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# Programme of the 4<sup>th</sup> Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar for the Continental, Alpine, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea regions

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25-27 June 2024





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## Introduction

The 4<sup>th</sup> Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar for Continental, Alpine, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea regions will take place from the 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2024. The seminar will be co-hosted by the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, the Faculty of Environmental Sciences of the Czech University of Life Sciences, and the European Commission. The venue will be the Czech University of Life Sciences (CULS), Prague.

The latest version of the programme, the background document as well as other useful documents for the seminar can be found online at the web site: [Continental region \(biogeoprocess.net\)](https://biogeoprocess.net) or scan the QR-code below.



Photographs front cover: Grassland landscape + butterfly photograph (top and bottom left) : Alexandra Tamchynova. Peatland photograph (bottom right) Zdeněk Záliš.



## Programme

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 (morning)

<b>Plenary opening session (Chair: Petr Havel/ Ladislav Miko)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session, topics and speakers</b>	<b>Location</b>
8:00-9:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>	Atrium of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CULS, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
9:00-9:40	Official welcome & introduction to the seminar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Komárek – Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CULS</li> <li>• Humberto Delgado-Rosa – Director for Natural Capital (DG-ENV, EC) (video recording)</li> <li>• Ladislav Miko – Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic</li> </ul>	Conference hall, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CULS
9:40-9:50	The Natura 2000 Biogeographical seminars and the pledge process – Frank Vassen (DG-ENV, EC)	
9:50-10:00	Report from previous seminar in Strasbourg hosted by France (Theo v/d Sluis, WUR)	
10:00-10:20	LIFE Programme and updates – Jan Sliva (ELMEN-EIGG)	
10:20-10:30	Biodiversity dynamics across a continuum of space, time and their scales – Petr Keil (Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CULS)	
10:30-10:45	Q&A	
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15-11:30	Conservation status improvement pledges: Where are we - inventory, overview, distance to target – Irene Bouwma (WUR)	
11:30-12:00	Approaches towards the development of the pledge on conservation status improvement from different Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denmark- Linda Hau Andersen</li> <li>• Italy –Daniele De Angelis (ISPRA)</li> <li>• Belgium – Lionel Wibail (Public Service of Wallonie)</li> </ul>	
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	



*Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 (afternoon)*

<b>Theme 1: Session on protected areas pledges (Chair: Andras Krolopp, The Nature Conservancy)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Location</b>
13:00-13:15	Protected area pledges: Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target – Mette Lund (EEA)	
13:15-14:00	Approaches from different Member States to the pledge process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luxembourg – Elisabeth Kirsch (Ministère de l'Environnement, du Climat et de la Biodiversité)</li> <li>• Germany – Eva Flinkerbusch (Federal agency for nature conservation)</li> <li>• Czech Republic – Petr Havel (Ministry of the Environment)</li> </ul>	
14:00-14:30	Questions and discussion	
14:30-15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:00- 15:15	Scientific basis for identification of new protected areas NaturaConnect – Piero Visconti, Jutta Beher (IIASA)	
15:15-15:30	Comprehensive species and habitat diversity assessment – Dušan Romportl (Silva Tarouca Research Institute, CZ)	
15:30 -15:45	Migratory bird site selection methods for East Atlantic Flyway range countries- Jarosław Krogulec (Birdlife Poland)	
15:45-16:00	Explanation on breakout sessions	
16:00-17:30	<b>Breakout sessions</b>	
16:00 -17:30	Break-out sessions: designation and management of protected areas – how to implement in practice	Meeting rooms
18:00-20:00	<b>Knowledge Market with informal dinner</b>	
18:00-20:00	Presentation of LIFE and other projects	Atrium of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences CULS, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor



### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June

Excursion		
8:45	Departure of buses on a field trip	Grand hotel International parking lot
9:00-17:00	Field trip to Protected Landscape Area Český kras <i>Lunch will be provided by the organizers</i>	
19:00	Joint dinner	Klášterní Pivovar Strahov Street: Strahovské nádvoří 301. 118 00 Prague 1

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of June

Theme 2: Restoration actions for grasslands in protected areas (Chair: Michael Hošek, EUROPARC)		
9:00-10:30	Examples of successful restoration actions for species and habitats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivana Jongepierová (Nature Conservation Agency of the CZ)</li> <li>Kateřina Berchová (Faculty of Environmental Sciences, CULS, CZ)</li> <li>Csaba Vadász (Kiskunság National Park Directorates, HU)</li> <li>Liselott Sjödin Skarp (Swedish Agricultural University, SE)</li> <li>Sophie Pyckaert (Conseatoire d'espaces naturels Champagne-Ardenne, FR)</li> </ul>	
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
Theme 3: Using OECMs to safeguard biodiversity (Chair: András Schmidt, Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary)		
11:00-11:45	Definition and applications of OECMs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iva Obretenova (DG-ENV)</li> <li>Delphine Dupeux (European Landowners' Organization)</li> <li>Olivier Hymas (University of Lausanne)</li> </ul>	
11:45-12:30	Experiences with OECMs in different Member States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Břeněk Michálek – Czech Society for Ornithology (ČSO)</li> <li>T.b.c</li> </ul>	
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Parallel break out sessions		



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15:00-15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
<b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Chair: Iva Obretenova (DG-ENV)</b>			
15:15-15:30	Reporting discussion groups day 1		Conference hall
15:30-16:00	Reporting thematic working groups (Chairs of the thematic groups)		
16:00-16:15	Next steps for the pledge process – Frank Vassen (DG-ENV)		
16:15-16:30	Interaction and discussion with participants		
16:30-16:45	Short evaluation – Mentimeter		
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks of the seminar		
17:00	<b>Closure of the seminar</b>		