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Financing (Natura 2000/biodiversity)

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1. Financing biodiversity

Action plan to implement Updated national strategy on biodiversity protection by 2020

*167 tasks (2014-2020)

*3 levels of financing

- * 55 536 008 EUR approved (ongoing projects, state budget...);
- *482 365 864 EUR expected (within operational programs)
- *279 486 500 EUR not guaranteed yet (research activities..).

*sources:

- *state budget,
- * EU funds + LIFE (majority)
- * other funds (Norwegian, Swiss, research, private...)

2. Financing Natura 2000

totally 542.8 mil EUR

Priority Action Framework on financing Natura 2000 in the Slovak Republic within the EU programming period 2014-2020 (April 2013)

measure	EUR
Survey + mapping of habitats/species (designation, management programs)	6 934 858
Designation of SCIs in national categories of protected areas	621 690
Monitoring of species and habitats of Community interest - reporting	22 939 098
Elaboration of management programs for Natura 2000 sites + consultations	47 220 000
Elaboration and implementation of programs for species	19 294 000
Management to maintaining/achieve conservation status (in Natura 2000)	199 679 663
Administration, decision making, written opinion	56 000 000
Appropriate assessment in Natura 2000 sites (EIA, SEA...)	5 600 000
Designation of new SCIs + consultations with land owners/users...	7 200 000
Promotion Natura 2000	8 800 000
International cooperation	410 000
Purchase of land + financial compensation at forest land	148 052 408
Green infrastructure	20 100 000



3. Main sources of financing Natura 2000 (1/2)

Operational programs „environment“

- * Basic infrastructure (2004-2006) - 5.7 mil EUR (26 projects)
- * Environment (2007-2013) - 59.7 mil. EUR (46 projects)

- * Quality of Environment (2014-2020) - 173.1 mil. EUR
(148.7 mil. EUR for objective „nature“ + 24. 6 mil. EUR „water“)

Activity A:Natura 2000 + other protected areas and protected species
Activity B:biodiversity, ecosystems + their services, green infrastructure
Activity C:monitoring + reporting (habitats/species of Community interest)
Activity D:awarenes of public + of crucial stakeholders

Activity B: continuity of water streams + removal of barriers



3. Main sources of financing Natura 2000 (2/2)

Rural development program

- * (2007-2013) - 401.9 mil EUR allocated (362.5 mil. EUR contracted)
- * (2014-2020) - 157.5 mil EUR allocated

Payment Natura 2000 na agricultural land (SCIs at 4 + 5 th levels)

Payment Natura 2000 on forest land (SCIs at 5 th level)

Agro-environment-climate measures (grassland, belts, 2 species)

Forest-environment-climate measures (SCIs at 4th + 3rd level, SPAs)

LIFE

- * (2007-2015) - 18.9 mil EUR (18 projects)



4. Cross-border programs (1/3)

Program/period	2007-2013 allocated	2007-2013 contracted	2014-2020 allocated
SK-CZ	5 749 889	3 211 198	9 059 016
SK-AT	5 336 175	3 567 997	8 730 000
HU-SK	6 220 000	4 436 113	6 541 208
PL-SK	26 759 320	7 795 985	9 000 000

- for 2014-2020 - only PL -SK approved (so far);
- allocations are within „intervention categories“ for nature, biodiversity, nature heritage (not for others such as cycling routes)



4. Cross-border programs - examples (2/3)

PL -SK (1 specific objective):

- * Infrastructure near protected areas (cycle, touristic + nature trails, etc)
- * cooperation (seminars, conferences, common activities for biodiversity)
- * common standards for nature protection
- * IT tools for culture + nature heritage, applications for mobiles, eko products;

SK-CZ (3 specific objectives):

- * Cycling + touristic routes, complex services for visitors of nature/culture heritage; microgrants;
- * More effective use of cross-border nature areas, common measures for habitats/species, prevention; ecostabilisation elements in landscape, green common crossborder plans, survey, monitoring, exchange of data, etc.
- * Crossborder cooperation - fond of small grants for local/crossborder activities - sustainable development, education on heritage etc.



4. Cross-border programs - examples (2/3)

SK- HU (2 specific objectives):

- * Protection and maintenance of nature heritage (floodplains, wetlands, river restoration, green infrastructure plans, public awareness, pilot activities for heritage oriented to tourism; common products of ecotourism including water streams;
- * cross-border cooperation of local/regional stakeholders (capacity building - nature bodies not listed, common presentation for tourism, small-grant projects)

OTHER activities: cycling routes and footpaths, promotion of tourism services,



5. Challenges and opportunities

- * Lack of finances in some operational programs
- * Lack of capacities (time, people) for project preparation + implementation
- * Tracking using funds available for the best projects
- * Involving some stakeholders

- * Priority action framework for financing Natura 2000
- * Experience from previous periods
- * Wide range of resources
- * Motivated people

Thank you for your attention and cooperation😊

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