Natura 2000 attracts money - Polish experience

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Financing of N2000 in Poland

- Environmental Protection Funds
  - National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFEP)
  - Voivodship Funds for Environmental Protection and Water Management
  - Powiat and Gmina Funds for Environmental Protection and Water Management (until 2009)
- Foreign assistance, including that of the European Union
- BOŚ and other banks
- Funds of enterprises, self-government and budget units
- State budget and budgets of the voivodships
- Other (agencies, foundations, private funds)
## Financing of N2000 in Poland

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LIFE+ for Natura 2000

No. of Polish LIFE+ proposals / nature proposals submitted to EC

![Bar chart showing the number of Polish LIFE+ proposals and nature proposals submitted to the EC from 2007 to 2012. The labels are as follows:
- 2007: 8 proposals, 2 nature proposals
- 2008: 16 proposals, 7 nature proposals
- 2009: 36 proposals, 13 nature proposals
- 2010: 42 proposals, 7 nature proposals
- 2011: 61 proposals, 21 nature proposals
- 2012: 64 proposals, 19 nature proposals]
LIFE+ for Natura 2000

LIFE+ projects / nature volume

- Total value of LIFE+ projects implemented
- Value of LIFE+ NAT projects implemented

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LIFE+ projects number & volume

M €

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Projects Budget

NFEP co-financing

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Examples of projects

Project No LIFE09 NAT/PL/000258
„Restoration of the hydrological system in the Middle Basin of the Biebrza Valley. Phase I.”

PROJECT LOCATION: Biebrza National Park

BUDGET INFO: Total amount: 3 658 824 Euro
% EC Co-funding: 50 %

DURATION: Start: 01/09/10 - End: 30/12/16

Coordinating Beneficiary: Biebrza National Park

MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Change of water regime flow in the system Kanał Woźnawiejski – Jegrznia river (increasing water flow in Jegrznia river up to 3 times during vegetation season).
- Elaborate Nature Protection Management Plan covering an area of 9000 ha,
- Prepare technical documentation of restitution of the hydrographical network of 48 km;
Examples of projects
Project No LIFE09 NAT/PL/000260
Facilitating Aquatic Warbler (Acrocephalus paludicola) habitat management through sustainable systems of biomass use

PROJECT LOCATION: Eastern Poland

BUDGET INFO:
Total amount: 3.640.628 EUR
% EC Co-funding: 75%
DURATION: 01/09/2010 - 31/08/2014

PROJECT’S IMPLEMENTORS:
Coordinating Beneficiary:
Ogólnopolskie Towarzystwo Ochrony Ptaków (OTOP)

BACKGROUND and AIMS:

Problem targeted: Aquatic Warbler habitats (fen mires and wet meadow) loss and degradation.

The goal of the project: to secure ongoing Aquatic Warbler habitat management through economically viable systems for the use of biomass that arises from this activity.

Benefits for local community:

1) 10 jobs created for project conservation actions;
2) 70 – 80 jobs to be created in the future due to implementation of agri-environment schemes on project area;
3) 10 – 15 jobs to be created in biomass pellet plant;
4) conservation of AW (one of the most valuable local attraction)
Examples of projects

Project No LIFE09 NAT/PL/000254
Restitute and maintain the habitats of breeding waterfowl birds

PROJECT LOCATION: Western Poland

BUDGET INFO:
Total amount: **1,078,570 EUR**
% EC Co-funding: **50%**

DURATION: 01/11/2010 - 31/12/2013

PROJECT’S IMPLEMENTORS:
Coordinating Beneficiary:
Warta Mouth National Park
BACKGROUND and AIMS:

Problem targeted: waterfowl birds habitats (wet meadows) loss and degradation due to willow expansion.

The goal of the project: to restore and maintain habitats for breeding waterfowl birds that nest in meadow areas.

Benefits for local community:

1) 5 jobs created for project conservation actions;
2) utilisation of biomass in the local pellet plant;
3) 200 ha of land prepared for benefiting from agri-environment schemes;
Examples of projects

Project No LIFE09 NAT/PL/000259
Active conservation of priority sand habitats in Błędowska Desert

PROJECT LOCATION: South Poland

BUDGET INFO:
Total amount: 2,594,996 EUR
% EC Co-funding: 50%
BACKGROUND and AIMS:

**Problem targeted:** afforestation and natural succession of valuable non-forest habitats in Błędowska Desert, well known for its desert-like landscape.

**The goal of the project:** to secure favourable conservation status for the largest Polish complex of xeric sand calcareous grasslands (*6120) and inland dunes.

**Benefits for local community:**

1) Reestablishment of the main turistic attraction;
2) Development of agroturistic sector;
3) Development of other turistic services.
A few figures as a summary

For the calls 2008 – 2013 NFEP allocated 280 M PLN (70 M €) for co-financing LIFE+ projects

- 2007 – 1 LIFE+ project ongoing
- 2011 – 40 LIFE+ projects being implemented

Within 2008 – 2011 LIFE+ calls:

- 20 out of 40 projects accepted by EC deal with nature protection on N2000 sites (Projects budget: 74 M€/98 M€);
- each 7 € out of 10 € from LIFE+ funds for Poland finance nature protection projects (34,7 M € / 50,8 M €);

Financial input – IMPORTANT

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