



Stakeholders Matter!

A regional workshop on

“Conflict management in the Natura 2000 network”

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Introduction

Three regional workshops are being conducted as a part of the project: **“Dealing with conflicts in the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network - best practices at the local / site level”**. Each workshop will address region specific implementation and management issues.

The central aim of the project is to promote best practices for implementation and management. Attention is focused on a balance between multiple uses and multiple interests in Natura 2000 sites and how that can work to ensure both the engagement of the regional population and respect for the values of the site. Specific objectives of this project are to:

- to assess causes and of conflicts surrounding Natura 2000 designation, management and use;
- to identify and review examples of best practice;
- to formulate practical recommendations for avoiding and/or resolving the conflicts.

The project is led by ALTERRA (Wageningen UR, The Netherlands) in partnership with Eurosite (Den Bosch, The Netherlands) and ECNC–European Centre for Nature Conservation (Tilburg, the Netherlands).

Aim of the workshop

This workshop aims to bring regional stakeholders to discuss current practices in the region; to exchange experience and information, and to generate ideas, approaches and discuss lessons from successful implementation of Natura 2000.

Key questions to be discussed include:

- What are the main causes of conflict?
- What are the critical success factors to resolve conflicts?
- What are the main learning points from the successful implementation? (dos and don'ts)
- What are the recommendations for future?

Outcome of the workshop

The workshop will result in a better understanding of approaches and best practices to avoid and manage conflicts in Natura 2000 sites in Southern Europe. The results of the facilitated sessions will be included in the project's overall findings and presented in a report with recommendations.



Preliminary programme

Workshop Chair: Dr Leon Braat

Morning session – setting the scene

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
09:30 – 09:40	<i>Welcome and opening</i> Dr Leon Braat - Alterra
09:40 – 10:00	<i>Introduction of the participants</i> Ms Aysegul Cil – ECNC
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Introduction to the workshop and report of previous workshops</i> Ms Aysegul Cil – ECNC
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Introduction to the project and first results</i> Ms Irene Bouwma – Alterra
10:40 – 11:00	<i>"Dealing with conflicts in the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network: analysis of some case studies"</i> Mr Neil McIntosh - Eurosite
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 11:40	<i>General introduction on the Natura 2000 process in relation to the objectives of this workshop</i>
11:40 – 12:00	<i>Keynote speech 'Dealing with conflict in the Natura 2000 network. A government point of view' (speaker t.b.a.)</i>
12:00 – 12:20	<i>Keynote speech: 'Dealing with conflict in the Natura 2000 network. An NGO point of view from Catalonia'</i> Mr Miquel Rafa , Director Àrea de Territori i Paisatge, Obra Social Caixa Catalunya
12:20 – 13:00	<i>Questions and discussions – with moderation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reflect on common themes</i>• <i>Set common issues and problems</i>

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Afternoon session – Working groups

Workshop facilitators	Dr Lawrence Jones-Walters and Mark Sneathlidge - ECNC
14:00 – 14:15	<i>Introduction to the working groups</i>
14:15 – 15:15	<i>Working groups (with facilitation):</i> Critical success factors in avoiding, managing and resolving conflict in N2K implementation.
15:15 – 16:00	<i>Working groups (with facilitation):</i> Key stakeholders and sectors: benefits and threats of N2K implementation. Learning points, solutions and recommendations.
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 16:45	<i>Feedback from the 2 working groups</i> <i>Recommendations for the project and regional workshops – the way forward</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Closing – recap of the day Dr Leon Braat - Alterra
17:00 – 17:30	Drinks