

STATUS AND FACTS RE FINANCING BIODIVERSITY/NATURA 2000

Context:

- **Strong political will**
- Lack of public understanding – lots of confusion
- Resistance from business sectors
- Reluctance from self-governments
- Insufficient financial resources

Costs of maintaining N2000

- EC assessment – over 6 billion € for 25 MS annually
- PL – 0,5 billion since 2004
- PAF assessments?

Financing today

- Mostly if not exclusively public and NOT FOR INCOME !

Financial needs assessments:

- PAF based on Planning & Status monitoring
- Business sector contribution – any assessments???

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Political will

- Decision of CBD CoPs:
 - CoP 8 Dec. 17 on Private-sector engagement (2006)
 - CoP 9 Dec. 26 on Promoting business engagement (2008)
 - CoP 10 Dec. 21 on Business engagement (2010)
- CBD CoP 10 Dec.2 - Strategic Objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including Aichi targets (Target 4 of the Goal A)
- COP 10 Dec. 3 - Strategy for Resource Mobilization
- *CoP 11 Draft Dec. on Business and biodiversity*
- EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
- EU Flagship Initiative for “Resource-efficient Europe” – establishing Biodiversity Financing Facility
- EU Business and Biodiversity Initiative (2007) and the EU B@B Platform
- EU policies supporting SMEs !!!!

Partnership with whom?

- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) – 99,8 % of businesses in PI and EU
- Micro Enterprises – 93% of all SMEs

BIG GAP between policy and practice on the ground

- No dedicated financial instruments,

- No dedicated technical assistance/advisory service
- A few Good Examples of desired businesses but no dedicated and comprehensive process of supporting development of pro-biodiversity businesses in HNV areas

Message for businesses = enterprises

What is the message?

- Natura 2000 offers SO MANY opportunities !!!! (what and how many – try to count and list them)
- Extra funding will be available !!!!!
- Plans of Protection Tasks for all N2000 – Is it enough to attract business?

Major streams of funding available

- Funds dedicated and restricted - available for environment protection and biodiversity conservation activities
- Funds horizontal - available for supporting the development of SMEs in general and pro-biodiversity businesses in particular.

QUESTIONS

1. Can Natura 2000 be self-financing?
2. What is commerciality level of Natura 2000?
3. What is commerciality level of active protection measures foreseen by Protection Tasks Plans ?
4. Do the protection tasks vary from 100% public funded via PPP to 100% private funded?
5. What we need to do to get private business engaged and involved?
6. What are the major barriers in engaging private sector?
7. **Does Natura 2000 need a business opportunity plans for its sites to engage private sector and a platform for public-private partnership?**
8. **Can the Protection Tasks Plans be translated and transposed into a *Business Opportunity Plans for Natura 2000 sites*?**
9. **How PAFs can be supported by *BOPs and BOPs* be an extension of PAFS?**
10. **How to ensure that new financial perspective will support development of SMEs on HNV areas and that the biodiversity concerns will be part of this support?**