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Practical tips: how and when to start with AA in a Candidate Country

Prerequisite for AA: Natura 2000

Natura 2000 requires functional transposition of Birds & Habitats Directive provisions

Prior to transposition: decision about the concept of Natura 2000 in your country needed

Two options for Natura 2000 concept

- A. „Narrow“ concept = Natura 2000
- B. „Wider“ concept = national ecological network = Natura 2000 + sites for national target features

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A. „Narrow“ concept:

Pros:

- less work & capacity & funds needed

Cons:

- „real“ Natura 2000 can start at day of accession only – no possibility to test it before
- impossible to present Natura 2000 to public – you do not know what it will be

Two options for Natura 2000 concept

- A. „Wider“ concept = national ecological network = Natura 2000 + sites for national target features

Cons: more work & capacity & funds needed

Pros: you can learn how to manage the network; test approaches; amend/change them as appropriate; make public used to national ecological network – all this **right now**

Wider concept – where to find it

Croatia: functional from 2007 to 2013, then changed to the „narrow“ one

Serbia: anchored in Nature Protection Act from 2010, implementation in preparation

Montenegro: to be fully anchored in Nature Protection Act by the end of 2015

Another argument for „wider“ concept

National scientists and conservationists: they
may like to see something „national“ working

Not to wait for Natura 2000 in the future

National assets not included in the Habitats
Directive may benefit from the protection

Prerequisites for any concept

High-quality Natura 2000/ecological network
based on field data (not just desktop studies)

Each site must have target features with
qualitative and quantitative data compliant with
the SDFs

Only then...

...you can start with AA

Prerequisites:

- Good (functional) legislation transposing the Directive
- Clear picture of interrelationships with EIA
- Clear picture about administrative arrangement
- Right concept of the assessors (licence? steps? etc.)

What to do

1. Try to develop your own concepts of

- Natura 2000
- AA

as a result of in-country discussion

2. Justify the concepts (why this and not any other?)

3. Discuss the concept with specialists and practitioners abroad (Croatia, Slovenia)

That ´s all.

Many thanks for your attention, cooperation and
patience!

And thanks to our interpreters!