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Final programme of the 3rd Natura 2000 seminar for the Boreal biogeographical region

14th – 16th October 2019

Tallinn Zoo (West Entrance)

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Tallinn Estonia





Introduction

The biogeographical seminar for the Boreal region is held between 14th and 16th October 2019. It is hosted by the Estonian Ministry of the Environment in the Tallinn Zoo, in Tallinn, Estonia.

Programme

Sunday 13 October 2019

Arrival of participants

19.00: The chairs and facilitators meet in the lobby of the Park Inn / Radisson Hotel (including with those of the chairs for the habitat working groups that are already on the premises.)

Monday 14 October 2019

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
11.00 – 13.00	Registration of participants	Registration desk in the lobby Tallinn Zoo
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch (sandwiches)	Lobby
13.00 - 14.30	<p><u>Official welcome and introduction</u></p> <p>Chair: Michael O’Brian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marku Lamp, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Estonia • Michael O’Brian, European Commission, Directorate General Environment (DG ENV) • The Natura 2000 biogeographical process in its strategic context - Sophie Ouzet (DG-ENV) • Management of Natura 2000 in a Boreal biogeographical context - Kadri Möller (Ministry of Environment, Estonia) • Reflection on previous seminar and Boreal road map - Algirdas Klimavičius (Ministry of Environment, Lithuania) • Role of LIFE in Natura 2000 - Bent Jepsen (NEEMO) • Overview of programme, announcements - Theo van der Sluis (WENR) 	Auditorium
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee break	Lobby



Monday, continued

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
15.00 - 18.00	<u>Thematic working groups (three parallel sessions)</u>	
	<p>Theme 1: Stakeholder engagement in Natura 2000: How to develop communication and stakeholder engagement in Natura 2000, targeting in particular private land owners in the forestry sector Chair: Mart Kulvik (Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU)) Facilitator: Irene Bouwma Presenters: Silvia Lotman (Estonian Fund for Nature, Life project) Outi Silfverberg (Forum for Environmental Information, Finland)</p>	Seminar room "Beaver" (Kobras)
	<p>Theme 2: Priorities for action: How to improve prioritization and objectives setting for restoration and conservation in the Boreal region, including through the PAFs and other planning tools? Chair: Ilona Mendziņa (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia) Facilitator: Kalev Sepp Presenters: Santtu Kareksela (Metsähallitus, Finland) Gita Strode (Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia)</p>	Seminar room "Lynx" (Ilves)
	<p>Theme 3: Natura 2000 and climate change: How to reconcile nature conservation and climate change in the integrated management of Natura 2000 sites? Chair: Per Angelstam (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden) Facilitator: Theo van der Sluis Presenters: Jüri-Ott Salm (Estonian Fund for Nature) Raimo Virkkala (Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), Finland)</p>	Seminar room "Bear" (Karu)
18.00 – 19.00	Short break / Visit of the Tallinn Zoo	

19.00 - 21.00	Evening programme : Knowledge market and official dinner	Location
	<p><u>Knowledge market:</u> Projects and organizations can present themselves with materials, video, posters etc. The knowledge market will be officially opened by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiit Maran, Director of Tallinn Zoo • Leelo Kukk, Deputy General Director of Estonian Environmental Board • Christina Pantazi, European Commission, DG ENV <p><u>Official dinner:</u> The Estonian Ministry of the Environment generously invites all seminar participants to a banquet in the foyer of the Zoo (same place as the knowledge market).</p>	Lobby Tallinn Zoo



Tuesday, 15 October 2019

09.00 - 18.30 (approx.)	<u>Site visits</u>	Location
	<p>Field visits to Lahemaa National Park: Group 1: Forest and grassland habitats Group 2: Freshwater and wetlands habitats</p> <p>PLEASE BRING WATER, SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING, INCLUDING FOOTWEAR, CAMERAS AND BINOCULARS etc. For the Freshwater and wetlands habitats excursion: bring RUBBER BOOTS</p> <p>During the site visits Estonian representatives will give a short overview of the habitats (forest, grassland, freshwater, wetland habitats) and restoration examples. Also the role of stakeholders in management will be highlighted.</p> <p>Questions and discussions are most welcome.</p>	<p>Departure from City Centre/ Park Inn hotel</p> <p>Lunch will be provided at the farm / in pub</p>
18.30 - 19.00	<i>If required, chairs of working groups will meet with facilitators to discuss Wednesday's session and facilitation</i>	<i>Lobby Park Inn hotel</i>
19.00	<u>Joint dinner in Tallinn</u>	Hotel Von Stackelberg, Emmeliine Hall



Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
09.00 - 10.30	<p>Parallel sessions: habitat working groups (Session 1) <i>Cross-cutting issue for all working groups: habitat restoration</i></p> <p>Rivers and lakes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding and incentives for management activities; - Synergies between the Nature Directives and Water Framework Directive <p>Chair: Lauma Vizule-Kahovska (Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia) Facilitator: Theo van der Sluis Speakers: Bent Jepsen (NEEMO); Fredrik Nordwall (Swedish agency for marine and water management, Sweden)</p>	Seminar room "Beaver" (Kobras)
	<p>Wetlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring effectiveness of restoration; - Restoration versus species protection <p>Chair: Agu Leivits (Environment Board of Estonia) Facilitator: Kalev Sepp Speakers: Liina Remm (University of Tartu, Estonia); Tuomas Haapalehto (Metsähallitus, Finland)</p>	Seminar room "Lynx" (Ilves)
	<p>Forests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservation objectives; - Forest connectivity <p>Chair: Kimmo Syrjänen (Syke) Facilitator: Irene Bouwma Speakers: Kimmo Syrjänen (SYKE, Finland); Per Angelstam (SLU, Sweden)</p>	Seminar room "Bear" (Karu)
	<p>Grasslands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scaling of grassland restoration, large versus small; - Grasslands agricultural use and CAP <p>Chair: Morkvenas Zymantas Facilitator: Diana Pungar Speakers: Zymantas Morkvenas (Baltic Environment Forum, Lithuania); Aveliina Helm (University of Tartu, Estonia)</p>	Seminar room "Living nature" (Elusloodus)
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	In the lobby
11.00 - 12.00	Parallel sessions of habitat working groups continue (Session 2)	Same rooms
12.00 - 13.00	<p>Report back on excursions and habitat working groups</p> <p>Chair: Michael O'Briain (DG ENV)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit Freshwater and wetlands; WG Rivers and lakes; WG Wetlands 2. Visit Forests and Grasslands; WG Forests; WG Grasslands <p>Following the groups' feedback, there will be time for questions and plenary discussion.</p>	Auditorium
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	Lobby



Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
14.00 - 14.30	<u>Reporting from the three thematic working groups</u> Chair: Michael O'Briain (DG ENV) The feedback will focus on the key points and the outcomes achieved and agreed by each groups' participants.	Auditorium
14.30 - 15.30	<u>Towards joint transboundary LIFE proposals: ideas for cooperation, in particular under LIFE, INTERREG etc.</u> Each thematic and habitat working group might have identified one theme which can be successful as a follow-up for a proposal for LIFE or INTERREG. These ideas are further developed in a facilitated session (Theo van der Sluis, Irene Bouwma)	Auditorium
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break	Lobby
16.00 - 16.30	<u>Update of the roadmap for cooperation in the Boreal region</u> Chair: Sophie Ouzet (DG ENV) Facilitated discussion on the initiatives to be developed under the roadmap, in particular on specific cooperation actions identified on agreed common priorities	Auditorium
16.30 - 17.00	<u>Closing session and vote of thanks</u> Taimo Aasma (Estonian Ministry of Environment) Sophie Ouzet (DG ENV) Reflecting on the feedback and earlier discussion, this final session aims to summarise the major outcomes of the seminar and expand on future prospects for the biogeographical process.	Auditorium