



# International Workshop: Nature Conservation and EU Financing – Challenges, Best Practices and Options

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*NABU (BirdLife in Germany), SOS/BirdLife Slovakia and BirdLife Europe invite you to a workshop on “Nature Conservation and EU Financing: Challenges, Best Practices and Options”.*

Despite a number of EU and Member State successes in nature conservation, biodiversity and ecosystems are in decline across Europe. In 2014 the European Commission started to carry out a “Fitness Check” of the EU’s Birds and Habitats Directives. Yet, this exercise revealed that where properly implemented the Nature Directives are effective and fit for purpose. However, the final Evaluation Study to support the Fitness Check also highlight that shortage of funding is one of the greatest barriers to effective implementation.

This workshop will bring together nature conservation experts, decision-makers and stakeholders from across the EU (with a focus on the CEE region) to discuss how best to address the deficiencies in existing finance and how that may be addressed in the upcoming reforms of the EU Multiannual Financial Framework. The views of key Member State governments will be combined with the experience of practitioners.

We are looking forward to your participation and contributions!

Yours faithfully,

Konstantin Kreiser  
NABU, Head of EU Nature Policy

The workshop will be held under the auspices of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union:



The workshop is part of the NATURA 2000 Biogeographical Process:



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10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:30	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Konstantin Kreiser, NABU
10:40	<b>Nature Directives “Fitness Check” findings on financing nature conservation and the way forward</b> Nicola Notaro, <i>European Commission, DG ENV</i>
	<i>Financing nature conservation: experiences from the point of view of Member States and ideas for the future</i>
11:00	<b>Slovakia</b> Rastislav Rybanič, <i>Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic</i>
11:15	<b>Romania</b> Dan Hulea, <i>Romanian Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests</i>
11:30	<b>Germany</b> Christiane Paulus, <i>German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</i>
11:45	<b>Moderated discussion with speakers and participants</b>
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
	<i>Financing nature conservation: experience, challenges and what needs to happen in order to see more success stories – Case studies and panel debate</i>
13:30	<b>Funding for nature and climate from structural funds</b> Apostol Dyankov, <i>WWF DCP</i>
13:45	<b>Financing Natura 2000 through rural development programmes</b> Bertalan Balczó, <i>Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary</i>
14:00	<b>Funding for nature conservation from the viewpoint of non-state forest owners</b> Milan Ovseník, <i>Regional Associations of non-state Forest Owners Union, Slovakia</i>

14:15	<b>Financing Natura 2000 through LIFE and PAFs: The Gestire LIFE Project Lombardia</b> Claudio Celada, <i>LIPU/BirdLife Italy</i>
14:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:00	<b>Moderated discussion with panelists and participants</b>
16:00	<b>Conclusion: Financing nature conservation – lessons learnt and the view of BirdLife Europe</b> Ariel Brunner, <i>BirdLife Europe</i>
16:30	<b>End of the workshop, reception and drinks</b>

Facilitation by Wolfgang Suske, *suske consulting*

The agenda of the workshop has been designed to precede the meeting of EU Nature Directors from October 10-12 in Slovakia. Transfer to the Nature Directors meeting in Tále – Nízke Tatry National Park – can be provided on request after the morning session of the workshop.

The working language of the workshop will be English. Simultaneous translation (English/Slovak) will be provided.

The workshop is free of charge.

Please register by September 28, 2016 at

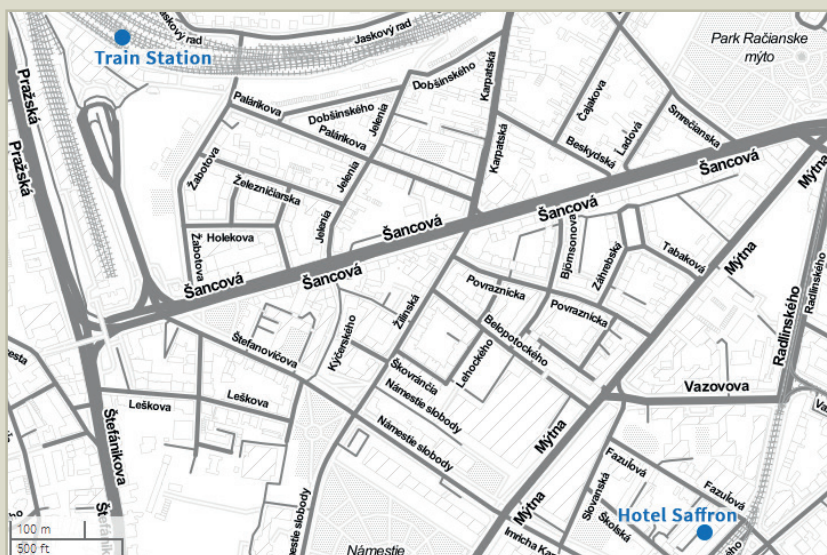
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Further tips for travelling can also be found on this web page.

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### Workshop Venue

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