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**Eurosites Annual
Report 2019**

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1. Letter from the Eurosite President

This report highlights the various ways in which the Eurosite network contributes to protecting Europe's nature and supports the European Commission in implementing the Nature Directives. 2019 has been a dynamic year, including a major development for Eurosite when during the Annual General Meeting, members voted unanimously to adapt the Eurosite statutes. In doing so they enabled the full integration of the European Private Land Conservation Network (ELCN) into Eurosite, which is now officially called 'Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network'. As I said then, Eurosite and the ELCN have already been working very closely together in the last years. The integration of the ELCN into the Eurosite network is a logical continuation of this cooperation. Joining forces will enable us to provide our members even better service and to be more efficient in our work. I am looking forward to working together with the entire land conservation community to advance the protection and restoration of our natural heritage in Europe.

This annual report provides a great opportunity to reflect on a fruitful year during which our network expanded. It is important to keep in mind that a network is as active as its members. Overall, 2019 has been highly productive and I would like to thank everyone in the network who in any way contributed to all the activities that were carried out throughout the year: the Eurosite members, Board & Council, and the Secretariat.

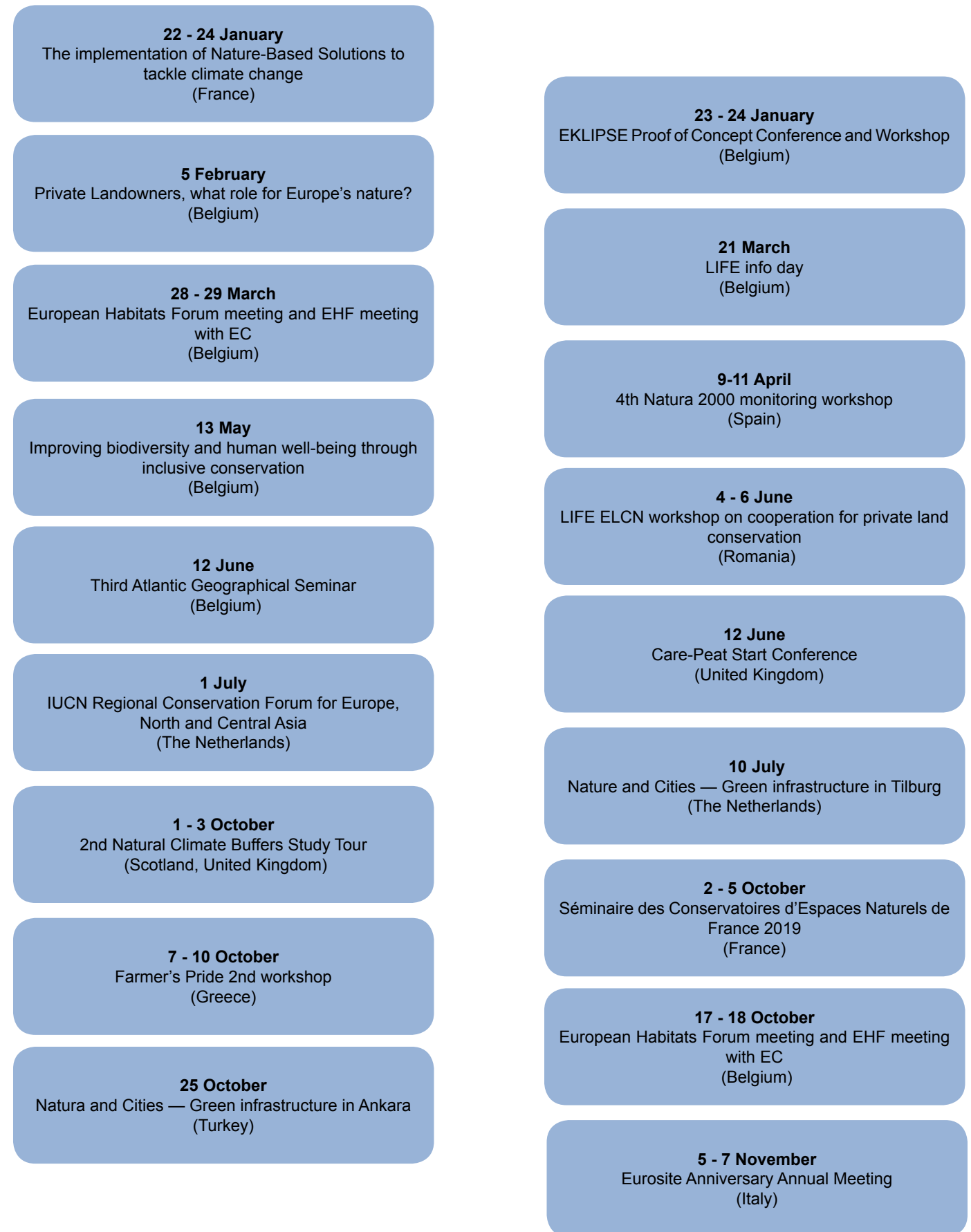
Stefan Versweyveld
Eurosite President



“Natural site managers across Europe need opportunities to come together and share their knowledge and experience. Eurosite, as the European Land Conservation Network provides and fosters these initiatives.”

Stefan Versweyveld, Eurosite President

2. Timeline of key activities 2019





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3. Implementing the Eurosite Strategy 2015-2020

Following the adoption of the new Eurosite Strategy 2015-2020 in January 2015, in 2019 the following actions were implemented in line with the agreed Eurosite objectives.

Objective 1: Networking for Europe's nature - Eurosite is recognised as a vital, relevant and active network organisation with a solid, essential agenda for European nature

Priority Activity 1: Workshops and field meetings on key issues - recognising the importance of face to face contact

The clear prioritisation of this activity reflects the central role that networking and field meetings have played over Eurosite's 30 year history.

The Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process - networking

In 2017, the European Commission, with support from the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process consortium, launched the next phase of the Process (2017-2020), which builds on the success of previous Biogeographical Seminars and Thematic networking events organised around key issues identified during Seminars.

In 2019, there were several Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process networking events, of which the Third Continental, Atlantic Biogeographical region Natura 2000 Seminar was attended by Eurosite. Additionally, the Natura 2000 monitoring workshop Eurosite organised from 9-11 April functioned as a Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process networking event, lead by Environmental Research Wageningen. In addition to the organisation of Natura 2000 Seminars in each biogeographical region, the process promotes the exchange of knowledge and cooperation on Natura 2000 management beyond national borders, within and between biogeographical regions.

Workshops, trainings and other events

4th Natura 2000 monitoring workshop, 9-11 April, Spain

From 9-11 April, approximately 50 participants gathered in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, for the 4th Natura 2000 monitoring workshop. During this edition, the workshop focussed around the roles of new technologies and citizen science.

Participants from 13 EU countries listened to presentations concerning remote sensing, drone data and other new technologies such as camera traps and eDNA, as well as the role of citizen science. Two demonstration workshops were given on the first and second day. The first demonstration showed how to support local to global environmental protection, conservation and restoration through Earth observations, and the second demonstration was on simple automatic detection of small landscape changes using satellite imagery.

During the last day participants had the opportunity to enjoy a field trip to Dehesa de Abuja in the Doñana National Park, where we were fortunate enough to see many storks and flamingos, as well as other rare bird species.

Please find an elaborate report of the visit [here](#).

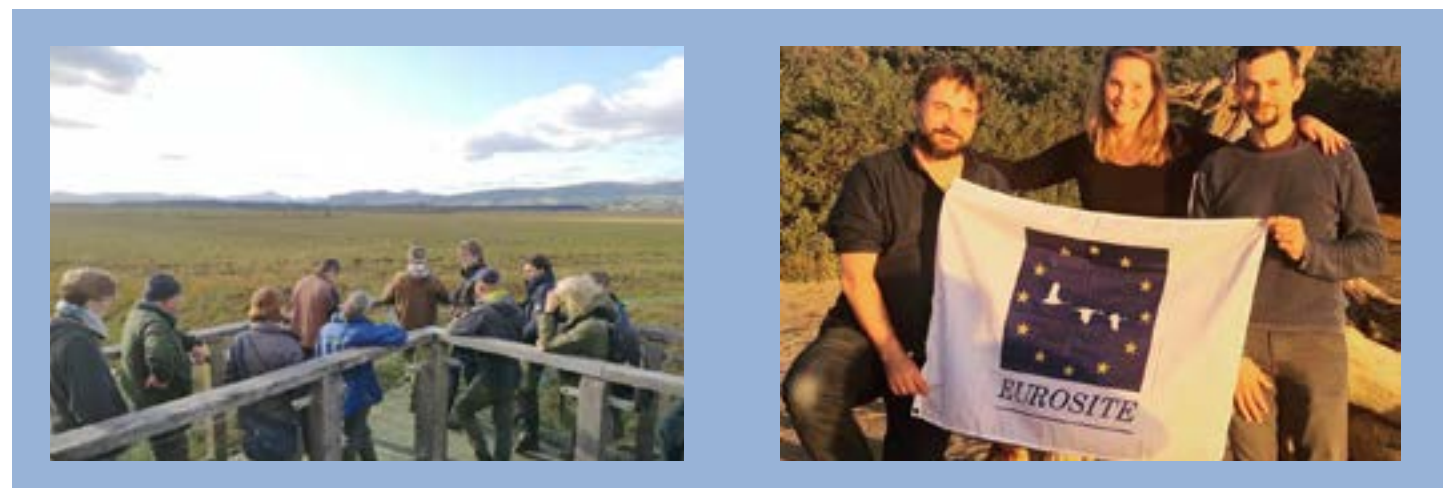
Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour, 1-3 October, United Kingdom

Kindly hosted by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Eurosite organised the 2nd Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour to Scotland from 1-3 October 2019. The event was attended by 20 participants from 8 European countries.

During 3 very exciting days, participants visited examples of management of coastal change in salt marsh and dune habitat as a part of the Dynamic Coast work around St Andrews.

The group witnessed some highly interesting projects regarding peatland restoration of Flanders Moss and Blawhorn Moss, and visited a managed coastal realignment implemented by the RSPB as a part of the LIFE EcoCo project. In the City of Glasgow the tour came across other relevant projects working on the establishment of urban green infrastructure.

The study tours are an initiative of the Eurosite Wetlands and Climate Change working group and look at Nature-Based Solutions to climate change adaptation that are taking place in various places in the EU.



30 Years Eurosite: Anniversary Annual Meeting, 5-7 November, Italy

In 30 years time, the Eurosite network grew out to be the European network for natural site managers. This milestone was celebrated during our Anniversary Annual Meeting hosted by our member WWF Oasi. This year's theme was 'New approaches to nature conservation and securing resources'. The General Assembly took place on the first day, during which participants voted unanimously to change Eurosite's articles of association, thereby merging the European Land Conservation Network with Eurosite.

The day entailed a variety of presentations and workshops ranging from members keeping us informed on their ongoing projects, Crop Wild Relatives, Eurosite's initiative to start with a new working group on remote sensing in 2020, a very inspiring speech by UNEP's Dianna Kopansky on Peatland Restoration and investments in Nature Based Solutions, as well as a video message from The European Commission's Director for Natural Capital, Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa. Lastly, Henk Zingstra, chair of the Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group presented the launch of a new online tool in management planning that supports natural site managers in developing their management plans. The group developed this online portal during 2018-19 as an outcome of their working group activities. The afternoon was filled with 3 workshops on European peatland restoration and management, management planning, and financing mechanisms for conservation. The evening was closed with the traditional EuroCocktail in which participants brought products from their own regions to share with other participants.

Please find further information and the presentations [here](#).

Priority Activity 2: An online platform to allow members to request and receive specialist information relevant to their needs

After its launch in 2017, further information was collected to fill such a platform throughout 2017 and 2018. However, since Eurosite is in essence a network of natural site managers, in 2018 it became a necessity to meet site managers' needs by updating the toolkit for management plans. It was decided to do this digitally and to create an online toolkit where site managers can find information from A to Z concerning management planning. A new group was established to realise this task: the Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group (EMPEG). The group had its first live meeting in April 2018, and then met throughout 2018 and 2019 via GoToMeeting and other live meetings. The final product in the form of an online Management Planning Toolkit that can be easily updated when necessary was launched during the Anniversary Annual Meeting in November 2019, in Italy. In the coming years, the Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group will be organising trainings on management planning in general and on specific components of a management plan.

The toolkit can be found [here](#).



In 2019, the work of our Working Groups has continued. These working groups are stimulating the dialogue and the exchange of information on the relevant topics, by organising thematic events and exploring joint work possibilities through joint projects. Accompanying communication and promotion of their activities and results helps awareness raising on the topics they cover. The activity of the working groups strengthens the Eurosite network by increasing the knowledge exchange. The Economics and Ecosystem Services Working Group has met several times throughout the year, as did the Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group and the Wetlands and Climate Change Working Group. Furthermore, two new working groups have been established in 2019: both the Peatland Restoration and Management Group (part of a thematic twinning) and the Remote Sensing Support Group had their first meetings.



Henk Zingstra, EMPEG Chair



Paul Leadbitter, PRMG Chair



Objective 2: A Gold Standard for Information - Eurosite is recognised as a the leading source of information about best practice in nature site management and related European matters

Database Filemaker Pro

With more information entered since 2017, the database has become quite useful. Also, after having gained some experience in working with it, additional functionalities were added to the database, based on the ideas that came from using the database in day-to-day work. For example, delegates lists of events can be entered into the database, after which they are processed into new contacts. Participants that already were included in the database get an automatic note at their profile mentioning they have attended the event.

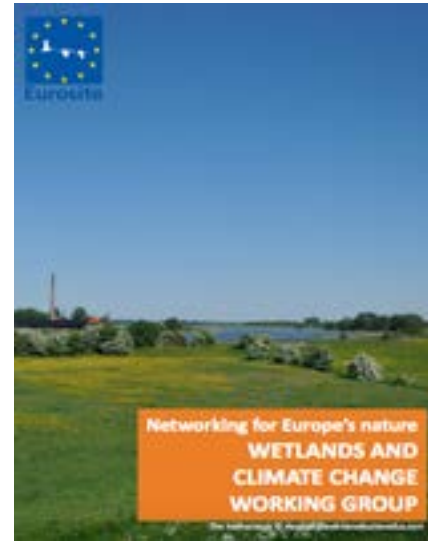
Eurosite Integration Fund

The Eurosite Integration Fund was put in place to offer financial support to members when travelling to Eurosite workshops, meetings, seminars or other events. The total number of people supported in 2019 is 7 with 13 subsidies.

Natura 2000 branding

In aiming to promote the benefits of Natura 2000 to society, the branding campaign was kicked-off early 2017. A functional searchable website database is online. It is a searchable database of products and stories concerning successful partnerships, demonstrating the socio-economic benefits the Natura 2000 sites provide for local stakeholders. The products that are promoted all have a clear link to Natura 2000 sites and there is a mutual benefit for both the Natura 2000 site and the product and its producer. At the end of 2019 the website displayed 82 products and 8 stories about partnerships, covering 13 EU member states. A social media branding campaign was launched during the Nature's benefits: Stories from citizens conference in Brussels in June 2017 and was relaunched towards the end of 2019.

Natura 2000 branding website: <https://www.natura2000branding.eu/>




Clive Hurford, RSSG Chair



CANDY

Homemade honey candy from National Park Barranco Rio Dulce, Spain



Background
The Colmanar de Valderromero is a small family business, which has more than twenty years of experience in the production of honey. The Valderromero honey and recently also honey-related products are produced in the Barranco Rio Dulce Natural Park. The clean air and fragrant flowers such as rosemary, thyme and lavender give the honey its special taste.
The Colmanar de Valderromero business processes the materials from the hives with the same craftsmanship and love as from the past, but now in modern facilities. The business is responsible for the entire process, from extraction of the honey to final packaging.

Product price
A bag of candies of 100 gr costs €1,10. For all candy or for ordering, go to [the webshop](#).

Website
www.valderromero.com

Farmer's Pride

Farmer's Pride, a project funded under Horizon 2020 and led by the University of Birmingham, is establishing the European Network for In Situ Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources. It will bring together stakeholders and sites across the region and coordinate actions to conserve diversity for crop enhancement and adaptation in the future. Following a first workshop in Helsingør, Denmark, in 2018, a second workshop was organised at Santorini, Greece, in 2019. Eurosite attended both events, in which the eventual goals of the network to be established were further explored. The Farmer's Pride project will be further executed with a final conference in 2020. Farmer's Pride is a project involving a diverse range of stakeholders. We are building a collaborative network for on-site conservation and sustainable use of Europe's plant diversity for food, nutrition and economic security throughout the region.



More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

European Private Land Conservation Network (LIFE ELCN)

In 2016 a proposal was developed for the Development of a European Private Land Conservation Network (ELCN) and submitted to the LIFE Preparatory Call for Proposals. The proposal was successful and the project began in 2017. Eurosite has the leading role in the networking and project communications. At the Anniversary Annual Meeting in November in Italy, it was unanimously decided that Eurosite will become the secretariat for the newly established Network after the project has ended, and that the ELCN will fully merge into Eurosite. Therefore, Eurosite's full name was sinceforth Eurosite - The European Land Conservation Network. The current LIFE project is led by NABU (Germany), and other partners are Natuurpunt (Belgium), Montis (Portugal), Fundacion Biodiversidad (Spain), Fundatia ADEPT (Romania), ELY Centre Lapland (Finland), IMA Europe (EU) and WWF Oasi (Italy). In 2019, the project website was continuously filled with updates and a meeting took place in June on cooperation in private land conservation (Romania). Lastly, on 5 February 2019, MEP Karl-Heinz FLORENZ, President of the Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside Intergroup of the European Parliament has hosted an event in the European Parliament: Private landowners, what role for Europe's nature? that was co-organised by LIFE ELCN & LIFE LIFE (a sister project on European private land conservation led by the European Landowners' Organization). Both projects have presented their work and plans for the future to a broad audience (more than 100 participants) of interested MEPs, representatives of European Commission and other interested organisations. Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa (Director Natural Capital, DG ENVI, European Commission) gave a general introduction on the Commission's vision on and the expectations from private land conservation in Europe, as an additional tool to statutory conservation and as a mechanism to enable the private landowners to have a more active role in the management of nature.



More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

E-BIND (Evidence-Based Improvements in the Nature Directives)

The objective of the 'Evidence-Based Improvements in the Nature Directives' is to advise the European Commission, Member State authorities and other stakeholders on the better use of scientific knowledge and scientific networks in support of the implementation of the nature directives. This project shall mobilise the scientific community in support of better and more effective implementation of the EU nature legislation. The two key aspects of this are to make better use of scientific knowledge and scientific networks and to mobilise the scientific community; both in support of the outcome of the Fitness Check - which requires better and more effective implementation of the EU nature legislation. The lead partner is Wageningen Environmental Research.

Care-Peat

The aim of the Interreg North-West Europe project is to develop new policies and methods for managing and monitoring carbon reduction from peatlands. The project involves partners from Ireland, the UK, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Care-Peat will fund local peatland restoration and monitoring as well as the development of innovative policies based on the data collected from restoration works. Eurosite's role is to involve nature organisations all over North-West Europe and the rest of the EU by organising activities to show and explain developed strategies and methods. Other project partners are Natuurpunt (lead partner, Belgium), Centre National de La Recherche Scientifique (France), Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (France), Lancashire Wildlife Trust (UK), Manchester Metropolitan University (UK), National University of Ireland Galway (Ireland), Natuurmonumenten (Netherlands), Université d'Orléans (France). A Start Conference was organised on 12 June in Manchester, United Kingdom.



More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

Nature and Cities

Specific objectives of the project Nature and Cities (awarded under Europe Aid funding for Supporting Civil Society Dialogue Between the EU and Turkey) are to enhance dialogue, know-how transfer and cooperation between civil society organisations of both Turkey and The Netherlands on environmental and sustainable development within the scope of EU acquisition and policies on environment. Additionally, it is the aim to promote nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in cities as an effective tool for awareness raising on environment. This is also of importance to the potential EU membership of Turkey. The project is led by the Turkish Nature Conservation Centre (DKM). To sum up, main goals, outcomes and results are:



- Improved knowledge of nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in Turkey through the experience of EU member states (The Netherlands).
- Enhanced dialogue and cooperation between Turkish stakeholders from various sectors to promote nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in cities
- Joint agreements signed between CSOs in Turkey and The Netherlands for sustainable and long-term cooperation on nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in cities
- Awareness raised in Turkey and The Netherlands on nature-based solutions and green infrastructure.

Two workshops were organised in 2019: In July, a week long programme among project partners and key stakeholders included site visits best representing nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in cities. Participants also attended a one day workshop on 10 July in order to exchange good practices and experiences between the Netherlands and Turkey, and to further enhance dialogue and cooperation between Turkish stakeholders from various sectors to promote nature-based solutions and green infrastructure in cities. In November the roles were reversed, and a Dutch delegation traveled to Turkey for a week-long visit in which participants visited various sites to learn more about organic farming and city parks, they met the deputy Mayor of the Municipality and the Ministry of Environment and exchanged ideas on the urban green infrastructure related work in both countries. On the final day of the visit a short workshop was organised.

More information can be found on <https://www.eurosite.org/eurosite-network/partners/>

Eurosite Twinning

Twinning has always been an important part of Eurosite's work. In 1987 – the European Year of the Environment – the European Natural Sites Twinning Programme was launched with the financial support of the European Commission and to support the cooperation of nature conservation management organisations from across Europe. Eurosite was born from this Twinning Programme, and ever since then we have been facilitating twinings of natural sites across Europe. In 2019, ongoing Twinnings were followed and distilled lessons learned were published on the Eurosite website. In 2018, the ongoing twinning between two LIFE projects created a very nice partnership and led to the idea of initiating a broader thematic twinning. In 2019 this idea was followed-up, and led to the start of a thematic twinning on peatland restoration. The twinning is led by Paul Leadbitter of the North Pennines AONB Partnership and gained publicity in a local English newspaper. Publicity was also given to the Pennine PeatLIFE & LIFE Hydrology twinning by the European Commission.

Twinning undeniably gives the best opportunities to exchange knowledge and deepen it. What is very important is that it is also a great tool for direct interpersonal contacts in solving nature conservation problems, especially for those for whom nature management is not only a job, but also a passion. Additionally, it can work for overcoming the stereotypes of thinking and acting. For making friends. For the benefit for people and of course for nature!

**Kazimierz Rabski, Society for the Coast - EUCC Poland
Partner in multiple Eurosite twinings**

Priority Activity 2: Training events - at various levels to suit Members' needs

Trainings that were given this year comprise the 2nd Natural Climate Buffers Study Tour, and the 4th Natura 2000 monitoring workshop. Both trainings are described under Priority Activity 1 of Objective 1 of this report.

Priority Activity 3: Technical information about funding, project management and legislative changes

Through our website, social media and monthly eNewsletter we have shared the latest information about funding and site management, as well as updates on legislative changes and developments in European environmental policy. Among the most important topic in this field was the development of the 2030 Biodiversity Strategy, for which the network was updated and activated to provide feedback to the European Commission. In addition, two factsheets were published in 2019, prepared with the support of the Wetlands and Climate Change Working Group.

Objective 3: Advocacy for site-based nature - Eurosite provides the advocacy that is required at the EU level to provide political and practical support for site-based nature conservation in Europe

Priority Activity 1: Representation for Members at European level to provide a role in policy making

In 2019, Eurosite staff attended a number of key meetings and events in Brussels in order to represent the networks' members and ensure that the members remain informed about the latest nature-related policy processes:

- January: EKLIPSE Proof of Concept Conference and Workshop, Brussels;
- March: LIFE Info Day, Brussels;
- March: biannual European Habitats Forum meetings with DG Environment, Brussels;
- April: Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process Networking Event (Natura 2000 monitoring workshop, Sanlúcar de Barrameda);
- June: Third Atlantic Biogeographical regions Natura 2000 Seminar, Antwerp;
- October: biannual European Habitats Forum meetings with DG Environment.

Priority Activity 2: Timely information to Members about what is happening at EU level

The Secretariat regularly provides members with relevant news and updates in EU policy development. While using the communication channels (website, social media and the eNewsletter) to keep the Eurosite network informed, we also ensure that we send a report back to members about meetings and events attended in Brussels. This provides many of our members, who do not have the resources to attend such events, with a valuable service. Both the website and the eNewsletter contain a 'Brussels section' especially for the purpose of transmitting information on what is happening on EU level.

Priority Activity 3: Effective communication channels with the European Commission, working in both directions, on policy and funding

Eurosite has been a reliable partner of the European Commission ever since our establishment in 1989. The emphasis of this cooperation has always been on building a two-way relationship with the European Commission. In 2019 there have been multiple occasions where the Eurosite President or Secretariat Staff had meetings with the European Commission, as for example during the EHF meetings, but also during networking opportunities at attended events. Additionally, updates from the network were channeled to the European Commission in a special newsletter called the 'Eurosite Update' once per semester.

Objective 4: Building a strong future - Eurosite is a resilient organisation with the human and financial resources necessary to deliver the expectations of the members

Priority Activity 1: Work with partners to develop funding and project opportunities

ELCN, Care-Peat, Farmer's Pride, Nature and Cities, E-BIND

In 2019, Eurosite was successfully involved in LIFE ELCN and Farmer's Pride. The European Private Land Conservation Network and the Farmer's Pride project will both last three years until the end of 2020. Care-Peat will last until 2022, whereas Nature and Cities is a shorter 1-year project. For more information see Objective 2, Priority Activity 1.

Friends of Eurosite

Friends of Eurosite are nature conservation related organisations or networks with which we have established a long-term working relationship. Friendships are formalised through a Friends of Eurosite agreement, which sets out the goals for the friendship and is reviewed on an annual basis.

In 2019 CEEweb for Biodiversity remained a 'Friend of Eurosite'. Given the clear complementary aims of Eurosite and CEEweb for Biodiversity, particularly regarding the exchange of knowledge and experience, geographic coverage, and a number of common themes addressed by the two networks, both organisations expressed interest to maintain their working relationship.

CEEweb for Biodiversity is a network of non-governmental organisations in the Central and Eastern European region working in 20 countries. The mission of CEEweb is the conservation of biodiversity through the promotion of sustainable development. CEEweb works through advocacy, influencing decision making, common projects, capacity building, networking and awareness raising. It targets its members, local, national and international decision makers, NGOs and NGO networks, companies and the scientific community.

The Migratory Birds for People Programme (MBP) has been a friend of Eurosite since July 2015 and the friendship agreement was renewed in 2017. The Migratory Birds for People (MBP) programme is about 30 wetland visitor centres across Europe and West Africa, in a network that follows the migratory route of many migratory wetland birds species. These centres are working together to share best practice and develop new approaches to delivering wetland messages to their visitors.

SER Europe also became a friend of Eurosite in September 2017. SER Europe is a network of restoration experts, exchanging knowledge and expertise for the promotion of ecological restoration in Europe. Their aim is to promote ecological restoration as a means of sustaining the diversity of life on Earth and re-establishing an ecologically healthy relationship nature and culture.



Priority Activity 2: Secure and develop present funding: membership fees and funding

During 2019 Eurosite's membership grew in number of organisational members and individual members. We could however not invoice as much membership fee income as in 2018. Due to changes in membership and a modification of the membership fee system, realising lower annual membership fees for our largest members, our membership income decreased.

Eurosite celebrated its 30th anniversary in November 2019. Some members financially supported our anniversary Annual Meeting to celebrate this important milestone. The Eurosite network was very grateful for their generous support.

Eurosite was successful in securing (multi-annual) funding from different (mainly EU) funding streams. In 2019, we received funding from Horizon 2020, Interreg North-West Europe, LIFE (EU NGO Funding, LIFE Preparatory project), and Europe Aid funding for Supporting Civil Society Dialogue Between the EU and Turkey.

Priority Activity 3: Create clear financial projections (1-5 years) and build a financial reserve to improve cash flow

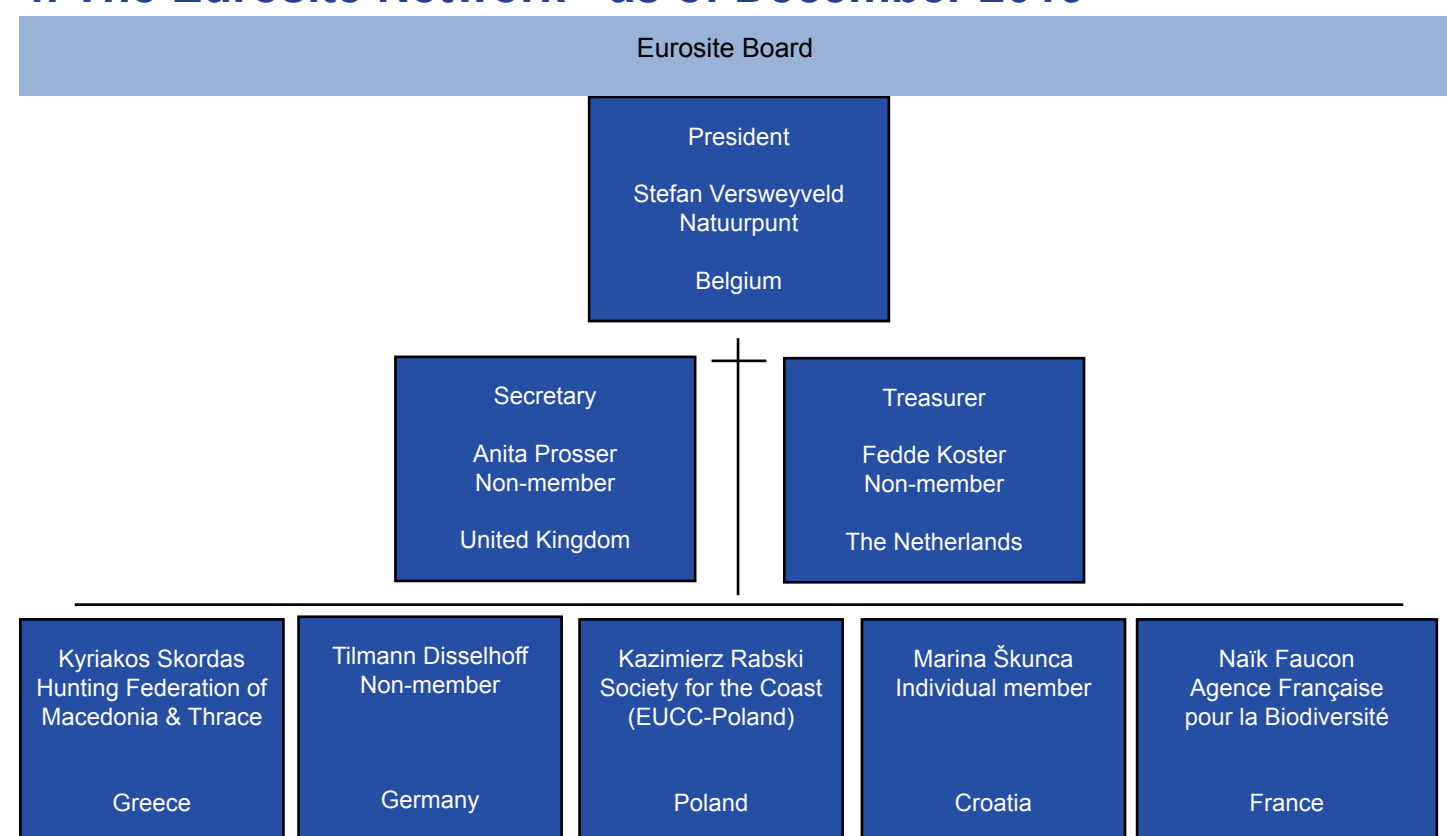
During 2019, Eurosite managed to implement and work on several activities which the Eurosite Board and members defined in our Strategy for 2015 — 2020.

The Specific Grant Agreement, Farmers Pride and LIFE-ELCN gives a foundation for the organisation. To manage the membership risks, we focus on:

- Halting the decrease in membership fee income;
- Ensuring growth of the Eurosite network through improving the membership experience;
- Diversifying funds and applying for new project funds;
- Tight cost control and regular financial reporting.



4. The Eurosite Network - as of December 2019



On behalf of all members of the network, our grateful thanks are extended to them for their service on the Board.

Eurosite Council		
Kevin Feytons	Natuurpunt	Belgium
Viera Horáková	The Krkonoše Mountains National Park	Czech Republic
Jean Jalbert	Tour du Valat - Institute de recherche pour la conservation des zones humides méditerranéennes	France
Lydia Alvanou	Axios Delta Management Authority	Greece
Carlotta Maggio	WWF Oasi	Italy
Harry Koenders	Staatsbosbeheer	Netherlands
Teo Wams	Natuurmonumenten	Netherlands
Anna Wilińska	Kampinos National Park	Poland
Malin-Matei Muşatescu	Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority	Romania
Miquel Rafa	Foundation Catalunya-La Pedrera	Spain
Phil Eckersley	Natural England	United Kingdom
Rhys Jones	Natural Resources Wales	United Kingdom

Eurosite Members

- Belgium**
 - Natuurpunt
- Croatia**
 - Public Institution NATURA VIVA for the management of protected natural resources in the County of Karlovac
- Cyprus**
 - Terra Cypria, the Cyprus Conservation Foundation
- Czech Republic**
 - The Krkonoše Mountains National Park
- France**
 - Agence Française pour la Biodiversité
 - Parc Naturel Régional des Marais du Cotentin et du Bessin
 - Tour du Valat — Institute de recherche pour la conservation des zones humides méditerranéennes
- Greece**
 - Thermaikos Gulf Protected Areas Management Authority
 - Hunting Federation of Macedonia & Thrace (KOMATH)
 - Lake Kerkini Management Authority
 - Management Body of Mt. Aenos National Park
 - Management Body of Samaria (White Mountains) National Park
- Hungary**
 - Ministry of Agriculture
- Ireland**
 - National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Italy**
 - WWF Oasi
- Luxembourg**
 - Ministère du Développement Durable, département de l'environnement
- Netherlands**
 - Brabants Landschap
 - Dutch Montagu's Harrier Foundation
 - Natuurmonumenten
 - Provincie Drenthe
 - Provincie Noord-Holland
 - Staatsbosbeheer
 - Vanellus Vanellus
- Poland**
 - Kampinos National Park
 - Society for the Coast (EUCC—Poland)
- Romania**
 - Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority (DDBRA)
- Spain**
 - Fundació Catalunya la Pedrera
 - Ministry of Territory and Sustainability (Government of Catalonia)
 - Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori (XCT)
- Turkey**
 - Doğa Koruma Merkezi Vakfi (DKM) - Nature Conservation Centre
- United Kingdom**
 - Natural England
 - Natural Resources Wales
 - North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership
 - Ulster Wildlife Trust
- Individual members**
 - Omer Kovčić, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Stefan Avramov, Bulgaria
 - Eric Wirsy Fondzenyuy, Cameroon
 - Edin Lugić, Croatia
 - Marina Škunca, Croatia
 - Dunja Delić, Croatia
 - Artemis Yiordamli, Cyprus
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 - Irene Bouwma, Netherlands
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 - Hans Hofland, Netherlands
 - Michiel Jorissen, Netherlands
 - Onno Knol, Netherlands
 - Nel Sangers, Netherlands
 - Jan Veenstra, Netherlands
 - Henk Zingstra, Netherlands
 - Juraj Svajda, Slovakia
 - Kazimierz Rabski, Poland
 - Jovita García Collado, Spain
 - Jude Nunga, Sweden
 - Phil Eckersley, United Kingdom
 - David Parker, United Kingdom
 - Bernie Fleming, United Kingdom
 - Clive Hurford, United Kingdom

5. Report of the Treasurer 2019 ¹

During 2018 Eurosite decided to modify its membership fee system slightly by narrowing the difference between the highest membership fee categories. The new highest fees were valid as of 2019. Although this reduced our membership fee income, it was felt that this was a good first step forward to accommodate members who have been making a large financial contribution to the network for years.

We see an increase in membership and are happy to welcome back members from the past. Eurosite was successful in securing (multi-annual) funding from different (mainly EU) funding streams. In 2019, we received funding from Horizon 2020, Interreg North-West Europe, LIFE (EU NGO Funding, LIFE Preparatory project), and Europe Aid funding for Supporting Civil Society Dialogue Between the EU and Turkey. The involvement in a wide range of projects and activities increased our visibility and our scope. As Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network we wish to include even more partners and stakeholders in our network in the coming years.

Eurosite would hereby like to give a special thank you to those members who financially supported our 30th anniversary Annual Meeting in Italy in November 2019. Their generous support enabled the Eurosite network to celebrate this important milestone in a memorable way.

At the end of 2019, Treasurer Fedde Koster indicated that he wished to step down. He unfortunately no longer has the necessary time to perform the role of Treasurer. Fedde Koster helped Eurosite through challenging times. We would hereby like to thank him for his commitment and for managing the finances of the organisation since the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Table 1: Balance as of 31 December 2019

	31-12-2019	31-12-2018		31-12-2019	31-12-2018
ASSETS			EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Fixed assets			Equity		
			Association capital	€6,755	€6,566
Tangible fixed assets					
Furniture and office equipment	€4,617	€2,753	Current liabilities		
			Trade creditors	€11,004	€4,228
			Taxes and social securities	€4,080	€3,298
			Other liabilities and accruals and deferred income	€108,173	€108,712
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables					
Trade receivables	€2,238	€500			
Other receivables, deferred assets	€33,235	€49,882			
Cash at banks and in hand	€89,074	€69,186			
TOTAL ASSETS	€130,012	€122,804	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	€130,012	€122,804

¹ The amounts in this Treasurer's report are derived from the report regarding Eurosite's financial statements of the year 2019, prepared by WVDB Adviseurs Accountants. The report, including an independent auditor's report, is available upon request.

Table 2: Profit and loss account for the year 2019 ²

	2019	2018
Sum of revenues		
Grants	€121,058	€128,895
Membership fees and registration fees	€73,106	€87,413
Co-financing from member organisations	€12,310	€7,206
Other	€626	€889
	€207,100	€224,403
Expenses		
Costs related to grants	€181,663	€218,876
Wages and salaries	€9,498	€6,296
Amortisation and depreciation	€278	€294
Other operating expenses	€12,009	€14,467
	€206,689	€241,184
Balance of revenues and expenses	€411	-€16,781
Financial income and expenses	-€222	-€611
RESULT	€189	-€17,392

Proposed resolutions 2019:

For consideration by Eurosite members: the following resolutions for the financial year 2019. If there will be a physical Annual General Meeting in 2020 (in light of Covid-19 this might not be possible), please carry them unanimously during the Annual General Meeting 2020.

Resolution n° 1

The Eurosite Council, having listened to the reading of the Financial Report of the annual accounts for the financial year ended upon 31 December 2019, approves the report of the annual accounts of the financial year which states a result of 189 Euro. On 31 December 2019, Eurosite therefore has a reserve of 6,755 Euro. In consequence, the General Assembly discharges without reserve the Administrative Council of its responsibility in the execution of its mandate for the financial year that has been closed.

Resolution n° 2

The General Assembly confers all powers to the bearer of a copy or an extract of the present record of its decision in order to carry out all legal formalities.

² Expenses have been allocated to grants / projects according to the appropriate regulations. The other expenses categories (Wages and salaries, Amortisation and depreciation, and Other operating expenses) represent the net general expenses after the allocation to grants / projects.

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Nature knows no boundaries: we believe the future protection and conservation of Europe's nature will only be achieved through international cooperation.

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Together we can make a difference.