

ECONAT Peer Exchange 2010

NATURA 2000 and Water policy / Water management /Flood risk management

Dates:

3 days in April 2010 (from April 27th 9:00 to April 29th 15:00)

Location

Bayerisches Landesamt für Umwelt – LfU (Bavarian Environment Agency), Augsburg, Bavaria,
Augsburg central station: good national and international rail connections (ICE)
Munich Airport: good national and international flight connections
Allgäu Airport: connections with selected European airports (e.g. London-Stansted, Edinburgh)

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Unit: Protected areas - NATURA 2000 Working Group

Format

Three days within two days of presentations, desk based workshops and discussions. One day will be used for site visiting.

Scopes

Water policy / management and NATURA 2000

- Who is responsible for the implementation of NATURA 2000 and WFD?
- How are the aims of NATURA 2000 and WFD linked in general?
- How are management plans based on the two directives are harmonized?
- How are plans and measurements based on the directives are financed?
- Case studies: Good and bad practice examples of operational actions realized

Flood risk management / river development and NATURA 2000

- Are there typical synergetic effects and conflicts between NATURA 2000 and flood protection / river development?
- How are conflicts solved and how are synergetic effects implemented?
- Case studies: Good and bad practice examples of realised or planned projects

Participants are asked to prepare presentations about the following topics in their country (half an hour each of them and another half an hour for questions and discussion)

Other topics concerning water policy, water management and NATURA 2000 (e.g. drinking water exploitation) will be discussed on the field trip and/or in the general discussion to avoid an "overload" of the agenda.

Audience

The exchange welcomes participants working on the implementation of both water and nature management based on NATURA 2000 and WFD or/and in the field of flood risk management/conservation; they should work in a national or regional authority or as project managers and consultants specialised in the required fields

Number of participants

The number of participants is maximized to 12 persons (2-3 representatives per country).

Results

Objective: Defining and making proposals for good practice and synergies

The participants of each country are asked to prepare presentations as mentioned above ("scopes") and to engage in specialist discussions. There will also be a requirement to contribute to the summary of the exchanges' findings and volunteers are welcome to present the findings at the ECONAT annual seminar in Germany, June 2010.