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Technical Assistance Information Exchange Unit

Identification, Protection and Management of Landscapes based on Natura 2000 (Directive 92/43/EEC)

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Venue:

Gloria Palace Hotel

**Sofia
BULGARIA**

30 November / 1 December 2004

Aim of the meeting

The aim of the meeting is to provide participants with a clear view, on the one hand, of the synergies between the European nature protection legislation (in particular Directive 92/43/EEC) and landscapes as resulting from the interactions of man and nature (as defined by the European Landscape Convention), and, on the other hand, of the urgent need to protect and manage landscapes as a means to sustain and improve the coherence of the European ecological network Natura 2000 while maintaining landscapes as a part of the world cultural heritage.

To achieve that aim, participants will be acquainted with the following major issues:

- concept of ecological networks and “green corridors”, their design and implementation. Current status and trends with focus on Europe. Transboundary cooperation;
- concept of landscapes as resulting from the interactions of man and nature;
- international measures undertaken to stop the global degradation and destruction of unique landscapes (and namely Directive 92/43/EEC and the European Landscape Convention);
- synergies between the European nature protection legislation (Habitats and Birds directives) and landscapes;
- various types of landscapes providing wildlife habitat, and the need to protect and properly manage these;
- role and impacts of anthropogenic activities on landscape formation and sustainability and, hence, on biological diversity;
- cultural aspects of landscape protection
- transposition of the European Landscape Convention into the national legislation – case studies from EU Member States;
- problems, conflicts and perspectives in the identification, designation and sustainable management of landscapes;
- role of stakeholders in the three stages of protected areas’ management planning in Bulgaria. Strategies to increase and improve the participation process, public awareness rising and environmental education in the country;
- direct and indirect costs and benefits of nature protection;
- fund-raising for nature protection.

The seminar targets employees of the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW), the Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water (the MOEW’s regional authorities), environmental NGOs, employees of National and Nature parks in the country, municipal officers, the National Assembly, the River Basin Directorates, and other stakeholders engaged in nature protection and management (and landscapes in particular).

Chairman

Mr. Holger SCHEIDEL, Local Government Office, Saarwelligen, Germany

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- 09:00 – 10:00** *Registration of participants*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Opening Address
Ms. Fathme ILIAZ, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria.
- 10:15 – 11:15 Institutional aspects of landscape conservation in natural areas
Mr. Hervé LETHIER, Consultant, France
- 11:15 – 11:30** *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Cultural aspects of landscape protection
Prof. Todor KRASTEVA, Chairman of the Bulgarian ICOMOS Committee (International Council on Monuments and Sites), Bulgaria
- 12:00 – 12:30 Management Plans for protected areas – a contemporary approach to the protection, management and planning of landscapes
Ms. Liudmila DIMITROVA, Manager EKO-Innovation Ltd, Bulgaria
- 12:30 – 14:00** *Light Lunch*
- 14:00 – 14:30 Natura 2000 – EU ambitions for a coherent ecological network. State of Play and Challenges ahead
Ms. Saskia RICHARTZ, Institute for European Environmental Policy, Belgium
- 14:30 – 15:00 Financing Protected Areas – an investment into our future
Mr. Holger SCHEIDEL, Local Government Office, Saarwelligen, Germany
- 15:00 – 15:30 Promoting the role of stakeholders in the three stages of protected areas management planning in Bulgaria. Strategies to increase and improve the participation process, public awareness rising and environmental education in the country
Ms. Milena DIMITROVA, Project Manager, Centre for Environmental Information and Education, Bulgaria
- 15:30 – 16:00 Questions and answers.

- 16:00 – 16:15* *Coffee Break*
- 16:15 – 17:30 Panel Discussion: the roles of institutions and the civil society at the three stages of landscape protection (identification, designation and sustainable development).
- 17:30 – 18:00* *Conclusions from day one*
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- 08:30 – 09:00** *Registration of participants*
- 09:00 – 09:30 Questions and answers on the practical aspects of protected areas' designation procedure in Bulgaria
Mr. Ivaylo ZAFIROF, Mr. Kaloyan ANEV, Mr. Valeri VALCHINKOV, National Nature Protection Service, Bulgaria
- 09:30 – 10:00 High nature value farming systems – the human impact on the landscape
Ms. Yanka KAZAKOVA, Regional Co-ordinator, WWF – Danube-Carpathian Programme, Sofia Office, Bulgaria
- 10:00 – 10:30 Policies and projects to manage semi-natural ecosystems for wildlife habitat in Bulgaria
Ms. Vyara STEFANOVA, Head of Agrienvironment Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Bulgaria
- 10:30 – 10:45** *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 – 11:15 Problems, conflicts and perspectives in the identification, designation and sustainable management of protected areas
Mr. Yordan KUTSAROV, Executive Director, Kamomok-Brushlen Protected Site Administration
- 11:15 – 11:45 The effect of urbanization on plant diversity in two case-study areas – Bolton, UK, and Sofia, Bulgaria
Mr. Georgi TERZIYSKI, Landscape Planning Specialist, GEF Rhodope Project
- 11:45 – 12:15 Putting economic value to nature protection: direct and indirect costs and benefits
Mr. Gernot BÄURLE, Consultant, Germany
- 12:15 – 12:45 The concept of ecological networks and “green corridors”. Design and implementation. Current status and trends with focus on Europe. Transboundary cooperation
Prof. Mart KÜLVIK, Estonian Agriculture University, Estonia

12:45 – 13:00 Questions and answers.

13:00 – 14:00 Light Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Panel Discussion: Finding win-win solutions to possible conflicts between the interests of local people and the worldwide need to conserve and protect landscape diversity – sharing of benefits (Part One)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45 Panel Discussion: Finding win-win solutions to possible conflicts between the interests of local people and the worldwide need to conserve and protect landscape diversity – sharing of benefits (Part Two)

16:45 – 17:15 Conclusions from day two.

17:15 Closing of the workshop
Chairman.

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