

Programme of the Natura 2000 seminar for the continental, pannonian, steppic and Black Sea biogeographical regions

16 – 18 October 2018
Région Grand Est, France

Venue: Maison de la Région
1 place Adrien Zeller, 67070 STRASBOURG, France



Regional Nature Reserve Moselle sauvage
and SAC FR4100227 Vallée de la Moselle (secteur Chatel-Tonnoy)
Picture: Vincent Munier



Introduction

The second Natura 2000 seminar for the continental, pannonian, steppic and Black Sea biogeographical regions takes place in Strasbourg, France, from 16 to 18 October 2018 and is kindly hosted by the **Région Grand Est**.

The field visits have been organised by the **Regional Nature Park of the Northern Vosges (PNRVN)**, with the support of the **Regional Directorate for the Environment, Land Use and Housing of Grand Est (DREAL Grand Est)**.

Monday 15 October 2018

Arrival of participants

*Chairs and facilitators are invited to a **pre-seminar briefing meeting** from **18:30 to 20:00** at the **Hotel Mercure Strasbourg Palais des Congrès**, 20 Place de Bordeaux (Tram Lines B or E, Station Lycée Kléber). Afterwards, a joint dinner might be organised.*



Tuesday 16 October 2018

8:00 – 9:00	Registration of participants	Reception desk
<p>Participants register at the Reception desk at the Maison de la Région.</p> <p>They receive their information package, badge, and indications on their working group and field trip group. Contributors to the knowledge market are given indications on the preparation of their stands.</p>		
9:00 – 10:45	Plenary session	Hémicycle
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Christèle Willer, Vice-President for the ecological and energy transition, Région Grand Est - Mr Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital, Directorate General Environment (DG ENV), European Commission - Mr Michaël Weber, representing the six Regional Nature Parks of Grand Est, President of the Regional Nature Park of the Northern Vosges - Mrs Simone Saillant, Water and biodiversity Deputy Director, Ministry for the ecological and inclusive transition, France 	
9:45 – 10:45	<p>Introduction to the seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Natura 2000 biogeographical process: state of play in the continental, panonnian, steppic and Black Sea biogeographical regions – Sophie Ouzet, DG ENV, European Commission - Perspectives on the LIFE programme – Maja Mikosinska, EASME - Presentation of the work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Context of the field visits – Rita Jacob, Director, Regional Nature Park of the Northern Vosges, France ▪ Thematic orientations and working group sessions – Theo van der Sluis, Wageningen Environmental Research, the Netherlands 	
10' 30' 20'		
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break	Grand Hall



11:15 – 12:30	Parallel working groups sessions	4 rooms below
<p>The programme consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction round - Setting the scene, including presentations in one of the groups. - Discussion on expectations of participants 		
Thematic group 1: Linking site-level objectives, regional/national-level objectives and favourable reference values Chair: Peter Skoberne, Ministry of the environment and spatial planning, Slovenia Facilitator: Ventzislav Vassilev, Regional Environmental Centre, Bulgaria		Amphithéâtre
Thematic group 2: Identifying and solving issues in relation to habitat type definitions Chair: Lionel Wibail, Public Service of Wallonia, Department of Natural and Agricultural Research, Belgium Facilitator: Theo Van der Sluis, Wageningen Environmental Research, the Netherlands		Salle Rudloff
Thematic group 3: Increasing the involvement of local land managers through integrated site management Chair: Jan Sliva, NEEMO Facilitator: Irene Bouwma, Wageningen Environmental Research, the Netherlands		Hémicycle
Thematic group 4: Selecting biogeographical level conservation priorities and measures Chair: Frank Vassen, DG ENV, European Commission Facilitator: Lawrence Jones-Walters, Wageningen Environmental Research, the Netherlands Presentation: Mora Aronsson, European Topic Centre - Biodiversity		Salle Bartholdi
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Grand Hall



14:00 – 17:15	Continuation of parallel working groups sessions	Same rooms
<p>Chairs, facilitators and rooms remain unchanged.</p> <p>The programme consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap on morning session - Presentations and facilitated discussion - Agreement and conclusions <p>Separate coffee breaks are planned so that each group can decide on their timing.</p>		
Thematic group 1: Linking site-level objectives, regional/national-level objectives and favourable reference values Presentations: - Raoul Manenti, LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020, Italy - Jean-Marc Couvreur & NN (t.b.c.), Belgium		Amphithéâtre
Thematic group 2: Identifying and solving issues in relation to habitat type definitions Presentations: - Doug Evans, European Topic Centre – Biodiversity - Vincent Gaudillat, UMS Natural Capital, France		Salle Rudloff
Thematic group 3: Increasing the involvement of local land managers through integrated site management Presentations: - Kristijan Čivić, Eurosite, Netherlands - Jurgen Tak, LIFE Land is for Ever, Belgium - Marie Kaerlein, Deutscher Verband für Landschaftspflege, Germany		Hémicylce
Thematic group 4: Selecting biogeographical level conservation priorities and measures Presentations: - Ruud Foppen, Sovon Vogelonderzoek Nederland, the Netherlands - Marta Rzemieniuk, Ministry for the Environment, Poland		Salle Bartholdi
17:15 – 18:30	Break	
Chairs, reporters and facilitators prepare their reports.		
18:30 – 21:00	Knowledge market and buffet dinner	Grand Hall
After the opening of the knowledge market, participants are kindly invited to join a buffet dinner.		



Wednesday 17 October 2018

Note! Field trip!	Participants are kindly requested to bring warm clothes in case of rain or cold weather, to wear comfortable tourist shoes and to bear in mind that some trails might be wet and muddy. Lunch will kindly be provided by the organisers.
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8:20 – 8:30	Gathering of the participants and boarding the buses	Maison de la Région
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8:30 – 09:30	Travel of each group to a specific location	PNRVN
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9:30 – 17:00	Field visits in three parallel groups	PNRVN
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Field trip A: The forests and their management – Sébastien Morelle, Natura 2000 officer, PNRVN

SAC FR4201799 and SPA FR4211799 « Vosges du Nord »: governance, management plan, conservation objectives, sustainable management goals, local forest habitat description manual, conservation status, mediation, economic integration of nature into forestry, streams and connectivity restoration, impacts prevention; LIFE Lynx and Lynx Parliament, large carnivores platform.

Field trip B: Water courses and their management – Marie l'Hospitalier, Natura 2000 officer, PNRVN

SAC FR4100208 « Cours d'eau, tourbières, rochers et forêts des Vosges du nord et souterrain de Ramstein », FR4201795 « La Moder et ses affluents » and FR4201794 « La Sauer et ses affluents »: coordination of protection tools, governance, management plans, conservation objectives, sustainable management goals, mediation, stirring and implementing restoration measures with private and public landowners, monitoring; LIFE Biocorridors, reintroduction of Stone Crayfish.

Field trip C: Grasslands and meadows and their management – Cécile Bayeur, Natura 2000 officer, PNRVN

SAC FR4201795 « La Moder et ses affluents » and FR4201794 « La Sauer et ses affluents »: Agricultural context in relation to meadows, local typology and phytosociological classification of open and agricultural habitats, habitat mapping, promoting and implementing agri-environmental measures, concours "Prairies fleuries" ("blooming meadows"), granting ecologically managed grasslands an agricultural economic value, lamb, meat and hay chains; LIFE Lynx and Lynx Parliament.

17:00 – 20:00	Film, discussion on mediation, buffet dinner	Reichshoffen
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17:00 – 17:30	Gathering of the three groups in the Centre Culturel La Castine and break	
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17:30 – 18:00	Screening of the film by Serge DUMONT "De grès et d'eau, balade en zones humides" ("Of sandstone and water, a walk through the wetlands")	
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18:00 – 18:30	Presentation by the PNRVN of their mediation activities aiming to facilitate the integration of Natura 2000.	
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18:30 – 20:00	Participants are kindly invited to a buffet dinner with regional products.	
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20:00 – 21:00	Travel back to Strasbourg	Maison de la Région
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Thursday 18 October 2018

9:00 – 10:50	Plenary session	Hémicycle
9:00 – 9:30	Lessons from the field excursions and introduction to the concluding session	
9:30 – 10:50	Reporting from thematic working groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations by the chair persons; - Integration of comments and field visits discussions; - Debate on actions and initiatives. 	
20'	- Reporting from thematic working group 1	
20'	- Reporting from thematic working group 2	
20'	- Reporting from thematic working group 3	
20'	- Reporting from thematic working group 4	

10:50 – 11:15	Coffee break	Grand Hall
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11:15 – 12:30	Plenary session	Hémicycle
11:15 – 12:00	Planning for action Facilitated discussion to further explore opportunities and initiatives for cooperative and/or transboundary actions, to detail the coordinated development of specific tools, to plan future steps, workshops and meetings, to identify the necessary resources and financing instruments.	
12:00 – 12:15	Perspectives on a roadmap for the Natura 2000 biogeographical process – Micheal O'Briain, DG ENV, European Commission	
12:15 – 12:30	Closure	

12:30 – 13:00	Refreshments, departure of participants	Grand Hall
Participants are offered lunch boxes they can either share in the Maison de la Région or take-away.		