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Natura 2000 in the context of Rural Development Policy

Workshop Report

a. Introduction/ Background

- The workshop on “Natura 2000 in the context of rural development” was held in Lisbon on the 14th of November, 2007. The format used for the workshop was an all-day seminar, with presentations and group discussions.
- The target audience was a various range of stakeholders, working with environmental issues on a daily basis, especially foresters and cork producers.
- The scope of stakeholders groups was varied (114 participants), including farmers, land managers, landowners, representatives of municipalities, Ministries, scientists, representatives of NGOs, business and media:
 - AFLOPS
 - ANPC
 - ANSUB
 - APAFLOC
 - AmBioDiv
 - Associacao Nacional de proprietarios e produtores de Caca
 - Assoc. Agricultores de Abrantes
 - Assoc. de Agricultores do Ribatejo
 - Assoc. Nacional Municipios Portugueses
 - Confederacao dos Agricultores de Portugal
 - Capital Natural
 - Companhia Agricola da Apostica
 - Camara Municipal de Agueda
 - Camara Municipal de Alandroal
 - Camara Municipal de Odemira
 - Camara Municipal de Torres Vedras
 - Camara Municipal de Loule
 - Camara Municipal de Santarem
 - Camara Municipal de Palmela
 - Camara Municipal de Mafra
 - Camara Municipal de Elvas
 - Country Programmes Officer for Portugal, Greece and Turkey
 - CLA (England)
 - **Companhia Agricola da Apostica**
 - **Companhia Agricola da Aparica**
 - **Comonte SA**
 - **Companhia Florestal do Centro**
 - **CONFAGRI**
 - **CAULE**
 - **Centro de ecologia Aplicada Prof.Baeta Neves**
 - Direccao Regional de Agricultura e Pescas de Lisboa e Vale do Tejo
 - Direccao Regional de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural
 - DGRF
 - Direccao Regional dos Recursos Florestais
 - Departamento de Prospectiva e Planeamento e Relacoes Internacionais
 - Estacao Florestal Nacional
 - **Ecosativa**
 - **European Landowner’s Organization.**
 - **Escola Superior Agraria de Beja**
 - Faculdade de Ciencias
 - Federacao NAcional das Organizacoes de Produtores de Frutas e Horticolas
 - Fruticor SA
 - Gabinete de Planeamento e Politicas

- Herdade da Comporta
- Herdade da Margem de Cima
- Herdade Machoqueira do Grou, CRL
- Hidroprojecto
- ISCTE
- IGP Jornal Publico
- ICN- Parque Natural de S.Mamede
- Instituto da Conservacao de Natureza e Biodiversidade
- Jornal de Arquitectura
- Lodo, Arquitectura Paisagiqta Lda
- Liga para a Proteccao da Natureza
- Logistica Florestal
- Montalvo C.R.L.
- Monte de Ferraria, Soc. Agricola
- Ministerio do Ambiente – Gabinete de Relacoes Internancionais
- MAPA
- Olivimo
- Preza-Plus
- Secretaria de Estado do Desenvolvimento Rural e das Florestales
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia
- SGS
- Syngenta Crop Protection
- Sativa- Desenvolvemento Rural
- Universidade de Evora
- UNAC
- Universidade de Aveiro

Actual attendees

- see the list of participants in the annex 1

b. Purpose of Workshop & Expected Outcomes

The need to guarantee the conservation and sustainable use of Natura 2000 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 site, which, in many cases, causes financial and economic setbacks to their private owners. This is of particular relevance to the forest areas, because in more than half of the Natura 2000 areas, species and forested habitats exist, which are, in most of the cases, under private management.

- Aim & Objectives of the workshop for the host

15 years after the approval of Directive 92/43/CEE 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. The aim of this workshop was therefore to create and sustain a dynamic structure, aiding cooperation and the exchange of information on good practices between various stakeholders, nourishing the existing forestry network but also enabling its opening to new participants.

- Specific issues such as:

- **Natura 2000 – State of the art: focusing on**

- The implementation of Natura 2000 in Portugal
- The Financial Context for Natura 2000 in the Rural Development Program
- The Natura 2000 in the Common Agricultural Policy

- **Natura 2000: 15 years on – Balance and Perspectives**

- The vision of the Landowners Organizations
- The vision of the Environmental NGO

- **Natura 2000 – Proposals of the Private producers and landowners**

- Private Property and Natura 2000
- Hunting and Conservation on the Natura 2000 Areas

were addressed during the workshop.

c. Results - key points arising during the workshop

- The key points which arose were:
Expecting fundamental changes in the future development and the management of natural resources due to e.g. new pressures on land, water stress or climate change, having also an impact on the management of the landscape the need to continue to support the rural activities is vital. This will allow the diversification of human activities and creation of adapted services, helping the countryside to link business and biodiversity

d. Conclusions and further action

The need to support the diversification of the rural world, but to deliver a multi-functional countryside the economic sustainability needs to be insured

This can be assured by the involvement “from the field” by managers and landowners, to have a bottom-up approach, assuring good communication and coordination but also a balanced and realistic share between various beneficiaries of the European financial support.

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

see attachments:

1º NNP documentation (leaflets, future workshops, www.natura.org, etc)

The workshop will be carbon compensated.