



**Virtual LIFE Platform meeting
2-4 March 2021**

'Lessons from LIFE on ecological connectivity towards a coherent, functional and resilient network of protected areas'

AGENDA

DAY 1: 2 March 2021		
THEME 1: IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITISATION OF ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS		
Plenary session		
Chair: Maja Mikosinska		
8:45 – 9:00	Joining the online session	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome, objectives of the meeting and housekeeping rules	Maja Mikosinska, EASME
9:10 – 9:25	The policy framework - Biodiversity Strategy for 2030	Joaquim Capitaó, DG ENV, Frank Vassen, DG ENV
9:25 – 9:40	IUCN Best Practice Guidelines for conserving connectivity through ecological networks and corridors (<i>Video</i>)	Gary Tabor, IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group
9:40 – 10:10	Q&A	
<i>Plenary question for voting</i>		
10:15 – 10:20	Presenting the organisation of parallel working group sessions	Maja Mikosinska, EASME
10:20 – 10:35	Coffee break – assign participants to working groups	
Parallel working group sessions		
Working group 1.1: Guiding criteria for identification of ecological corridors: the practitioners' perspective		

Facilitator: Simona Bacchereti, Rapporteur: Sara Mora		
10:35 – 10:45	Introduction	Simona Bacchereti , EASME
10:45 – 10:55	LIFE EcoCo (LIFE13 BIO/UK/000428)	Paul Sizeland , Scottish Natural Heritage
10:55 – 11:05	LIFE #CC# NATURADAPT (LIFE17/CCA/FR/000089)	Anne-Cerise Tissot , Réserves Naturelles de France
11:05 – 11:15	LIFE OSMODERMA (LIFE16 NAT/LT/000701)	Dalia Basyste-Cseh , Lithuanian Fund for Nature
11:15 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 12:45	Wrap up	
Working group 1.2: Ensuring connectivity across agricultural landscapes Facilitator: Silvia Donato, Rapporteur: Maud Latruberce		
10:35 – 10:45	Introduction	Silvia Donato , EASME
10:45 – 10:55	Connectivity across agricultural landscapes	Jérémie Crespin , DG ENV
10:55 – 11:05	LIFE IGIC (LIFE16 NAT/GR/000575)	Emmanouil Kabourakis , Hellenic Agricultural Organisation
11:05 – 11:15	LIFE Ostrovné lúky (LIFE 12 NAT/SK/001155)	Adriana Brossmannova , BROZ – Bratislavské regionálne ochrannárske združenie
11:15 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 12:45	Wrap up	
Working group 1.3: Getting practical insight on the existent mapping and decision-making tools for connectivity planning Facilitator: Sylvia Barova, Rapporteur: An Bollen		
10:35 – 10:45	Introduction	Sylvia Barova , EASME
10:45 – 10:55	Strategic Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Restoration: geospatial methods, data and tools	Christine Estreguil , EC, Joint Research Council (JRC)
10:55 – 11:05	BiodivERsA project WOODNET	Jacques Baudry , French Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE)
11:05 – 11:45	LIFE ALNUS (LIFE16 NAT/ES000768)	Virgilio Hermoso , Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia
	LIFE BNIP (LIFE14 IPE/BE/000002)	Joris Everaert , Research Institute for Nature and Forest
	LIFE NATNET (LIFE10 NAT/FI/000047)	Ari Nikula , Natural Resources Institute Finland
	Rewilding EU	Néstor Fernández , German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research
11:45 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 12:45	Wrap up	
12:45 – 13:15	Knowledge market - part 1 Facilitator: Lynne Barratt	

DAY 2: 3 March 2021

THEME 2: EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE FOR THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS

**Plenary session
Chair: Maja Mikosinska**

8:45 – 9:00	Joining the online session	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and main conclusions from Theme 1	Maja Mikosinska, EASME, Sara Mora, NEEMO
9:10 – 9:15	Group photo	
9:15 – 9:25	IUCN protected area governance typology and ecological corridors	Boris Erg, IUCN ECARO
9:25 – 9:35	LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020 (LIFE14 IPE/IT/000018)	Marzia Cont, Lombardy Region, Sergio Canobbio, Regional Agency for Agricultural and Forestry Services (ERSAF)
9:35 – 9:55	Q&A	
9:55 – 10:00	Presenting the organisation of parallel working group sessions	Maja Mikosinska, EASME
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break – assign participants to working groups	
Parallel working group sessions		
Working group 2.1: Key governance elements for effective and long-term management of ecological corridors Facilitator: Simona Bacchereti, Rapporteur: An Bollen		
10:15 – 10:25	Introduction	Simona Bacchereti, EASME
10:25 – 10:35	TIB - Trans Insubria Bionet (LIFE10 NAT/IT/000241)	Sara Barbieri, Province of Varese, Italy
10:35 – 10:45	LIFE Bear Defragmentation (LIFE12 NAT/ES/000192)	Fernando Ballesteros, Fundación Oso Pardo (FOP)
10:45 – 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 – 12:20	Wrap up	
Working group 2.2: Transboundary governance Facilitator: Eva Paparatti, Rapporteur: Maja Vasiljević		
10:15 – 10:25	Introduction	Eva Paparatti, EASME
10:25 – 10:35	LIFE FLANDRE (LIFE12 NAT/BE/000631)	Jean Louis Herrier, Flemish Government - Agency for Nature and Forest (ANB)
10:35 – 10:45	LIFE Lynx (LIFE16 NAT/SI/000634)	Rok Černe, Slovenian Forest Service
10:45 – 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 – 12:20	Wrap up	
Working group 2.3: Participatory approaches and stakeholders' engagement in ecological corridor Facilitator: Gustavo Becerra-Jurado, Rapporteur: Audrey Thenard		
10:15 – 10:25	Introduction	Gustavo Becerra-Jurado, EASME
10:25 – 10:35	LIFE Green-Go! Carpathians (LIFE16 GIE PL 000648)	Piotr Mikołajczyk, UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre

10:35 – 10:45	LIFE WOLFlux (LIFE17 NAT/PT/000554)	Sara Aliácar, Rewilding Portugal
10:45 – 10:55	LIFE ALNUS (LIFE16 NAT/ES/000768)	Pol Guardis, Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC)
10:55 – 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 – 12:20	Wrap up	
Working group 2.4: Ensuring effective long-term connectivity conservation in OECMs and other non-legally protected areas Facilitator: Silvia Donato, Rapporteur: Lynne Barratt		
10:15 – 10:25	Introduction	Silvia Donato, EASME
10:25 – 10:35	LIFE GREEN4GREY (LIFE13 ENV/BE/000212)	Pieter De Corte, Vlaamse Landmaatschappij (VLM)
10:35 – 10:45	LIFE ELCN (LIFE16 PRE/DE/000005)	Stefan Versweyveld, Natuurpunt
10:45 – 10:55	LIFE LINES (LIFE14 NAT/PT/001081)	Graça Maria Dias Garcia, Infraestruturas de Portugal SA
10:55 – 12:10	Discussion	
12:10 – 12:20	Wrap up	
12:20 – 12:50	Knowledge market - part 2 Facilitator: Sara Mora	
12:50 – 13:00	Main conclusions from Theme 2	Audrey Thenard, NEEMO

DAY 3: 4 March 2021		
THEME 3: ENSURING FUNDING FOR CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION		
Plenary session Chair: Maja Mikosinska		
8:45 – 9:00	Joining the online session	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and introduction of Days 1 and 2 of the Platform meeting	Maja Mikosinska, EASME
9:10 – 9:20	Overview of financing mechanisms for connectivity conservation	Jamie McCallum, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
9:20 – 9:30	Priority Action Frameworks (PAFs) and connectivity	Przemyslaw Oginski, DG ENV
9:30 – 9:40	LIFE BIORGEST: Innovative financial mechanisms for forest management	Guillem Bagaria, Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura (XCN)
9:40 – 10:10	Q&A	
10:10 – 10:20	Coffee break – Slide show/video	
Panel session 1: Public funding instruments for connectivity conservation Chair: Sylvia Barova		
10:20 – 10:25	Presenting the panel session 1	Sylvia Barova, EASME
10:25 – 10:55	LIFE programme and connectivity conservation	Silvia Donato, EASME

	Horizon Europe	Nerea Aizpurua , DG RESEARCH
	Funding opportunities within the upcoming reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in support of connectivity conservation in the agriculture context	Antonia Lütteken , DG AGRI
	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – Interreg: Funding opportunities for connectivity across borders	Maud Skäringer , DG REGIO
10:55 – 11:35	Structured debate with the panellists	
	LIFE NATUREMAN (LIFE16 IPE/DK/000006)	Jorgen Birdstrup , Danish Nature Agency
	EUSALP action group on connectivity	Michaela Künzl , Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment
11:35 – 11:45	Coffee break – Slide show/video	
Panel session 2: “Blended” and private financing for connectivity conservation Chair: Sylvia Barova		
11:45 – 11:50	Presenting the panel session 2	Sylvia Barova , EASME
	EC initiatives on Business for biodiversity/Natural capital investments	Andrea Bianchini , DG-ENV
	Supporting nature conservation through sustainable agri-food products, voluntary carbon markets and Corporate social responsibility (CSR) of private companies	Vanessa Sánchez Ortega , Foundation Global Nature
	Diversifying private sources of income and funding for conservation	Miquel Rafa , Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera
	Promoting “civic funding” tools to support nature conservation projects	Chiara Rutolo , GOTEIO Foundation
12:20 – 13:00	Structured debate with the panellists	
	MoorLIFE 2020 (LIFE14 NAT/UK/000070)	Diarmuid Crehan , Peak District National Park
	LIFE ADAPTA BLUES (LIFE18 CCA/ES/001160)	Max Ricker , The Nature Conservancy
	CDC Biodiversité: NCFE project + Natura 2050 programme	Suzanne Rihal , CDC Biodiversité
Closing session Chair: Maja Mikosinska		
<i>Plenary question for voting</i>		
13:05 – 13:25	Main conclusions of workshop Day 1, 2, 3	Lynne Barratt , NEEMO
13:25 – 13:35	Closing statements	Maja Mikosinska , EASME



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