



Preliminary program of the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar

for the Atlantic Region

12th – 14th of June

Lindner WTC Hotel, Lange Kievitstraat 125
Antwerp Belgium





Introduction

The Biogeographical seminar for the Atlantic Region will be held between 12th -14th of June. It is hosted jointly by DG Environment and the Agency for Nature and Forests of the Government of Flanders. The venue is the Lindner WTC Hotel & City Lounge in the city of Antwerp, Belgium.

The draft program will be further developed and distributed to the participants.

Program

Tuesday 11th of June 2019:

Arrival of participants

19.30 hr. Pre-seminar briefing meeting of chairs and reporters

Wednesday 12th June 2019:

| Time | Session, topics and speakers | Location |
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| 8:00- 9:00 | Registration of participants | Registration desk on 12 th floor |
| <i>Plenary session</i> | | |
| 9:00- 10:15 | Official welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Evenepoel, Administrateur General, Agency for Nature and Forest - Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital in DG ENV - Thematic orientation on the seminar, review of the progress since the 2nd Atlantic seminar (Ireland) and roadmap of the biogeographical process -Sophie Ouzet (DG ENV) - Inspiration from previous Seminars- The co-operation on Dune Road Map – John Houston (NEEMO). | Meeting room 12 th floor |
| 10:15- 10:45 | Coffee break | |
| 10:45- 12:00 | Overview of the thematic working groups Presentation of each of the topic of the sessions and questions to be addressed | Meeting room 12th floor |
| 12:00–13:30 | Lunch | Buffet room |



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| | <p>Parallel working groups session</p> <p><i>Each session starts with 5 minutes welcome by Chair, followed by three presentations of 20 minutes.</i></p> | |
| 13:30- 17:00 | <p>Theme 1: Protection and conservation of meadow birds</p> <p>Chair: Rebecca Jeffrey (National Parks and Wildlife Service – NPWS (Ireland))</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heinrich Belting –Meadow Birds LIFE NLWKN Staatliche Vogelschutzwarte (Germany) • Evelien Verbeij- Boeren natuur (Netherlands) • Third speaker to be confirmed | Meeting room 2 nd floor |
| 13:30- 17:00 | <p>Theme 2: Integrated approaches to tackling nitrogen pollution impacts on Natura 2000 sites</p> <p>Chair: Jan Willem van de Vegte - BIJ12 (Netherlands)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesper Reijnholdt Fredshaven - Aarhus University (Denmark) • Rienk-Jan Bijlsma, WENR (Netherlands) • Third speaker to be confirmed | Meeting room 2 nd floor |
| 13:30- 17:00 | <p>Theme 3: Improving the conservation of Natura 2000 features through integrated management</p> <p>Chair:: to be confirmed</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieven Nachtergale, Flamish Government (Belgium) • Wendy Olivier – IP Deltanatuur (the Netherlands) • Jose Antonio Juanes de la Pena - IP CONVIVE (Spain) | Meeting room 2 nd floor |
| 13:30- 17:00 | <p>Theme 4: Developing stakeholder engagement in Natura 2000 through translation of best practices</p> <p>Chair: Dries Gorissen, Agency for Forest and Nature (Belgium)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil McIntosh, Europarcs Federation – [confirmed] • Fernando Ballesteros, Fundación Oso Pardo (Spain) • Third speaker to be confirmed | Meeting room 2 nd floor.) |
| Evening | | |
| 18:00- 21:00 | <p>Knowledge Market</p> <p>Participants are invited to buffet dinner during the knowledge market</p> | Buffet Room 12 th floor |



Thursday 13th of June 2019:

| Time | | Location |
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| 8:30 | Gathering of the participants and boarding the buses Note! – Participants are kindly requested to wear comfortable tourist shoes and to bring warm clothes in case of rain or cold weather. Lunch will be provided by the organizers | |
| 8:30– 17:00 | Cross-border park Kalmthoutse heide Polders of Kruikeke and fortification of Steendorp Cross-border park Groot Saefthinge | |
| 17:00 | Arrival at Parkspoor Noord (North of Antwerp- old railway area converted to park) | |
| 17:00-20.00 | Buffet at restaurant at Parkspoor Noord | |

Friday 14th of June 2019:

| Time | Session, topics and speakers | Location |
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| Plenary session | | |
| 9:00- 9:30 | Reporting on excursions on Day 2 and introduction to Day 3 | New York room, 2 nd floor |
| 9:30– 11:00 | Reporting from Thematic Working Groups by Chair persons of the 4 thematic groups Discussion on actions and initiatives Update on the Roadmap for Atlantic Seminar | New York room, 2 nd floor |
| 11:00- 11:30 | Coffee break | Lobby |
| 11:30- 12:30 | Awarding of the Knowledge Market Price Closing remarks and way forward | New York, 2 nd floor |
| | Departure of participants | |