



# Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process

## Natura 2000 Farmland Management and Biodiversity Conference

### Programme

September 29 - October 1

La Casa Encendida, Madrid, Spain

#### Day 1 (Tuesday 29th September)

09:00 - 09:30	Arrivals & Registration
09:30 - 10:00	<p>Welcome &amp; opening session – <i>Chair: Mr Vangelis Divaris</i></p> <p><i>Mr Cristóbal Sánchez, Director of Social, Educational and Environmental Programmes, Fundación Montemadrid</i></p> <p><i>Mr Eduardo de Miguel, Managing Director, Fundación Global Nature</i></p> <p><i>Mr Neil McIntosh, Deputy Executive Director, ECNC</i></p> <p>The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – what it is, how it works and ways it can be useful for your work!</p>
10:00 - 11:15	<p>3 key note presentations</p> <p><i>Ms Isabel Bombal Díaz, Department for Rural Development &amp; Forestry, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food &amp; Environment</i></p> <p><i>Mr Ludovic Le Maresquier, European Commission, DG Environment, Unit B.3 – Nature</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rainer Oppermann, Executive Director, Institute for Agro-Ecology &amp; Biodiversity, Germany</i></p> <p>Promoting the genetic diversity of habitats &amp; species in agricultural landscapes – examples at the European level.</p>
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee
11:45 - 12:30	<p>2 key note presentations</p> <p><i>Dr Sharon Parr – Project Scientist, Burren Farming for Conservation Programme</i></p> <p>Burren Farming for Conservation is a pioneering agri-environmental programme, which aims to conserve and support the heritage, environment and communities of the Burren.</p> <p><i>Ms Vasiliki Tsiaousi – EKBY, Greek Biotope Wetland Centre</i></p> <p><b>SAGE10 (LIFE09 ENV/GR/000302 SAGE 10)</b> is a pilot project aiming at the sustainability of Mediterranean agroecosystems, and especially of olive crops, with the century-long history, through the development and implementation of an environmental Impact Assessment Procedure (IAP).</p>



<b>12:30 – 13:15</b>	Panel discussion - <b>Chair: Mr Vangelis Divaris</b>
<b>13:15 – 13:30</b>	Concluding remarks
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	Lunch
<b>15:00 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>Working Groups 1 &amp; 2</b> (see descriptions below)</p> <p><b>WG1 Biodiversity for Better Farmland Management - Case Study Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Rainer Oppermann, Executive Director, Institute for Agro-Ecology &amp; Biodiversity, Germany</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Marion Hammerl, Executive Director, Bodensee Stiftung, Germany</i> Biodiversity criteria for standards and labels for the food sector</li> <li>• <i>Mr Philippe Pointereau, Director of Agriculture &amp; Biodiversity, Solagro, France</i></li> </ul> <p><b>WG2 Agriculture &amp; Management Plans in Natura 2000 - Case Study Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms Odile Rodríguez de la Fuente, Director, Fundación Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente, ConSuma Naturalidad+ (BIOCxLIFE): Promoting responsible food consumer choices that foster biodiversity in the Network of Natura 2000 and natural protected areas in Spain</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Domingos Leitão, Project Coordinator, LIFE Project Tetrax (LIFE02NAT/P/008476, Portugal)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Vasiliki Tsiaousi – EKBY, Greek Biotope Wetland Centre</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Nat Page, Director, Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Pedro M. Herrera, Project Manager, Fundación Entretantos (Spanish Platform for extensive livestock farming and pastoralism), Spain</i></li> </ul>
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	Plenary feedback & panel discussion - <b>Chair: Mr Vangelis Divaris</b>
<b>18:30 – 18:45</b>	Opening of the Knowledge Market
<b>18:45 – 21:00</b>	Knowledge Market (including drinks)
<b>21:00</b>	Close Knowledge Market



**Day 2 (Wednesday 30th September)**

<b>09:30</b>	Departure from Madrid - La Casa Encendida
<b>09:30 - 11:00</b>	Travel to Las Moradas de San Martín
<b>11:00 - 13:00</b>	Visit to Las Moradas de San Martín
<b>13:00</b>	Departure from Las Moradas de San Martín
<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	Travel to La Finca de Jiménez Barbero
<b>13:30 - 15:30</b>	Lunch
<b>15:30 - 17:00</b>	Visit to La Finca de Jiménez Barbero
<b>17:00 - 18:30</b>	Departure from La Finca de Jiménez Barbero and arrival in Madrid - La Casa Encendida



### Day 3 (Thursday 1st October)

09:00 – 09:30	Arrivals
09:30 – 10:00	Opening in plenary – reflections Knowledge Market & site visit
10:00 – 12:15	<p><b>Working Groups 3 &amp; 4</b> (see descriptions below)</p> <p><b>WG3 Testing Stakeholders' Attitudes towards Biodiversity &amp; Natura 2000 - Case Study Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Thibaut Barbaras, Nestlé Buyer – tomatoes &amp; vegetables for Europe, Middle East &amp; North Africa</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Pedro Antonio Ruiz, Nestlé Spain – Sustainability Manager</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Jose Manuel Barreiro, Nestlé Spain – Factory Manager</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Ana Etchenique, Vice President of CECU, Confederación de Consumidores y Usuarios, Spain</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Felipe Medina, Agrifood chain manager, ASEDAS (Spanish Association of Supermarkets), Spain</i></li> </ul> <p><b>WG4 Funding for Biodiversity on Farmlands - Case Study Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr Sharon Parr, Project Scientist, Burren Farming for Conservation Programme Positive payments scheme – income for farmers for conservation work</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Sara Mora Vicente, LIFE Monitoring Team ES/PT, NEEMO-IDOM Focusing on the results of an ex-post study carried out on a LIFE project aimed at the conservation of steppe bird species in Extremadura (Spain) in the 90s.</i></li> </ul>
12:15 – 12:45	Coffee
12:45 – 13:45	Plenary feedback & panel discussion - <b>Chair: Mr Vangelis Divaris</b>
13:45 – 14:00	Closing remarks
14:00	Close

(All timings are indicative. The working language of the conference will be English.)



## Four working groups - methodology:

The four Working Groups will be organized in two parallel sessions. In the first Working Group session, participants will have the choice of:

### 1. *Biodiversity for better farmland management:*

The primary aims of agriculture are to produce goods, generate incomes and ensure food security: agriculture is also vital to provision of ecosystem services. Farmers on Natura 2000 sites are not only in an excellent position to deliver ecosystem services, but also to improve their competitiveness adding value to the agricultural products and other services. However objective, transparent and realistic agro-environmental indicators are required in order offer both the agri-food sector and end-users reliable data on which to base their sustainable production strategies and/ or consumption decisions. Some useful indicators have been developed in recent years, but indicators about biodiversity remain relatively unknown.

Priority topics for this session are to consider the need for expert guidance in order to achieve realistic monitoring methodologies, tools, assessment schemes as well as common criteria to know the contribution of farmland areas in Natura 2000 to biodiversity: also, to explore successful experiences in which objective biodiversity indicators have been successfully transferred to market-based and applied experiences, such as labels, food standards, etc.

Participants' profile: successful LIFE and other projects dealing with biodiversity in farmland areas in Natura 2000 sites; experts on biodiversity assessment at farm level; experts on biodiversity assessment at landscape level; demonstration projects of differentiated agricultural products or services in Natura 2000.

Moderator: Fundacion Global Nature

### 2. *Agriculture and management plans in Natura 2000:*

Members States and nature conservation organisations have or are developing management plans for many Natura 2000 sites. Agriculture is a very relevant land use in Natura 2000, due to the vast farmland surface in EU countries, as well as for the role that agriculture can potentially play in biodiversity conservation.

This session aims to explore how good agricultural practices have been considered in Natura 2000 management plans, how conflicts have been resolved and opportunities identified, in order to achieve nature conservation priorities and agricultural competitiveness.

Participants' profile: site management practitioners in charge of Natura 2000 management plans; representatives from organisations (including regional authorities) with responsibilities for Natura 2000 and management planning; best practice examples of approved management plans for Natura 2000 in (predominantly) farmland areas.

Moderator: ECNC - European Centre for Nature Conservation





On Day 3, in the second round of Working Group Sessions, participants will have the choice of:

3. *Testing end users, consumers and agri-food stakeholders' attitudes towards biodiversity and Natura 2000:*

End-users, consumers, retailers and companies are key stakeholders for successful development of added value features linked to agricultural products and services provided by biodiversity conservation in Natura 2000 sites. However, there is a need to ensure that such stakeholders - for example, food producers and tourism service providers - know what this involves. Essentially, there is a need to ensure that biodiversity generally and Natura 2000 specifically can be of interest to non-environmental stakeholders.

This session aims to explore end-users' attitudes towards biodiversity and Natura 2000, as well as to compile the lessons learnt on the basis of existing experiences and best practice case studies.

Participants' profile: successful LIFE and other projects or initiatives dealing with awareness raising amongst consumers about biodiversity and Natura 2000; representatives of consumers' associations at national or regional levels; representatives of the agri-food business sector with up-to-date information on consumers' attitude towards sustainability.

Moderator: ECNC - European Centre for Nature Conservation

4. *Funding for biodiversity on farmlands:*

Agronomic measures to improve biodiversity can have cross-cutting benefits for farmers (for example, in terms of better resilience, better soil quality, etc.) and have no additional costs: however, in some cases, the implementation of such measures can entail additional expenses. At the same time, Natura 2000 management plans may have direct effects on farm management, which require appropriate actions and new measures by farmers.

The aim of this session is to explore the degree to which EU agricultural policies and other financial instruments are aligned to improving biodiversity at farm or landscape level, as well as to assess the effectiveness of the Common Agricultural Policy (in particular, Pilar 1: Greening measures, and Pilar 2) for improving biodiversity on farmlands and Natura 2000 sites. Also, this session will consider how market-based strategies can also help to improve committed farmers' incomes.

Participants' profile: all the above mentioned guests for the other sessions.

Moderator: TBC

Each Working Group will follow a similar format. Led by an appointed Chair and with support from a dedicated facilitator and rapporteur, 3 or 4 relevant case studies will be presented followed by a facilitated discussion. Case studies can be about projects (past present or proposed), new or innovative practices/ approaches currently being applied & their results, other relevant management experiences.

Participants will have chance to learn about all case studies and other projects and initiatives during the Knowledge Market.