

# Agenda

## 2019 Joint Eionet Workshop - NRCs Biodiversity and Freshwater 'Synergies between biodiversity and water quality with special focus on assessments'

*Monday 3 June, 13.00 - 4 June 17:00, EEA Conference Room, Copenhagen*

*Chair: Beate Werner & Stéphane Isoard*

Day 1 - Monday 3 June	
<b>12.30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>13:00-13:30</b>	Welcome & introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of the workshop – Beate Werner &amp; Stéphane Isoard, EEA</li> <li>• Quick tour de table of introductions and expectations of the meeting</li> </ul>
<b>13:30-14:40 Update from the EEA and the Commission</b>	
Presentations 2x15 mins, 1x30 mins: 60 mins. General questions and discussion: 10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant developments on biodiversity/nature (Fotios Papoulias, DG Environment D2/D3, remote connection)</li> <li>• Relevant policy developments on water-related policy (EEA on behalf of DG Environment C1/C2)</li> <li>• Update on key EEA activities (Beate Werner &amp; Stéphane Isoard, EEA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions – clarification of technical details, general points: 15 minutes</b></p>
<b>14:40-15:50 Thematic aspects of joint interest</b>	
Presentations 4x15 mins: 60 mins. General questions and discussion: 10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of Water and State of Nature reports and visualisation tools (Peter Kristensen, Carlos Romao, EEA)</li> <li>• MAES and Accounting support to BD 2020 evaluation (Markus Erhard, Nihat Zal, Jan-Erik Petersen, EEA)</li> <li>• Forest and water - Managing our natural capital (Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, Nihat Zal, EEA)</li> <li>• EUNIS revision freshwater ecosystems (Eleni Tryfon, EEA; Anne Lyche Solheim, ETC/ICM)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions – clarification of technical details, general points: 10 minutes</b></p>
<b>15:50-16:20 Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16:20-17.45 Introduction to workshop's topics</b>	
Presentations 3x20 mins: 60 mins. General questions and discussion: 20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cross cutting role of Wetlands in policy and practice (Marco Trombetti, ETC/ULS, Markus Erhard, EEA)</li> <li>• Restoration: Floodplains/River connectivity/Relevance of green infrastructure (Trine Christiansen, Gorm Dige, EEA)</li> <li>• Ecosystem-based management (protected areas management, RBMPs, pressures, measures, joint delivery of nature and freshwater directives) (Stéphane Isoard, EEA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions – clarification of technical details, general points: 15 minutes</b></p>
<b>17:40 -18.00</b>	<b>Wrap up and closing of the first day meeting (dinner arrangements, starting time for day 2, et cetera)</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Joint dinner – Riz Raz, Store Kannikestræde 19, (optional – self paid)</b>

Day 2 - Tuesday 4 June	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:40 Energiser: key issues from the themes and introduction to breakout sessions	
09:40-10:50 Best practice and other country level developments	
4 - 6x10-15 minutes each. Maximum 60 minutes in total. General questions and discussion: 10 minutes	<b>Country presentations</b> To be provided for final version of the agenda – countries are asked to submit proposals for presentations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Czech Republic (Natura 2000 fishpond management, Jan Plesnik)</li> <li>2. Hungary (Ecosystem service mapping - Attila Takács)</li> <li>3. Sweden (Integrating WFD objectives - Eddie von Wachenfeldt)</li> <li>4. Belgium (Impact analysis of measures and drought on freshwater conditions - Rudy Vannevel)</li> <li>5. France (National Biodiversity Observatory: key indicators for communicating trends affecting biodiversity in France - Julien Massetti)</li> </ol> <b>Questions – clarification of technical details, general points: 10 minutes</b>
10:50-11:20 <i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20-12:30 Breakout sessions	
11:20-11:30	Introduction to the parallel groups (Lawrence Jones-Walters, ETC/BD-WENR)  Moderators: ETC/BD Content support: ETC/ICM, EEA Rapporteurs : Member countries
11:30-13:00	First round – 3 parallel breakout groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The cross cutting role of Wetlands in policy and practice</b>                (Moderator: Lawrence Jones-Walters, Room 1.24)                Wetlands are an ecosystem type within the MAES, but they often ‘fall between’ legislative instruments and established classifications. Thus they are not always subject to consideration by WFD as they are too small or are ‘wet but heavily vegetated’, and are not included as protected areas within the Natura 2000 series as they fail to meet the quality standards or are too small for targeted management. Many, however, have been designated as N2000 or are within flood plains that are the subject of River Basin Management Plans. In all cases they have the potential to fulfil a role as a boundary object that, in the context of MAES, can assist in integrating legal and financial measures, bringing together policy makers and land managers and can contribute to the overall streamlining of policy. The group will discuss               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The potential of wetlands for providing an ‘integrating factor’ in relation to policy and practice.</li> <li>• In the context of MAES, issues and opportunities in relation to the delivery of ecosystem-based management and policy streamlining.</li> <li>• Specific examples of good practice, both in terms of actual ecosystem-based management and policy integration (or trade-offs, for example where policy delivery produces poor results for one or another sector).</li> <li>• Key learning points/messages for the EEA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Restoration</b>                (Moderator: Irene Bouwma, Room 0.10)                The restoration of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, wetlands and floodplains is an important goal, with associated targets, at global, European             </li> </ol>

	<p>and national level. It is included in the Aichi targets and in the European Union’s biodiversity strategy to 2020. Both have the aim of restoring at least 15 percent of degraded ecosystems (in the EU strategy by 2020). The group will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current situation in relation to restoration target within their country, including the role of water and biodiversity policy (and their potential for synergy together and with other policy instruments).</li> <li>• Issues in relation to the delivery of restoration targets and initiatives.</li> <li>• Specific examples and good practice that show the restoration of wetlands and floodplains and their specific aspects; the restoration of river connectivity and effects on biodiversity; and the relevance of green infrastructure in water and “wet nature”.</li> <li>• Key learning points/messages for the EEA.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Ecosystem-based management</b> (Moderator: Theo van der Sluis, Conference Room) Ecosystem-based management “is a strategy for the integrated management of land, water and living resources in the context of a holistic approach”. It can also include the practice of ‘Policy Streamlining’, which can involve the joint implementation of measures and policy instruments under e.g. the Nature Directives, the Water Framework Directive, common agricultural policy and other approaches to integrating different policies and aims, such as River Basin Management Plans - RBMPs. Such an approach should result in increased management effectiveness and synergies. The group will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current situation in relation to ecosystem-based management at country level, including examples of policy streamlining.</li> <li>• Issues in relation to the delivery of ecosystem-based management and policy streamlining.</li> <li>• Specific examples of good practice (e.g. coordination of management, both inside and outside protected areas), both in terms of actual ecosystem-based management and policy integration (or trade-offs, for example where policy delivery produces poor results for one or another sector).</li> <li>• Key learning points/messages for the EEA.</li> </ul>
13.00-14:00 Lunch	
14:00-15:20	<p>Second round – 3 parallel breakout groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The cross cutting role of Wetlands in policy and practice</b></li> <li><b>2. Restoration</b></li> <li><b>3. Ecosystem-based management</b></li> </ol>
15:20-15:45 <i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations from breakout groups + discussion and questions (Moderation: Lawrence Jones-Walters, ETC/BD-WENR)</li> </ul>
16:45-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEA to close with some preliminary conclusions (Stéphane Isoard &amp; Beate Werner, EEA)</li> </ul>

