



## WORKSHOP

# **E-BIND Empowering scientific community 'Evidence-based improvements in the Birds and Habitats Directives (BHD) implementation'**

5- 6 November 2020

*This is an **online** interactive workshop - We seek audience's participation  
The aim is to discuss and share experiences on the Science-Policy link*

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## **Aims**

- Discuss how to encourage involvement of scientific organisations and networks in policy design
- Present the online Handbook on tools improving the implementation of the Nature Directives
- Discuss best practices for monitoring, site conservation measures and the involvement of scientific organisations and citizens' science

## **Draft Agenda**

**Day 1 – 5th November 2020** Chair: Marta Ballesteros (Milieu)

**9.45 – 10.00: Opening of the virtual meeting & connection of the participants**

**10.00 – 10.40: Introduction to the E-BIND Project: background and key findings**

- **Post-2020 perspectives in biodiversity policy: the role of science in the implementation of the Nature Directives** - Micheal O'Briain (European Commission, DG ENV) – 10 minutes
- **EBIND's key findings, gaps and future challenges** - Anne Schmidt (WUR) – 10 minutes
- **The Online Handbook as a practical tool and how to use it** – Beata Vargova (Ecologic) 10 minutes

**Audience reactions & panel interaction**

*Coffee break*

#### **10.40 – 12.00: Session 1 - Improving conservation, status monitoring, assessment and reporting of biodiversity in the framework of the Nature Directives**

*Purpose: Discussing scientific data and input on methods used for monitoring species and habitats under the nature directives: Challenges, good practices and recommendations for the future.*

- **EBIND's findings on monitoring approaches and methods for conservation, status assessment and reporting** - Anne Schmidt (Wageningen University & Research) - 10 minutes
- **EEA's State of Nature report: knowledge gaps and how to address them** - Carlos Romao (EEA, Natural capital and Ecosystems) - 10 minutes
- **Policy and science interface, the role of scientists in policy design and implementation of the Nature Directives**- Guy Pe'er (Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research) – 10 mins
- **Nature Directives' implementation at national level: coordinating scientists for monitoring and reporting** - Borja Heredia, Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition – 10 mins
- **GEOBON Network: Scientific community input to the monitoring and assessment of biodiversity** Henrique Pereira (UFZ /GEOBON EUROPABON) - 10 minutes

#### **Audience reactions & panel interaction**

#### **Conclusions by chair – End of Day 1**

#### **Day 2 – 6th November 2020 Chair: Anne Schmidt (WUR)**

#### **10.00 - 11.20 Session 2 - Improving site management practices: effectiveness of conservation and restoration measures within and beyond Natura 2000 sites**

*Purpose: Discussing scientific support in effective conservation and restoration methods for species and habitats: Challenges, good practices and future opportunities*

- **EBIND's findings on green infrastructures, network coherence and strategies for conservation management** - Theo van der Sluis (Wageningen University & Research), 10 min
- **Nature Directives' implementation at site level: integrating scientific input into management plans and decision-making processes**- Wojciech Mroz (Eurosites) - 10 mins
- **Effective conservation and restoration measures** - Kris Declerck (Research Institute for Nature & Forest/ Society for Ecological Restoration) - 10 minutes

#### **Audience reactions & panel interaction**

- **Remote sensing technologies: monitoring the effectiveness of conservation measures** - Clive Hurford (Natural Resources Wales) - 10 minutes
- **OBN Knowledge Network: the Dutch platform for coordinating all stakeholders involved in conservation strategies** - Wim Wiersinga (OBN Network) - 10 minutes
- **Citizen science: its potential for up-scaling biodiversity monitoring and improving site management** - Gabriel Gargallo, EURO Bird Portal - EBP Project Coordination - 10 minutes

#### **Audience reactions & panel interaction**

#### **11.20 -11.50: Institutional scientific support**

- **The role of JRC in supporting an improved science-policy interface for nature and biodiversity** – Grégoire Dubois (European Commission-Joint Research Centre) – 10 minutes
- **Outlook & perspectives for funding nature and biodiversity initiatives: The new Horizon Europe** – Josefina Enfedaque (European Commission- DG RTD) – 10 minutes

#### **Audience reactions & panel interaction**

**Closing remarks - End of the workshop** Anne Schmidt, Project leader, WUR