

## ECONAT Peer Exchanges 2010

### ***“Defragmentation”***

**Dates:** Three days (Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2010)

**Location:** Utrecht, office Rijkswaterstaat/LEF Future centre. The location and the hotel are very good reachable by public transport (15 minutes by metro from Utrecht Central railway station) and by car. Utrecht central station has got very frequent railway connections to Schiphol Airport and Amsterdam central station. The location is also close to the sites we would like to visit at the third day.

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**Format:** Two days of presentations, desk based workshops and interactive discussions. The third day will be used to do some site visiting.

**Scope:** Connections between N2000 sites are crucial to set the aim of N2000: the decline of biodiversity:

- Is there a national policy program related to defragmentation / ecological networks or blue-green belts?
- What is the relation between defragmentation and N2000 in your country?
- What is the Brussels scope of N2000 at this point
- On which way is your organisation involved in realisation of the connection between the N2000 sites of the N2000 network?
- What is the idea behind the used method of defragmentation?
- Is there a national ecological network?
- What kinds of measures are used? For example ecoducts, faunal passages. Do you use the handbook of COST 341;
- Are there connections with IENE?
- Examples of good & bad practices?
- What are the missing pieces of information, of tools, of processes?
- Which types of infrastructures (rail, road and canal) are involved?

**Audience:** The exchange welcomes specialist participants who have a close involvement with defragmentation and Natura 2000. For example colleagues working on implementing and executing defragmentation policy at a national level. This can include colleagues from road administrations, governmental bodies, environmental regulatory bodies, policy makers or consultants. Participants should have a background as a ecologist, lawyer, project manager, civil engineer, consultant working with N2000 and defragmentation.

**Numbers:** Maximum of 12 participants with a maximum of 2-3 per country.

**Result:** All participants should be prepared to present a case study and engage in specialist discussions. There will also be a requirement to contribute to the production of a written briefing on the findings of the exchange, and volunteers will be needed to present the findings at the ECONAT seminar in Germany (15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2010).