

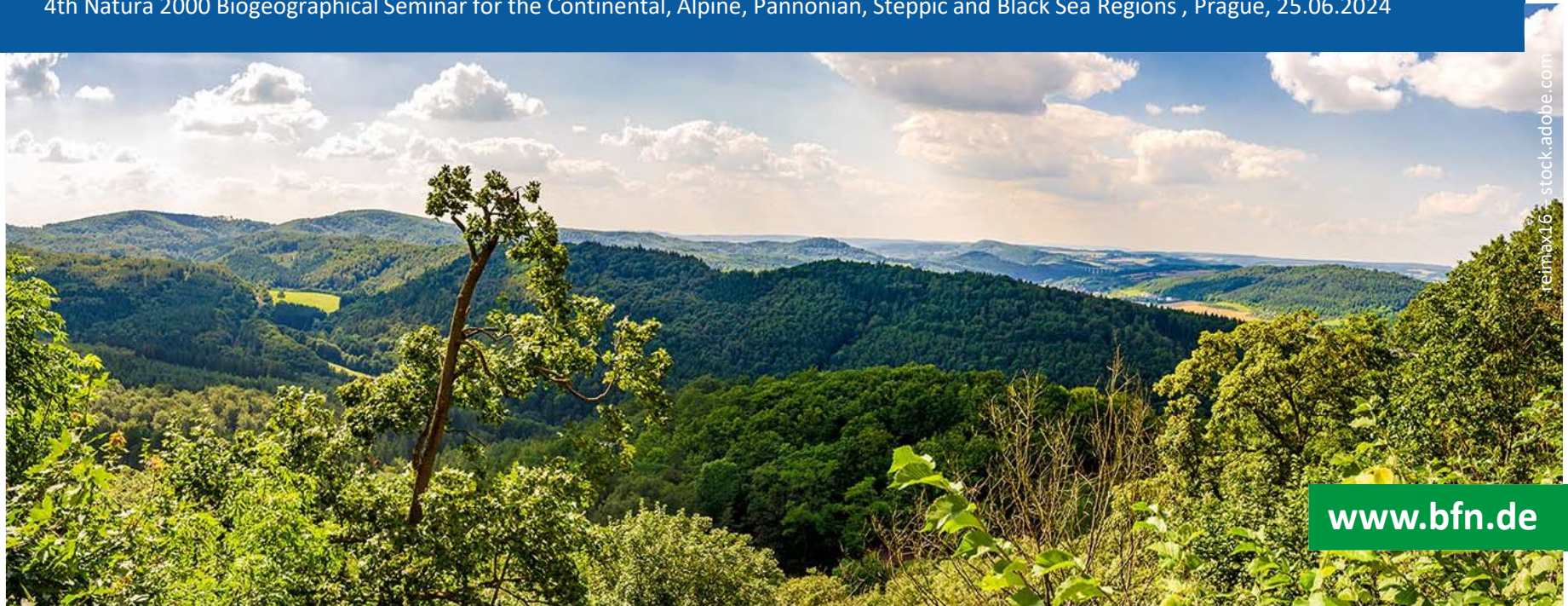


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Status of implementation of the EU's 2030 protected area targets in Germany

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Structure



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How are the targets being implemented in Germany?



- In contrast to other European countries, Germany is a **federal state**
- The **16 federal states** are primarily **responsible for implementing nature conservation legislation**
 - Close co-operation between the federal government and state governments is therefore necessary
- In order to structure and coordinate the terrestrial site reports, a **federal-state working group** has been formed in Germany under the leadership of the Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUV) and with the involvement of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)



How are the targets being implemented in Germany?



- The German site notifications are made in several pledges
- Firstly, it was determined **which protected areas** from the large number of sites already **fulfil the EU Commission's criteria** and which could be developed accordingly
- In Germany, a large proportion of land areas are already protected → *not all fulfil EU COM criteria!*
- Special emphasis is therefore placed on further developing the quality of **existing protected areas**.
- Areas, which
 - fulfill criteria
 - can be developed



How are the targets being implemented in Germany?



- **Legal protection:** The long-term conservation of the area is guaranteed by legal, administrative or contractual agreements.
 - **Clearly defined conservation objectives:** Clearly defined conservation assets and conservation objectives are required, e.g. in a protected area ordinance.
 - **Area responsibility:** There is a clearly designated administrative body for the management of the area.
- **Effective site management:** The site is managed effectively, e.g. on the basis of management plans.
 - **Area monitoring:** There is a suitable monitoring program for the area to assess the current status.



What is the implementation status in Germany?



- Germany submitted a first pledge of sites to the EU Commission in March 2023
- The focus here was on protected areas that serve the **30 % target**
 - Natura 2000 sites
 - nature conservation areas
 - national parks
 - national natural monuments



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What is the implementation status in Germany?



- Around **16,2 %** of the land area has been reported so far
- Of these, the national parks and the wilderness area "Königsbrücker Heide nature reserve" with around **0.7 %** of the land area fall under the **10 % target** of strictly protected areas
- 45% marine area



What happens next?



- A **second pledge**, which is planned for **2024**, will focus on further areas that can count towards / for the 30 % target
- This concerns various
 - protected landscape areas (lower protection status)
 - parts of biosphere reserves and
 - parts of nature parks (lower protection status)
- Part of the pledge will include also areas whose **quality still needs to be improved** by 2030 in order to fulfil the EU Commission's criteria



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What happens next? Special case Biosphere Reserve (BR)



- German BR were only entered into CDDA/NatDa in 2023 without zoning
 - In 2024 it was possible to map the 3 zones of BR in the CDDA/NatDa
- In next report, **core- and buffer zones** will be included (+ 3 % land area)



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What happens next?



- As part of a further pledge, additional areas will be reported that contribute to the **10 % target** for strictly protected areas → need to be identified!



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