

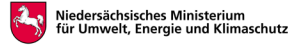
Programme of the 4th Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar

for the Atlantic Region

4th – 6th September 2023

Werkhof Conference Centre
Hannover, Germany





PROGRAMME

Introduction

The Biogeographical seminar for the Atlantic Region will be held between 4th – 6th September. It is hosted jointly by DG Environment, the Lower Saxony Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate Protection, together with the LIFE Integrated Project “Atlantische Sandlandschaften”.

The venue is the Werkhof Conference Centre (Schaufelder Str. 11) in the city of Hannover, Germany, <https://werkhof-hannover.de/>.

The latest version of the programme, the background document as well as other useful documents for the seminar can be found online, at the website:

<https://biogeoprocess.net/atlantic-region/>

Or just scan this QR-code:



Sunday 3rd September 2023:

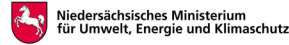
Arrival of participants

18.30 hr. Pre-seminar briefing meeting for chairs (Conference hall, at Werkhof hotel).



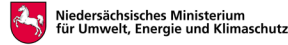
Monday 4th September 2023

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
8:00- 9:00	Registration of participants	Registration desk entrance
<p>Plenary session Chair: Alexandra Stück (Lower Saxony Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate Protection)</p>		
9:00- 10:15	Official welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Anka Dobslaw – State Secretary for the Environment, Energy and Climate Protection • Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital in DG ENV • Mr. Lütkes, Head of Division „Protected areas, Natura 2000“ (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection - BMUV) • Inspiration from the previous Seminar, Thomas Defoort (Agency for Nature and Forests, Flanders) • Overview of the Seminar programme, household rules - René Henkens (Biogeographical Process) 	Conference hall
10:15- 10:45	Coffee break	
10:45- 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic focus of the seminar, pledge and review process under the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – Frank Vassen (DG ENV) • Review of progress since the 3rd Atlantic seminar (in Antwerp/Belgium), roadmap of the biogeographical process – Iva Obretenova (DG ENV) • The co-operation on a Dune Road Map - Luc Geelen (Waternet) • Life Program and updates – Jan Sliva (monitor expert ELMEN) 	Conference Hall
12:00–13:00	Lunch	Corridor



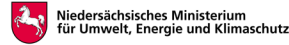
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13.00-17.30 Eick von Ruschkowski (Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation)		
13:00- 14:30	<p>Protected area targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target – Elena Osipova (EEA) • Pledges and approaches, Germany. Christian Michalczyk (Authority for the environment, climate, energy, agriculture and conservation, Hamburg). • Pledges and approaches, Denmark. Linda Solveig Hau Anderson (Danish Environmental Protection Agency) • What science is telling us about the identification of protected areas – Nestor Fernandez, Jutta Beher, Louise O'Connor (NaturaConnect) • Freshwater prioritization tool – Max Ricker (The Nature Conservancy) 	Conference Hall
14:30- 15:00 Coffee break		
15:00- 15:45	<p>Conservation improvement targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target – Irene Bouwma (Biogeographical Process) • Pledges and approaches. Mr. Axel Ssymank (Federal Agency for Nature Conservation). • Pledges and approaches. Deirdre Lynn and Jenny Fuller, Ireland (National Parks & Wildlife Service) 	Conference Hall
15:45- 17:30	<p>Break-out sessions on conservation status and protection status Facilitators: Theo van der Sluis, Rene Henkens, Irene Bouwma, Richard White, Anne Schmidt, Rogier Pouwels, Kristina Wood</p>	Conference Hall, Meeting room (Werkraum) 3, 4, 7
17:30- 19:00	Break	
Evening		
19:00- 21:00	<p>Knowledge Market. Presentation of LIFE- and other projects Participants are invited to a buffet dinner and drinks during the knowledge market</p>	Conference Hall and inner court



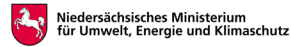
Tuesday 5th September 2023:

Time	EXCURSIONS	Location
9:00	<p>Gathering of the participants and boarding the buses Lunch will be provided by the organizers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP LIFE GrassBirdHabitats - departure 9:00 hrs (tbc) • IP LIFE Atlantic Sand Landscapes - departure 9:00 hrs • LIFE+ Hannoversche Moorgeest - departure 9:00 hrs <p>Note! – Participants are kindly requested to wear comfortable shoes and to bring warm clothes in case of rain or cold weather</p>	<p>Departure buses: <i>Appelstrasse 2-4 University Campus parking lot, 2 minutes' walk from Werkhof.</i></p> <p>Busses will leave at the indicated time</p>
9:00– 17:30	<p>LIFE+ Hannoversche Moorgeest Programme: https://biogeoprocess.net/atlantic-region/</p>	Susanne Brosch (NLWKN)
	<p>IP LIFE Atlantic Sand Landscapes Programme: https://biogeoprocess.net/atlantic-region/</p>	Tom Kutter (NLWKN)
	<p>IP LIFE GrassBirdHabitats Programme: https://biogeoprocess.net/atlantic-region/</p>	Heinrich Belting (NLWKN)
17:30	<p>Dinner and social drinks Werkhof, restaurant and inner court (dinner starting at 18.00 hrs)</p>	



Wednesday 6th September 2023:

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
<p>Parallel working groups session</p> <p><i>There are four parallel sessions. Each session starts with 5 minutes welcome by Chair, followed by two presentations of 10 minutes.</i></p> <p>The same cycle is repeated after the Coffee break</p>		
9.00-10.15 & 10.45-12.00	<p>Theme 1: Protection and conservation of meadow birds</p> <p>Examples of successful restoration activities for specific habitats and species identified as common in the pledges</p> <p>Chair: Ruud Foppen (SOVON)</p> <p>Facilitators: Irene Bouwma, Rogier Pouwels</p> <p><i>Presenters: Heinrich Belting (NLWKN)</i></p> <p><i>Henk Raven (Min. LNV, Netherlands) & Helene de Jong (Prov. of Friesland)</i></p>	Conference hall, upper floor (two corners)
	<p>Theme 2: How to implement measures for restoration of peatbogs in view of climate change</p> <p>Examples of successful restoration activities for specific habitats and species identified as common in the pledges</p> <p>Chair: Leticia Jurema (NABU)</p> <p>Facilitators: Rene Henkens and Anne Schmidt</p> <p><i>Presenters: Jan Sliva (ELMEN), Derek McLaughlin (Wild Atlantic Nature)</i></p>	Meeting room (Werkraum) 3, 4
	<p>Theme 3: Added values of Integrated Projects to nature conservation</p> <p>Examples of successful strategies for expanding / managing protected areas</p> <p>Chair: Ruth Brauner (Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft (ZUG) GmbH)</p> <p>Facilitators: Theo van der Sluis</p> <p><i>Presenters: Kristin Gilhaus, Tim Wertebach (IP-Sandlandschaften)</i></p> <p><i>Tom Andries (Flemish Agency for Nature and Forests)</i></p>	Meeting room (Werkraum) 7
	<p>Theme 4: Implementation of pledges on the ground</p> <p>Examples of successful strategies for expanding / managing protected areas and improving the status of species and habitats</p> <p>Chair: Frank Vassen (DG ENV), Facilitators: Richard White, Kristina Wood</p> <p><i>Presenters: Arnaud Sepulchre (NatAgridal), (t.b.c.)</i></p>	Conference hall (two corners)
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break	
10.45-12.00	See above	
12:00- 13:00	Lunch break	Corridor



13.00-14.30 Plenary Session Chair: Andrea Vettori (DG ENV)		
13:00– 13:10	Report on Pledge discussion groups (day 1), Richard White, Theo van der Sluis (Biogeographical Process)	
13:10-13:40	Reporting by Thematic Working Groups (Chair or presenters of the 4 thematic groups)	Conference hall
13:40- 13:50	Next steps for the pledge process & roadmap for the regions - Frank Vassen – (DG ENV)	Conference hall
13:50- 14:20	Interaction and discussion participants	Conference hall
14:20- 14:30	Vote of thanks: The host, Volker Brengelmann or Alexandra Stück (Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Climate Protection) The European Commission, Andrea Vettori	Conference hall
14.30 Closure of the seminar Departure of participants		