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Agriculture and Natura 2000: The Polish Experience

Workshop Report

a. Introduction/ Background

- The workshop took place on the 9th November in Kraskow (Poland).
- The format was a half-day conference with QA sessions (after each presentation and at the end of all presentations) and an open floor discussion, followed by an afternoon on-site visit in **Lower Silesia** region (farm of Marek Barylko).
- Target audience: different stakeholders working with environmental issues on a daily basis, especially farmers, landowners and land managers.
- The scope of stakeholders groups was varied (12 participants) and included the following:
 1. Federation of Union of Agricultural Employers-Tenants and Land Owners in Poland;
 2. SAF - Agriculteurs de France;
 3. Local managers (f.ex. manager of the Kraskow Palace);
 4. European Landowner's Organization.
- Actual attendees
 - see the list of participants in the annex 1

b. Purpose of Workshop & Expected Outcomes

The aim of the seminar was to better equip organisations and individuals involved in managing protected sites to present the environmental, social and economic benefits of protecting these sites. The creation of a multi-stakeholder dialogue as well as examples from others EU countries were used as tools to achieve these targets.

- Aim & Objectives of the workshop for the host

The aim of this workshop was to create a dynamic structure, aiding cooperation and the exchange of information on good practices between various stakeholders, especially in the rural areas where the farmers own or manage well prospering farms looking for new opportunities to link business and biodiversity.

- Specific issues such as:

- Future of Polish agriculture and the protection of environment,
- Natura Networking Programme (NNP) – added value,
- The French example of interaction between agriculture and Natura 2000
- The European Institution point of view on the evolution of the CAP- the health check
- Implementation of agriculture and environmental regulations- viewpoint from the field were addressed during the workshop.

c. Results - key points arising during the workshop

- The arising key points were:
 - Even if the protection of environment and biodiversity are well preserved in Poland, the Natura 2000 issues and other new regulations need to be better explained and communicated;
 - It is also necessary to continue to analyse the economic benefits and challenges of Habitats and Birds Directives on rural activities, showing good examples via case studies to give incentive for SME (small and medium enterprises) to invest and develop local activities in the region.

d. Conclusions and further action

- As underlined during all NNP workshops, the need to have a bottom-up approach, compiled with an active presence on the field, assuring good communication and understanding of environmental laws (Europeans or nationals), e.g. by adapted guidelines is vital. The idea of a national conference tackling with those issues was mentioned as one of potential actions (summer 2008).

e. Contact details of workshop host

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f. Contact details of workshop participants

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see the annex 1

g. Relevant background papers

- NNP documentation (leaflets, future workshops, www.natura.org, etc)

The workshop will be carbon compensated.