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“NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria – objectives, opportunities, and challenges”

Organized in partnership between
Green Balkans Federation of Nature Conservation NGOs
and
“Central Balkan” National Park Directorate

Imperial Hotel, Plovdiv
29-31 October 2007

Objectives of the seminar:

This workshop has been organized by Green Balkans Federation of Nature Conservation NGOs and “Central Balkan” National Park Directorate within a project of EUROPARC, EUROSITE, and ELO.

The event is intended for representatives of various branch organizations dealing with agriculture and forestry, forest management associations, manufacturers of organic products, as well as representatives of the Association of Municipalities and Municipal Ecologists.

The purpose of this meeting is getting key stakeholders acquainted with the purpose and objectives of NATURA 2000, providing information on the planned compensatory measures and subsidies for activities implemented within NATURA 2000 sites, encouraging public participation in the establishment and management of the Network, as well as demonstrating successful practices in sustainable forest management /”Borika” Forest Manufacturing Cooperation, Sarnevo village/.

Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Ministry of Environment and Waters, NGOs, and “Central Balkan” National Park Directorate will be lecturers at the event.

We truly hope that you will find this seminar useful and productive!

Agenda

Monday, 29.10.2007

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| 16:00 – 19:00 | Arrival and accommodation of participants |
| 19:30 | Dinner |
| Tuesday, 30.10.2007 | |
| 08:00 | Registration of participants |
| 08:30 | Opening of the event. Objectives of the seminar. <i>Ms. Elena Tilova, Green Balkans Federation of Nature Conservation NGOs</i> <i>Mr. Anton Stanchev, “Central Balkan” National Park Directorate</i> |
| 08:45 | Introduction of participants |
| 09:00 | NATURA 2000 – purpose and objectives of the ecological network <i>Lecturer from Green Balkans</i> |
| 09:30 | NATURA 2000 and the Bulgarian legislation <i>Mr. Anton Stanchev</i> |
| 10:00 | NATURA 2000 – current situation in Bulgaria <i>Mr. Nikolay Nedyalkov, Ministry of Environment and Waters</i> |
| 10:30 | <i>Coffee-break</i> |
| 11:00 | NATURA 2000 in the region <i>Lecturer from the Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Waters in Pazardjik, Plovdiv, and Smolyan</i> |
| 11:30 | Open session Questions and Answers |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 | Development of a Manual for Planning of Activities in forests and areas within NATURA 2000 sites <i>Mrs. Dobromira Dimova, Bulgaria’s Park Association</i> |
| 13:30 | Open session Questions and Answers |
| 13:45 | Regimes and management of SPAs and SCIs <i>Lecturer from the Ministry of Environment and Waters and the NGOs</i> |

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| 14:15 | Open session Questions and Answers |
| 14:30 | Development of a Manual for Planning the Management of a NATURA 2000 site in Bulgaria – “Building capacities for development of Management Plans for NATURA 2000 sites in Bulgaria” <i>Mr. Stoyan Yotov, “Borrowed Nature” Association</i> |
| 15:00 | <i>Coffee-break</i> |
| 15:20 | Compensatory measures under NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria (agricultural lands and forests) <i>Lecturer from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests</i> |
| 15:50 | Open session Questions and Answers |
| 16:00 | Cooperation under NATURA 2000 – development of a pilot Management Plan for “Pojarevo-Garvan” Protected Site <i>Mladen Angelov – Green Balkans</i> |
| 16:30 | Open session Questions and Answers |
| 16:40 | Certification of timber <i>Lecturer – Jivko Bogdanov, WWF Danube-Carpathian Program, Bulgaria</i> |
| 17:10 | Final comments _____ |
| 17:20 | Wrap up of the first day |
| Wednesday, 31.10.2007 | |
| 08:00 | Registration of participants |
| 08:30 | Departure for “Borika” Forest Manufacturing Cooperation, Stoykite village |
| 16:00 | Return of participants |