

Working Group Nature Protection
2nd Annual Meeting

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Overview of planned NWG tasks



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2.7.1 Organisation of annual Working Group meetings

Expected outputs:

- Reporting to National Coordinators on 2015 Nature WG achievements
- Approval of work plan for 2016 after discussion and possible amendments
- Exchange of information among ECRAN countries

Timing:

end of 2015 or beginning of 2016

2.7.2 Appropriate Assessments, training programme on nature priority topics

subtask A): 3 pilot AAs within the ECRAN region

Expected outputs:

- 3x field main Appropriate Assessment (V. Kostkan) (April – May)
- 3x subregional workshops on the main assessment (Art. 6(3) HabDir and provisions of Art. 6(4) HabDir (June, September, October)

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subtask A): 3 pilot AAs within the ECRAN region

optional study tour to the EU

Proposal:

- To remove this task from the work plan

Justification:

- AA is an administrative process lasting months and years
- Around 90 different AA approaches across the EU
- „best practice: is a synthesis of these 90 approaches

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subtask B): Regional training on the process of designation of potential N 2000 sites

- It took place in Podgorica, Montenegro in November 2014
- No follow-up envisaged
- Participants nevertheless requesting a practically-oriented follow up
- Possibility: utilize one of seminars under 2.7.3 for such a dedicated training

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2.7.2 Appropriate Assessments, training programme on nature priority topics

subtask C): Assessment of readiness of ECRAN Beneficiaries for N 2000 designation (carried out by STE M. Hošek)

Expected outcomes:

- Consultation missions to each of the ECRAN countries (February – May 2015)
- Preparation and delivery of the first draft country assessments (2nd half of 2015)
- Second round of consultation missions (September – December 2015)
- Delivery of the pre-final draft of country assessment reports (December 2015)

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2.7.3 Design and delivery of Regional Awareness Raising Programme

2 out of 4 seminars are going to be implemented in 2015

Expected outputs:

- Seminar 1: **Natura 2000 – from theory to practice** (May 2015)
- Seminar 2: **Protected areas in the 21st century** (June 2015/autumn 2015)

NCs are invited to propose further topics for 2016!

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2.7.4 Participatory Management Plan

Venue: National Park Alps in northern Albania (this task is carried out by STE S. Samec)

Expected outputs:

- Stakeholders' meeting (April 2015);
- Planning meeting (May 2015);
- Final consultation meeting (September – October 2015)

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2.7.5 Regional Cooperation in Strengthening Capacities in Implementation of CITES

Aim: to build up on the current regional cooperation, involving a number of CITES stakeholders in ECRAN countries (scientific authorities, enforcement authorities etc.)

Expected outcomes:

two regional seminars (May – June, October – November)

Topics:

- general requirements under CITES and the EU wildlife trade regulations
- scientific requirements under these regulations and tasks of scientific authorities
- inspection by enforcement agencies