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Webinar: **PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY AND SAFEGUARDING NATURE ACCORDING TO EU STANDARDS: FROM POLICY TO REALITY**

March 4, 2021 / 09:30 - 12:00 (Central European Time) / Agenda

9:30-9:45

Introduction

Introduce the topic, speakers, and provide overview of the current state of protecting biodiversity and conserving nature in BiH.

Senka Barudanović and Milan Mataruga

9:45-10:05

Establishing Natura 2000 in BiH: Showcasing Estonian experience

Briefly explain Natura 2000 and how it impacts national implementation of nature management. Provide example on how Natura 2000 was implemented in Estonia.

Kaja Peterson, SEI Tallinn

10:05-10:25

Establishing Natura 2000 sites and ecological networks in Croatia

The presentation will discuss Croatian EU approximation experience with emphasize on biodiversity and conservation legislation and related strategies.

Zrinka Mesić, Oikon

10:25-10:35

Break

10:35-10:55

Establishing ecological networks across the EU

Provide information on different experiences of EU member states in establishing ecological networks.

Theo van der Sluis, Wageningen Environmental Research

10:55-11:10

Socio-economic value of biodiversity and conservation

Explain what currently available mechanisms for financing biodiversity in the EU are and which socio-economic benefits could be utilized through nature conservation.

Kaja Peterson, SEI Tallinn

11:10-11:50

Panel discussion with Q&A

Open space for webinar participants to ask questions to presenters.

Kaja Peterson, Zrinka Mesić, Theo van der Sluis

11:50-12:00

Closing remarks

Summarize key conclusions and messages.

Senka Barudanović and Milan Mataruga

Activity summary

The workshop will raise awareness of the environmental, economic, and social benefits of establishing ecological networks. The activity is designed to provide participants with knowledge about the approximation and implementation process of EU biodiversity and conservation legislation and related strategies on a national level. Speakers will present several examples from different EU countries, explaining the experiences of these countries during the establishment of Natura 2000 and ecological network sites.

Moderators

Senka Barudanović, Milan Mataruga

Panelists



Kaja Peterson has worked at SEI Tallinn since 1993. She is a senior researcher and, since 2000, is director of the Sustainable Development Programme. Her fields of interest and research include environmental policy, specifically environmental assessment issues such as the methods of impact assessment, environmental management, the process of public involvement, and the consideration of results of public involvement in decision-making. She has published several books, guidelines, and papers on these issues and is also a respected lecturer on these topics.



Zrinka Mesić a biologist/ecologist with over 18 years professional experience in nature conservation. Team leader and coordinator of field research on habitat mapping for multiple protected areas and ecological network sites, including research of specific objectives of ecological network preservation. Among other things, Ms. Mesić also worked as coordinator of field research on distribution of 11 taxonomic groups in RC within the EU Integration Project Natura 2000, and as expert for the ecological network Natura 2000 on a Technical Assistance Programme for the Implementation of Natura 2000 in Turkey. She participated in the development of the Manual for Ecological Network Appropriate Assessment (Natura 2000), and she has been a lead expert in appropriate assessment of more than 20 projects for the ecological network. During the past two years, Zrinka has been a lecturer at the Hunting and Nature Conservation Studies of the Associate Degree College in Karlovac, where she teaches courses on nature conservation and biodiversity.



Theo van der Sluis of Wageningen Environmental Research is a landscape ecologist with a PhD on European processes of landscape change. He worked for over 20 years on development of networks of protected areas in many European countries, including Central and Eastern Europe. He is currently project leader for the Biogeographical Process, which supports member states in implementing Natura 2000, and is involved in the European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity (ETC/BD), with a particular focus on landscape connectivity.

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