

NaturaConnect first Stakeholder Engagement Event

28 February 2023

[SQUARE - Brussels Convention Centre](#)

Agenda

Morning	
9.00	Registration and welcome coffee.
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome and purpose of the event - Bringing leading stakeholders together to examine how the NaturaConnect project could support improved conservation status of species and habitats by 2030 in N2000 sites, through coordinated coherent and connected planning and management.
9.40 – 9.55	Arrival and Introductions
9.55 – 10.10	NaturaConnect – Big picture framing 1: An overview of Natura Connect, its aims and objectives and vision How its work packages and outcomes can support EU members states to create TEN-N in the context of the protected area pledges of the Bio Diversity Strategy 2030. What we are working on, some of the challenges and barriers we see to this and where we see the most potential for leverage.
10.10 – 11.15	World Café - a dynamic and participatory space to allow and foster collaborative dialogue with multiple stakeholders from different sectors and countries to exchange on what is needed for achieving connected protected areas in Europe?
<i>Coffee break (20 min)</i>	
11.40 – 12.30	Capturing the topics, ideas and recommendations that have generated from the group exchanges.
<i>Joint Lunch and market place (90 minutes)</i>	

Market place – A space to get insight on the different areas of the project - such as how can we finance a Trans-European Nature Network, spatial planning aspects and scenario development. A great opportunity to exchange with those who lead these areas of work in NaturaConnect.

Afternoon

14.00 – 14.15	NaturaConnect – Big picture framing 2: Moving ideas into action: introduction of different aspects of the NaturaConnect project e.g. knowledge transfer, and the development of data and policy support tools.
14.15 – 15.30	Strategic conversations in small groups to dive deeper into each of the topics. We will learn what works in other countries and context and what else is needed to transform nature protection in Europe in line with the Biodiversity Strategy 2030.
<i>Coffee break (30 min)</i>	
16.00 – 16.45	Capturing the ideas generated from the groups and connecting elements emerging from the discussions.
16.50 – 17.00	Upcoming events and opportunities to stay engaged with NaturaConnect.
17.05	Closing

Please note this is a preliminary outline of the event and slight changes might occur.
The event will be facilitated by [Maria Scordialos](#) and [Linda Mitchell](#).