Financing Natura 2000
Present trends & future prospects

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Current Natura 2000 Financing

- Art. 8 of Habitats Directive acknowledges the funds needed for Natura 2000
- Current funds by EU:
  - ~550-1150 mil. EUR/year
  - ~ 3% of EU Budget
- According to the 2010 Commission’s Study:
  - In 2004 - 6.1 billion € (EU25)/y
  - In 2010 – min. 5.8 billion € (EU27)/y ideally needed
Costs and financing depend on:

- MSs
- Type of costs
- Type of areas
## Current Natura 2000 Financing - Costs

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<th>Type of Costs</th>
<th>Em per year</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>mEUR</th>
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<td>One off costs (annualised)</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>256</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>2025 m EUR</td>
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<td>Land purchase</td>
<td>417</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>1915 m EUR</td>
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<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>817</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>649 m EUR</td>
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<td>Unallocated</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-total</strong></td>
<td>1,673</td>
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<td>Recurrent costs (annual)</td>
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<td>Management planning</td>
<td>703</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>430 m EUR</td>
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<td>Habitat management and monitoring</td>
<td>2,707</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>320 m EUR</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-total</strong></td>
<td>3,428</td>
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<td><strong>Total (25 EU Member States)</strong></td>
<td>5,101</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>350 m EUR</td>
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<td>Extrapolated to EU-25</td>
<td>5,800</td>
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<td><strong>Total (25 EU Member States)</strong></td>
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<td>1%</td>
<td>78 m EUR</td>
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<td>Costs required according to MSs</td>
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*Note: Costs are estimated for 2025.*
Current Natura 2000 sources

- 2007-2013- financial sources:
  - EAFRD (direct N2K payments-898 m EUR)
  - ESF
  - ERDF (Cat. 51, 55, 56 4,7 m EUR)
  - Cohesion Fund (?)
  - EFF (Axis 3 – 1956 m EUR)
  - LIFE+ (2.14 b EUR)
  - FP7 (?)
Current Natura 2000 sources – gaps

• 2007-2013- financial sources so far provided: 
  ~3.8 billion EUR

• According to the MSs: 
  5.8 billion/year is needed

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Current Natura2000 sources- deficiencies

- Limitations of the existing sources:
  - EU Funding with national co-funding (EU)
  - Lack of clear targeting (EU, MS)
  - Lack of transparency (EU, MS)
  - Competing priorities, little focus on conservation (MS)
  - Different national structures (MS)
  - Lack of uptake and information on funds (MS)
  - Low institutional and administration capacity (MS)
  - Low stakeholder capacity (MS)
  - Funding and co-financing loads (MS)
  - National features of N2K sites (MS)
  - Lack of management plans (MS)
Future prospects - Amendments

- Monitoring and management costs
- Capacity building & monitoring of funds
- One dedicated N2K Fund AND/OR
- Integration Approach - PAFs along with N2K MPs
- Clear links of ES under the funds
- Enhanced innovations (approach and IFMs)
- Increased stakeholder participation
- Elevated LIFE fund
Future prospects

- **Budget for Europe 2020 - June 29 Communication:**
  - CAP – 30% direct payments to env. practices
  - Under ERDF more direct funding
  - LIFE is divided between climate & bidi
  - Separated fund from MSs and other sources
  - Integration Approach with PAFs
  - IFMs emphasis
PAFs

- Prescribed by Art. 8 of the HD (SACs)
- To aid lack of coherence and transparency in terms of N2000 funding and national priorities
- A strategic programming to clarify and define funds and the measures they are used for
- MSs are more able to focus funds, identify gaps, reduce administration burden, cooperate and allocate national co-finance for certain measures
- Can help monitor EU funds’ use
- Need for management plans
Innovative ways and mechanisms

• Ecosystem services approach:
  ✓ show indirect effects on Natura 2000 investments (employment, tourism)
  ✓ Based on it to apply for other funds e.g. under ESF
• Innovative approaches within the existing funds (GI)
• Innovative mechanisms (PES, taxes, labelling, local markets, offsetting, carbon trading, sponsorship, etc.—limited use only)
Natura 2000 – Benefits

Diagram showing the benefits of Natura 2000, including:
- Food
- Fibre / materials
- Fuel
- Ornamental resources
- Natural medicines
- Biochemicals & pharmaceuticals
- Water quantity
- Water regulation
- Air quality regulation
- Water purification & waste management
- Climate / climate change regulation
- Biological control
- Natural hazards control
- Erosion control
- Disease regulation of human health
- Genetic / species diversity maintenance
- Geotourism & recreation
- Cultural values and inspirational services
- Landscape & amenity values

Legend:
- Local
- National
- Global
Biodiversity loss threatens our existence.

Biodiversity loss threatens our economy.
Our role

- Participate in PAFs processes?
- Lobby at our MEPs and the MSs for a greener budget
  ✓ E.g. N2K and GI under Cohesion Fund
- Pilot projects with ES, IFMs and their applications
- Ecosystem services approach in application for funds
- Greater awareness raising on Natura 2000
- Increased knowledge and social support for Natura 2000
Thank you!

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