in recreational infrastructure, tourist information and sign-posting of touristic sites
Article 21 (1f)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: supports studies associated with the maintenance, restoration and upgrading of rural landscapes
Article 21 (1g)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: Investments targeting the relocation of activities and conversion of buildings or other facilities located close to rural settlements, with a view to improving the quality of life or increasing the environmental performance of the settlement
Article 22 (1a) and Article 23	Afforestation and creation of woodland
Article 22 (1b) and Article 24	Establishment of agro-forestry systems
Article 22 (1c) and Article 25	Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events
Article 22 (1d) and Article 26	Investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems
Article 28	Setting up producer groups
Article 29	Agri-environment-climate
Article 30	Organic farming
Article 31	Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments
Article 32	Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints
Article 35	Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation
Article 36	Co-operation, including cooperation in the context of European Innovation Partnership (EIP)
Article 37 and Article 38	Risk management: crop, animal, plant insurance: Risk management

All regulations are presented, with:

- background on objectives,
- Programming process
- Detailed outline of relevant articles

This overview is completed with:

Chapter 5 – providing overview how articles match with Natura measures

Annex 3 – showing specific opportunity across all funds includin examples of possible application

Chapter 5

eg: EAFRD overview of opportunities

The Handbook

Natura 2000 Handbook 2014-2020

Draft manuscript – do not quote

Table 5.1: EAFRD - identified opportunities for financing different Natura 2000 management measures (1-25 measures, see Chapter 3) with articles most directly relevant for Natura 2000 highlighted. Note: Detailed measure-specific analysis is provided in Annex 3.

Article	Natura 2000 management categories and measures eligible for funding																								
	Establishment				Management planning							Ongoing habitat management and monitoring										Investment			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Article 15			x																x		x				
Article 16			x																		x				
Article 17				x								x	x												
Article 18 (1d)				x						x		x	x	x			x				x	x		x	
Article 19												x	x					x							
Article 20 (1b)																									x
Article 21 (1a)			x		x			x								x									
Article 21 (1d)										x										x					
Article 21 (1e)																				x	x	x			x
Article 21 (1f)		x										x		x									x		
Article 21 (1g)												x	x												x
Article 22 (1a) and Article 23												x	x												
Article 22 (1b) and Article 24												x	x												
Article 22 (1c) and Article 25												x	x					x							
Article 22 (1d) and Article 26												x	x	x											
Article 28				x								x	x												
Article 29												x	x	x	x	x		x							
Article 30												x	x		x										
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Article 32												x	x		x										
Article 35												x	x	x	x	x									
Article 36		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	
Article 37 and Article 38																		x							
Strategic / crosscutting approaches under EAFRD																									
Articles 42-45		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x
Article 51 and Articles 52, 53 and 55																	x			x	x				

Annex 3: EAFRD detailed opportunities

Measure 12: Conservation management measures - habitats

Article	Short description	Target group	Restrictions re: land type, applicability etc.	Examples	Examples of socio-economic benefits
EAFRD					
Article 17	Quality schemes for agricultural products: covers costs to farmers participating in quality product or certification schemes, including those that guarantee specific farming or production methods; these schemes can promote added value products such as 'green' beef, cheeses, wines, fruit and honey etc.	Farmers	Only possible where permitted in the Implementing Acts and Delegated Acts	Can be used to help Natura 2000 farmers gain access to markets for certified / value added products, this way supporting income streams and enabling continued management of Natura 2000 sites.	Food security Support and diversification of sustainable rural livelihoods
Article 18 (1d)	Investments in physical assets: 'non-productive investments linked to the achievement of agri- and forest environment commitments, biodiversity conservation status of species and habitat as well as enhancing the public amenity value of a Natura 2000 area or other high nature value area to be defined in the programme.'	All		For example, if required for Natura 2000 objectives: Could enable capital investments needed for the restoration of wetlands. Could support artificial nests and nest boxes installation; perching poles installation; restoring or introducing hedges and other boundary features and terraces. Could support establishment of small vegetated ponds. Could support restoration of local riverine habitats through removal of modifications to waterways, and restorative planting.	Cultural and natural heritage Recreation and tourism, including related employment Other direct / concrete benefits depend on the characteristics of a site
Article 19	Restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural disasters and catastrophic events and introduction of appropriate prevention actions	Farmers, groups of farmers, or public entities where a link	Support is only offered where damage affects at least 30 % of agricultural potential	Could support projects aimed at restoring agricultural production potential damaged by natural hazards, linking with a risk management strategy and habitat restoration in Natura 2000 sites.	Protection against natural hazards Other direct / concrete benefits depend on the

Note: this is only a part of the full table, i.e. does not show all relevant Articles!

		production potential can be established.			
Article 21 (1f)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas: 'investments into the maintenance, restoration and upgrading of cultural and natural heritage of villages and rural landscapes'	Public administrations; Farmers; Foresters; NGOs; Private landowners; Public landowners; Land managers; SMEs; Educational organisations	See Art 21 (2) and Art 21 (3)	For example, if required for Natura 2000 objectives: Could enable capital investments needed for the restoration of wetlands. Could support artificial nests and nest boxes installation; perching poles installation. Could support establishment of small vegetated ponds. Could support restoration of local riverine habitats through removal of modifications to waterways, and restorative planting.	Cultural and natural heritage Other direct / concrete benefits depend on the characteristics of a site

NEW! Chapter 7: Innovative financing

- +Provides overview of different funding mechanisms (PES, Tax, Fees, Carbon, Licensing...)
- +Evaluates the potential of innovative funding for each Natura 2000 management measures (low to moderate opportunities)
- +Shows potential opportunities for EU funds and innovative approaches to work together:
 - Use of new sources of finance, such as business sponsorship, to co-finance EU funded projects;
 - Use of EU funds to pilot the development of new instruments, such as offsets or PES schemes;
 - Use of EU funds to finance the development and marketing of produce from Natura 2000, thus helping to develop new markets.

Annex 1 - Examples

Showing potential for integration across funds, 7 examples
(one Hungarian - Szabadság Sziget)

- Ireland (LIFE, CAP Pillar 1)
- Finland (EAFRD, LIFE, Interreg, national, private)
- UK (EAFRD, private)
- Romania (EAFRD, national)
- Hungary (LIFE, private, national, others)
- UK (EFF, national)
- Germany (EAFRD, Structural, national)



Köszönöm szépen!



