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SEMINAR

NATURA 2000 IN THE CONTEXT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY: state of the art and perspectives

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BACKGROUND

With the creation of the Natura 2000 Network, the European Union started an ambitious compromise of conservation of the natural patrimony, with the goal of stopping the biological diversity decline until 2010. This initiative has particular relevance for the forest areas, because in more than a half of the Natura 2000 areas exists species and forest habitats, which are, in most of the cases, under private management.

The need to guarantee the conservation and sustainable use of those areas implies a set of measures that require a balance between nature conservation and economic goals, adapting, if necessary, the management activities to the specificities of each Natura 2000 site, which, in many cases, causes financial and economic setbacks to their private owners.

15 years after the approval of Directive 92/43/CEE (Habitats Directive), which established the objective of creating an European network for nature conservation, designated as Natura 2000, and at the beginning of a new phase (the second, after the set up of the network), its therefore the time to debate the state of the art on Natura 2000, promoting the discussion on the perspectives for its full development under the context of European Policies, particularly the Rural Development Policy, has an opportunity of territorial valorization for his owners and managers.

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DRAFT PROGRAM

9H30 – ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

10H00 – OPENING SESSION

Francisco Nunes Correia (Minister of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development), tbc

José Miguel Lupi Caetano (President of the Board of UNAC)

Marie-Alice Budniok (Director of Legal and Administrative Affairs, ELO)

NATURA 2000 – STATE OF THE ART

10H20 – The implementation of Natura 2000 in Portugal

João Rosmaninho e Menezes (ICNB)

10H50 – Coffee Break

11H20 – The Financial Context for Natura 2000 in the Rural Development Program

Rita Horta (GPP)

11H40 – The Natura 2000 in the Common Agricultural Policy

Christopher Price (ELO/CLA)

12H00 – Questions and Discussion

13H00 – Lunch

15 YEARS ON NATURA 2000 – BALANCE AND PERSPECTIVES

15H00 – The vision of the Landowners Organizations

Marie-Alice Budniok (Director of Legal and Administrative Affairs, ELO)

15H20 – The vision of the Environmental NGO

Eugénio Sequeira (President of the Board of LPN)

15H40 – Questions and Discussion

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NATURA 2000 – PROPOSALS OF THE PRIVATE PRODUCERS AND LANDOWNERS

16H00 – Private Property and Natura 2000

José Miguel Lupi Caetano (President of the Board of UNAC)

16H20 – Hunting and Conservation on the Natura 2000 Areas

João Carvalho (Secretary General of ANPC)

16H40 – Questions and Discussion

17H00 – Closing Session

José Miguel Lupi Caetano (President of the Board of UNAC)

Marie-Alice Budniok (Director of Legal and Administrative Affairs, ELO)

Francisco Castro Rego (General Director of Forest Resources, UNAC)