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Towards Forest Management in line with the
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DAY3

Tools and proposal for a forest management in
line with protection and conservation of
biodiversity

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The goal of the conference was:

- sharing good practices between LIFE projects in Europe;
- discuss, through a workshop, possible initiatives to improve forest management in the Natura 2000 Network.

The work shop was attended by representatives of the forestry and nature sector from 10 European countries.



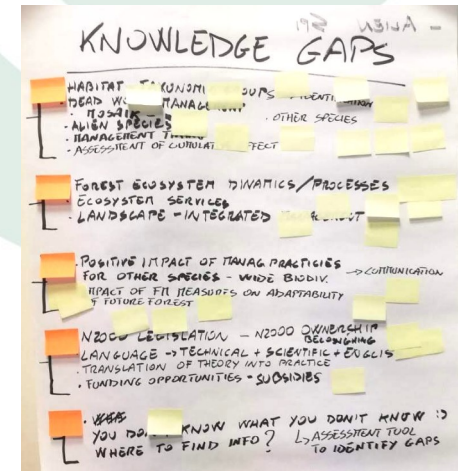
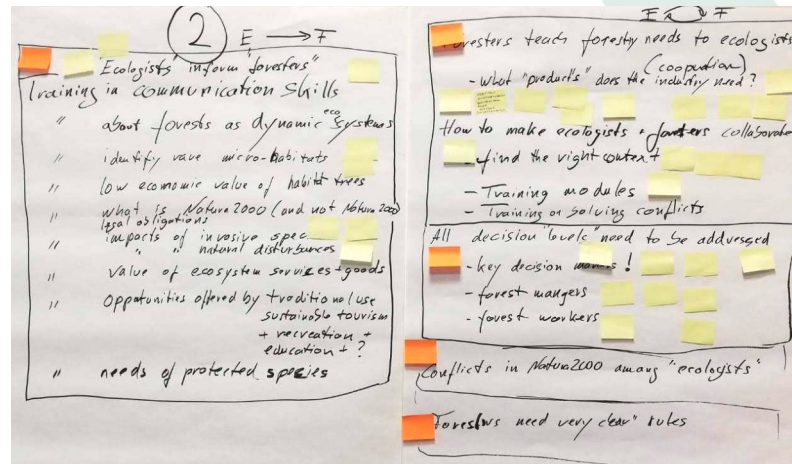
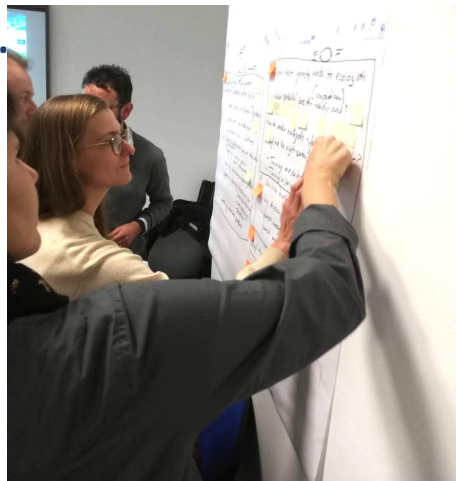
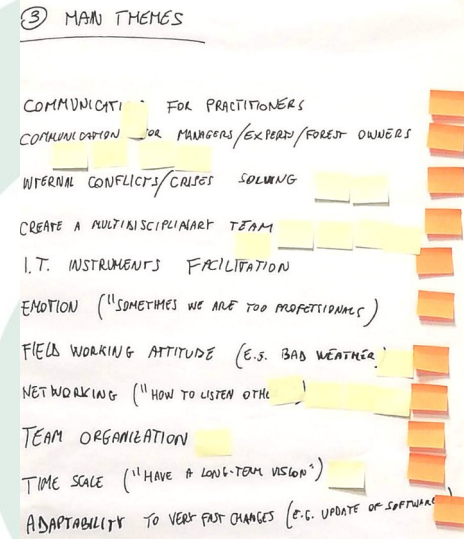
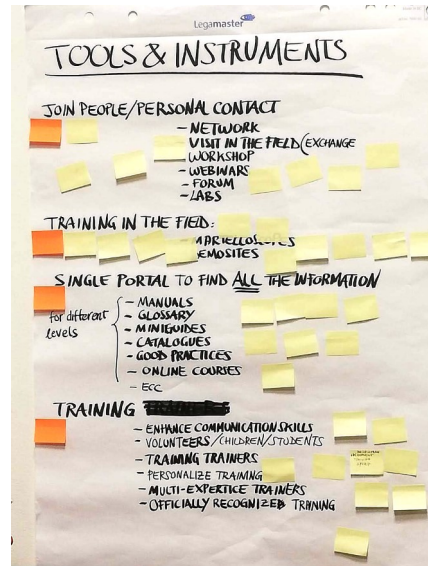
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The work done highlighted need the strengthen the effectiveness of Natura 2000 Network by improving Natura 2000 sites managers, practitioners, technicians, forest workers and landowners technical and managerial knowledge and skills, for a more effective application of the Directives for what concerns forests.



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Specific objectives

- 1) Increase the knowledge and skills of N2000 sites managers with respect to the management, planning and governance aspects
- 2) Increase both basic and specific knowledge about innovative and demonstrative approaches, techniques and practices of forest management aimed at nature conservation in the European
- 3) Promote a permanent network action between subjects involved in Natura 2000 Network in Europe (direct beneficiaries of EU projects, indirect beneficiaries, institutions, the scientific world, technicians and so on), in order to increase and share management and conservation experiences related to forests.
- 4) Promote an easy-to-apply permanent learning system at European level

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1) Increase the knowledge and skills of N2000 sites managers with respect to the management, planning and governance aspects

LIFE Preparatory project LIFE ENABLE started in August this year and will last until July 2024. The primary purpose of the project is to enable all Natura 2000 and Protected Area managers, to become more effective, competent and confident nature management professionals. The project will use a blended learning approach to build capacities in core competencies required for effective nature management.



LIFE ENABLE: Creating the European Nature Academy for applied Blended Learning

The image shows a person from behind, walking on a path in a forest and holding a white banner. The banner features the text 'green days' and 'NATURA 2000' along with a logo of a bird and a tree. Below the banner, there is a row of logos for various organizations: EUROPARC FEDERATION, MedPAN, E.C.O., PROPARK, Akademie für Naturschutz, Metsähallitus Forststyrelsen Meahciirädehus, and TESAF. In the top right corner of the image area, there is a circular logo for LIFE ENABLE with the text 'Creating the European Nature Academy for applied Blended Learning'.

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2019, 2020 and 2021 ...



In light of the path and experiences carried out by the project to date, and in particular in the light of the new Green Deal (2019), the EU Biodiversity Strategy (2020), and the New European Forest Strategy (2021), closely linked to each other, new and important aspects emerge, which broaden the field of action to the management of all forests, even outside protected areas, and to stakeholders in the forestry field and forest sectors.

In fact, both Strategies underline that "*all forests must be kept in good health, hoping for the application of practices that respect biodiversity, such as "close to nature" forestry*", and recognize "*the fundamental role of foresters in guaranteeing sustainable forest management and in restoring and maintaining forest biodiversity*"

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Day 3 Thematic sessions

Through these sessions the project, with the support of the participants, wants to contribute to the following objectives:

(INDICATORS AND TOOLS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT) make available existing **indicators** and **good management practices**, and more appropriate **tools** for their application

(TRAINING) encourage, through training, the adoption of indicators, tools, standardized and shared good management practices, on a large scale, by those who work in the forests

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INDICATORS AND TOOLS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT

The experiences of the projects illustrated in the first two days of this conference showed a wide use of criteria, factors, indicators and their thresholds, good practices and tools.

The tools for better forest biodiversity management, to be adopted on a large scale, must be understood and applied by those who manage forests and not just by experts in the sector.

We will evaluate together:

- The possibility of developing easy-to-adopt biodiversity diagnosis systems
- the need or not to apply standardized methods for reading the factors related to biodiversity,
- how to capitalize on lessons learned and best practices

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INDICATORS AND TOOLS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT



Facilitator - Dr. Antonio Brunori, Segretario Generale di PEFC Italia

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The silvicultural models in Close to Nature Forestry (CNF) and many factors related to biodiversity are often ignored due to the lack of knowledge on the part of those who work in the forest.

There are many limits to be overcome even if we have observed that forestry that is attentive to biodiversity does not always lead, for example, to significant economic sacrifices.

We will evaluate together:

- What are the obstacles for an extended application of the CNF
- On which factors to act to increase the number of actors in the forest system capable of protecting biodiversity,
- What tools to adopt to foster knowledge and skills in this field

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Facilitator - Dr. **Sönke Hardersen** Ecologist, Centro Nazionale per lo Studio e la Conservazione della Biodiversità Forestale “Bosco Fontana”

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How the two thematic sessions are organized

The sessions take place in two separate zoom rooms of which links have been sent.

Each session lasts 1 hour.

The first 30 minutes are dedicated to 3 inspirational interventions that illustrate useful experiences for the following discussion.

This is followed by 30 minutes in which 4 surveys introduced by the facilitator will be launched and participants will be able to express an opinion on the importance of the proposed solutions.

At the end of the session, the work will resume in plenary session at 12:00 for the restitution phase and the final speech of the day.