



EU Biodiversity and Nature Directors Meeting

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Agenda item

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Outline

- 1. Programming**
- 2. LIFE & financial instruments**
- 3. Biodiversity tracking and reporting**
- 4. ECA special report on biodiversity**



Partnership agreements and programmes

Where we are:

- ❑ All 28 Partnership Agreement adopted
- ❑ Cohesion OPs: 205 DG REGIONAL OPs, 200 submitted (3 adopted), 5 to be submitted;
- ❑ RDPs: 111 RDP submitted (ISC: 89 negative, 22 favourable with comments);
- ❑ MARE: 2 (LT, MT);

→ *National perspectives on the process of integrating biodiversity /Natura 2000 issues in the operational programmes, and on problems encountered?*



LIFE:

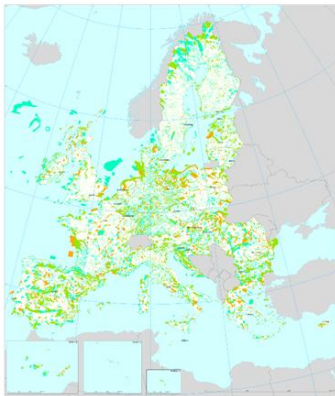
- Traditional projects;**
- Integrated Projects:**
 - concept notes (10 applications received)**
 - final applications April 2015 (expected 3-4 nature IPs per year)**
 - 3 technical assistance (TAs) project applications.**
- Financial instruments:**
 - delegation agreements with EIB for NCFF and PF4EE expected to be signed by the end of December.**



Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAFs)



Prioritised Action Framework
for Natura 2000



- Reference docs for investments in Natura 2000
- Specifically referred to in the EAFRD and EMFF regulations
- Referred to in the partnership agreements
- OPs/RPDs should be consistent with the PAFs
- So far mixed picture (often referred to but measures not always fully consistent)
- Debate in 2015 how to update, improve PAFs
- Already now *ad hoc* feedback from MS welcome

Tracking biodiversity-related expenditure

- Mandate:
 - **ZEAP:** *"It has been difficult to trace biodiversity and climate-related expenditure. To assess progress towards these objectives, a tracking and reporting system should be established at Member State and EU level."*
 - CBD financial reporting framework (adopted at CBD COP12)
- Methodology:
 - Rio markers, similar to climate/biodiversity tracking in EU external instruments (100 – 40 – 0). Applied to all instruments.
 - Ex ante approach: formal programme statements from Commission services, published in communications on 2014 and 2015 draft budgets
 - Ex post reporting to CBD: preliminary estimates 2006-2012; next reporting round by end 2015.
- Ongoing contract to improve the methodology:
 - External stakeholder workshop 30 September; report by end 2014

ECA special report no 12/2014

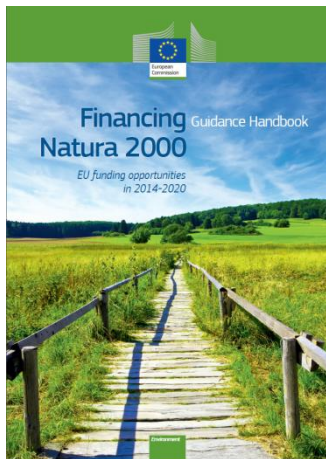
- *"Is the ERDF effective in funding projects that directly promote biodiversity under the EU biodiversity strategy to 2020?"*
 - opportunities not exploited to their full potential
 - support to MS in setting biodiversity restoration priorities and ensuring effective monitoring of the impacts
 - Maintain an accurate record of direct and indirect EU spending on biodiversity
- *Important for the integration of biodiversity in the ongoing programming***

Thank you for your attention

For more information, please consult:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index_en.htm

<http://biodiversity.europa.eu/>



See also Financing Natura 2000 handbook:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/financing/index_en.htm#guidancehandbook

