



# **TAIEX Expert Mission on Establishment of Natura 2000**

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Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection

## **Venue:**

Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection,  
Omladinskih Brigada 1 , 11070 Belgrade

17 – 21 July 2017

## **Beneficiary:**

Serbia

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### **Aim of the expert mission:**

The aim of the expert mission is to provide advice and training in developing and applying methods for habitat mapping and species surveys for the purpose of establishing Natura 2000 in Serbia. Advice on capacity building for providing and retrieving data focused on the Habitats Directive will also be given.

The experts will provide guidance on the preparation of a gap analysis and specific instruction on developing methods for habitats mapping and species surveys (plants, invertebrates, fish, reptiles and amphibians, mammals including bats) which will consist of lectures and field work.

Experience from Croatia and Slovenia will be used to help shape the organisation of data management for designing Natura 2000 sites in a format that will be compatible for implementation, especially with regard to the set-up of a monitoring system.

## Day 1: Monday 17 July 2017

Chairs: Mr. **SKOBERNE**, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning  
Mr. **DUPLIĆ**, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Ms. **POSAVEC VUKELIĆ**, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Department for Wild and Domesticated Taxa and Habitats

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and introduction of experts and participants
09:30 – 10:30	Obligations arising from the Habitats Directive (HD) - what kind of data is needed and what for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Reference lists for species and habitat types</li><li>– Conservation objectives (Favorable conservation status)</li></ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Obligations arising from the Habitats Directive - what kind of data is needed and what for? – continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Monitoring and reporting</li><li>– Management</li><li>– Appropriate assessment</li></ul>
12:00 - 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Structure and role of the Standard Data Form (SDF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Practical experience regarding filling out the forms</li></ul>
14:30 – 15:00	Questions and answers
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Current situation in Serbia ( <i>presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Reference list</li><li>– Existing data structure and availability</li><li>– Capacities for Natura 2000 data management</li></ul>
16:00 – 16:45	EU Best Practice How was Natura 2000 developed in Croatia and Slovenia?
16:45 – 17:00	Final discussion and conclusion of Day 1

## Day 2: Tuesday 18 July 2017

Chairs: Mr. **SKOBERNE**, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning  
Mr. **DUPLIĆ**, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Ms. **POSAVEC VUKELIĆ**, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Department for Wild and Domesticated Taxa and Habitats

09:00 – 09:30	Amendments of HD Annexes (negotiation process)
09:30 – 10:15	When is a Natura 2000 network completed? – Shadow list and experience from biogeographical seminars
10:15 – 10:30	Questions and answers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	How to use existing data and GAP analyses
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Organisation of data gathering – Competences, training, relations, ownership
14:30 – 15:00	Questions and answers
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Internal data organisation and storage
16:30 – 17:00	Final discussion and conclusion of Day 2

## Day 3: Wednesday 19 July 2017

Chairs: Mr. **DUPLIĆ**, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Ms. **POSAVEC VUKELIĆ**, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Department for Wild and Domesticated Taxa and Habitats

09:00 – 10:00	Methods for data gathering for specific groups of species and habitat types – Field research based on the distribution model
10:00 – 10:30	Questions and answers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Inventory and monitoring – Citizen science and data gathering – Croatian examples (flora, fauna and habitats)
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 16:30	Field work – Testing of the field forms for species and data gathering in the pilot areas (i.e. otter, freshwater fish, plants) based on features on the site
16:30 – 17:00	Final discussion and conclusion of Day 3

## Day 4: Thursday 20 July 2017

Chairs: Mr. **DUPLIĆ**, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Ms. **POSAVEC VUKELIĆ**, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Department for Wild and Domesticated Taxa and Habitats

09:00 – 10:00	Data analysis and shaping site boundaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Relation to other initiatives; Important Plant Areas (IPA), Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA), Emerald, etc.</li><li>– Definition of site based on data gathered in the pilot area</li></ul>
10:00 – 10:30	Questions and answers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Data analysis and shaping site boundaries – continuation
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 16:30	Field work <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Testing of the field forms for habitats and data gathering in the pilot areas (i.e. riparian vegetation, grasslands, etc.) based on features on the site</li></ul>
16:30 – 17:00	Final discussion and conclusion of Day 4

## Day 5: Friday 21 July 2017

Chairs: Mr. **DUPLIĆ**, Karlovac University of Applied Sciences, Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, Ms. **POSAVEC VUKELIĆ**, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Department for Wild and Domesticated Taxa and Habitats

09:00 – 10:00	Methodology applied for habitats mapping in Croatia through the Natura 2000 Integration Project
10:00 – 10:30	Questions and answers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Examples of Databases in Croatia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Flora Croatica Database</li><li>– Bioportal</li><li>– SDF database</li></ul>
12:00 – 12:30	Questions and answers
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Expert panel - Open discussion
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Next steps and conclusion of the expert mission
17:00	End of expert mission

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