

Nature Protection WG

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Task 2.7.2A: Pilot AA

Subtask A: Implementation of the Appropriate Assessment (AA) at three pilot sites (Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey)

- Pilot AAs successfully completed, including regional workshops
- Participants from pilot countries could be directly involved in conducting AAs
- Results also presented and discussed at the regional events
- Serbia and Montenegro used the knowledge in legal development (Nature Protection Acts + Decree on AA)



Task 2.7.2B: Regional training

Subtask B: Regional training on the process of designation of potential Natura 2000 sites

- Podgorica, 2014
- The event was first opportunity to those dealing with Natura 2000 preparation to get comprehensive information about Natura 2000 establishment
- ECRAN countries have available full description of the process and order of its steps of setting up Natura 2000 network



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Task 2.7.2C: Assessment of readiness for Natura 2000 establishment

- Assessment of ‘...how far each ECRAN country is from the ultimate goal – completion of Natura 2000’
- Implemented by STE Michael Hošek
 - Methodology
 - Missions to the countries
 - Reporting
- Recommendations for further steps formulated
- Reports can be immediately used by competent authorities when preparing official roadmaps for establishment of Natura 2000



Task 2.7.3: Design and delivery of Regional Awareness Raising Programme

- Increased understanding of
 - Practical aspects of Natura 2000 management
 - Nature protection and tourism
 - Illegal logging
 - CITES



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Task 2.7.4: Participatory Management Plan

- ECRAN seen as the first historical opportunity for local people to really decide about their own area
- Process enabled communication between central authorities and local communities
- Plan was adjusted considering local inputs (zoning / regimes modified), therefore plan better reflects needs of the local communities



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Task 2.7.5: Regional cooperation among protected areas

- Due to synergies with Dinaric Park Association (DPA) the task was replaced by regional workshops on illegal logging/timber and CITES



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Main impacts

- 😊 Increased knowledge on the EU legal framework regarding Appropriate Assessment (AA)
- 😊 Experienced gained with practical application of AA as well as direct exchange of practical aspects of implementation of AA and its linkages to SEA/EIA with colleagues from the EU MS (Czech Republic, Slovenia and Croatia)
- 😊 Raised awareness on the need for involvement of both nature protection and EIA/SEA authorities for the implementation of AA



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Main impacts

- ☺ Better understanding of steps needed to establish Natura 2000 and availability of 'step-by-step' manual to be used
- ☺ Legal amendments regarding Natura 2000/Appropriate Assessment in Serbia and Montenegro
- ☺ Hands-on experience with preparation of a participatory management plan



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Main impacts

- ☺ Task 2.7.4: highly positive feedback from both the local people of the Alps area and Ministry of Environment in Tirana: for many inhabitants this is historically the first opportunity to get informed about Government's intentions and to be involved in such kind of strategic planning



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