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Workshop 1: Assessing, monitoring and reporting on the conservation status of Natura 2000 sites

Action points	Who is it aimed at?	When & how will it happen?	Where?
1. Encourage EUROPARC members to exchange experiences in monitoring and management	EUROPARC members; EUROPARC sections & BioGeo coordinators Possibility to co-operate with Eurosite	2005 onwards: EUROPARC or section website, site visits, workshops, twinning agreements, networking projects financed by INTERREG etc.	Members, Sections, EUROPARC website
2. Collection of best practices of site/habitat/species management and their proper monitoring methods - not to reinvent the wheel	EUROPARC members; EUROPARC sections & BioGeo coordinators	2005 onwards: EUROPARC or section website	On the web Members
3. Identify and use as examples sites in different countries where Favourable Conservation Status is met "Icon N2K sites"	EUROPARC members; EUROPARC sections & BioGeo coordinators	2005 onwards: After EC and national guidelines; EUROPARC HQ and Section initiative FCS – evaluation: networking and experience exchange through site visits and workshops; "others to look and learn from"	Members, Sections
4. Develop a standard self evaluation format, to have information how site/level/regional/MS databases met the different reporting requirements	EUROPARC members	As soon as possible, after analysing the existing reporting formats The self evaluation on the web in a voluntary way.	On the web Members
5. Launch a new Expertise Exchange Programme between earlier EU 15 and newcomers (incl. accession countries)	EU & EUROPARC	Project 2005 → "Toolbox for N2K managers" Website, site visits, workshops, twinning agreements, networking projects	Members, Sections, EUROPARC HQ

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Workshop 2: Managing Natura 2000 in the wider landscape

Action points	Who is it aimed at?	When & how will it happen?	Where?
1. Identify, collate and share best practice for connectivity models across Europe, including transboundary initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU • EUROPARC Sections • EUROPARC members (TB working group) • 	Seek EU support for projects (LIFE III, Interreg 3, Tacis). EUROPARC 2005 (connectivity as one of main themes)	
2. Encourage and support bio-regional working among EUROPARC members and partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPARC Sections • EUROPARC members and partners 	Section meetings, bio-regional themes and partnerships	
3. Integrate management of Nature 2000 sites and protected areas through landscape scale networks and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPARC members 	Publicised the need as output of the conference.	
4. Review existing and future Europarc policies (charter for tourism, transboundary guidelines, landscape ...) in the light of Nature 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPARC Federation (working groups) 	Meetings during EUROPARC Congresses, and others	
5. Encourage the drawing up of an overall regional strategy for nature conservation involving all land-use policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPARC members 	Share experiences	

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Workshop 3: New approaches to financing Natura 2000

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1. Lobbying members of EU-parliament concerning recommendations of background-paper on Financing Natura 2000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the EU-Parliament 	EUROPARC Federation members and Sections	In the election "home-territory" of each MEP
2. Expertise exchange (seminars, workshops).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTERREG IIIC; LIFE + 	N2K working group to create application for project until EUROPARC 2005	Aperldoorn (NL)
3. Provide expert knowledge and best practise examples for all levels of Pas to protected areas managers to help them setting up or adjusting a business plan and a financial plan that integrates N2 objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected area managers 	<p>1st year: Expert work/consultancy preparing 5 case studies and draft guidelines.</p> <p>2nd year: 5 workshops, based on case studies and draft guidelines (for ca 20 participants).</p> <p>3rd year: Finishing the publication (guidelines and case studies + case studies from WS participants) and distributing it to EUROPARC members, regional and national government.</p>	<p>Office work</p> <p>5 representative protected areas (e.g. large, forested, IUCN Cat. II site; large IUCN cat V site, smaller wetland site) Office work</p>
4. EUROPARC web site-funding page/examples of best practice/register of expertise or skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EUROPARC members 	EUROPARC Consulting, Funded by Action Nr.2 Beginning in 2006	Göttingen

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Workshop 4: Challenges of managing coastal and marine ecosystems

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<p>The Coastal group should undertake an audit of protected areas in the coastal zone. The audit should include the identification of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- interest in coastal and marine issues amongst EUROPARC members; 2- issues and problems being experienced by those areas in relation to their planning and management; 3- examples of good practices 4- national and international initiatives / programmes being undertaken by other organisations (e.g. IUCN, Eurosite, Eurocoast); 5- transnational boundary issues; 6- experience (good and bad) of EU policies and programmes 7- opportunities for expanding EUROPARC membership in this area 	<p>The overall aim should be to provide advice to the membership on what action should be undertaken by EUROPARC in coastal and marine areas in the future</p>	<p>The audit should be undertaken by the Europarc membership in the coastal zone on a country by country basis. Where they exist, national sections should play a leading role. The coastal group should coordinate the work. The task should be completed in time for a meeting of the coastal group at the EUROPARC Congress in Netherlands in September 2005</p>	<p>Not relevant</p>

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Workshop 5: Opportunities that Natura 2000 offers to local communities

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Collect examples of best/interesting practice of how N2000 benefits [involvement of] local communities	Individual members	One Europarc section to take lead (2006) To assist local management	
Produce communication plan- N2000 for various audience	Professionals /EUROPARC EU Commission	European level (2006) Sections	
Analysis of the kind of economic/social benefits of N2000	Aimed at local communities	Sections at communicating benefits Protected area level	
Further training and best practice knowledge / exchange in implementing the N2000 process	Protected areas of same biotopes	Eg, forest national parks across Europe	
Evaluate financial instruments for N2000 esp. on local & regional to bring in local stakeholder	Regional authorities, EUROPARC	NGOs as a project Examples from several Members	
Include N2000 in sustainable development project by EU, including EU, Regional and local level	European Commission	Include in Community Strategy of S.D. 2007-2013	