



Preliminary program of the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar

for the Continental, Pannonian, Steppic & Black Sea Regions

16 – 18 October 2018

Venue: Maison de la Région, Strasbourg, FR

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Introduction

The Biogeographical seminar for the Continental, Pannonian, Steppic & Black Sea Regions will take place in Strasbourg, France in the period 16-18 October 2018 and will be hosted by Region Grand Est. The draft program will be further developed and distributed to the participants.

Program

Monday 15 October 2018:

Arrival of participants

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

Tuesday 16 October 2018:

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
8:00- 9:00	Registration of participants	Reception desk
<i>Plenary session</i>		
9:00- 10:00	Official welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jean Rottner, President of the Region Grand Est (t.b.c.) - Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital in DG ENV (t.b.c.) - Mr. Michaël Weber, President de la Fédération des Parcs Naturels Régionaux et du Parc National de Vosges du Nord (t.b.c.) - Representative of the French State or of the French Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition (t.b.c) 	Plenary hall
10:00-10:30	Biodiversity policies and implementation of Natura 2000 in France and the Région Grand Est	Plenary hall
10:30- 11:00	Coffee break	Grand Lobby
11:00- 12:30	Overview of the seminar programme and focus of thematic working groups	Plenary hall



11.00-11.20	- News from the European Commission – perspectives for Natura 2000 funding in the period 2021-2027 – Micheal O’Briain, DG ENV;	
11.20-11.40	- The role of LIFE+ Program and the proposed Regulation for 2021-2027 – Maja Mikosinska, EASME	
11.40-11.50	- Thematic orientation on the seminar, review of the progress since the 1st CPSBS seminar (Luxembourg) and roadmap of the biogeographical process – European Commission;	
11:50-12:30	- Presentation on the four selected themes	
12:30–14:00	Lunch	Grand Lobby

	<i>Parallel working groups session</i>	
14:00- 17:00	Thematic group 1: Linking site-level objectives, regional/national-level objectives and favourable reference values	Conference room (t.b.d.)
14:00- 17:00	Thematic group 2 - Identifying and solving issues in relation to habitat type definitions	Conference room (t.b.d.)
14:00- 17:00	Thematic group 3 - Increasing the involvement of local land managers through integrated site management	Conference room (t.b.d.)
14:00- 17:00	Thematic group 4 - Selecting biogeographical level conservation priorities and measures	Conference room (t.b.d.)
	<i>Evening</i>	
18:00- 21:00	Knowledge Market Participants are invited to buffet dinner during the knowledge market (t.b.d.)	Grand Lobby / Gallery

Each session starts with 5 minutes introduction by Chair, followed by two presentations of 20 minutes, introduction to the topic



Wednesday 17 October 2018:

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
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	Reception desk
9:30– 17:00	1 – Forests: Sébastien Morelle Forest areas of the Alsace, and forestry management objectives; funding systems for forest management and N2000; economic activities within forested areas; the LIFE Lynx project	
	2 – Water courses: Marie l’Hospitalier Different environmental protection schemes; The Sauer river basin; different action programs, such as LIFE, and funding organisations; environmental interventions; monitoring water quality and restoration measures; management of Stone crayfish	
	3 – Grasslands and agricultural habitats: Cécile Bayeur Phytosociological classification of open habitats of the Vosges; habitat mapping and habitat management; agri-environmental measures; typology of agricultural grasslands; funding of farmland management; the LIFE Lynx project	
17:00	Arrival at PNRVN	
17:30-18.00	Screening of the film ‘wetlands and water’, habitats of the Vosges National Park	Salle de la Castine
18.00-18.30	Short presentation/synthesis of the Natura 2000 management actions done by the national Park PNRVN	Salle de la Castine
18.30-20.00	Buffet with regional products	Salle de la Castine
20.00 – 21.00	Travel to Strasbourg	



Thursday 18 October 2018:

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
<i>Plenary session</i>		
9:00- 9:30	Recap on Day 2 and introduction to Day 3	Plenary hall
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 Continental Seminar	Plenary hall
11:00- 11:30	Coffee break	Grand Lobby
11:30- 12:30	Closing remarks and way forward	Plenary hall
	Refreshments, departure of participants	