



Natura 2000 & The Natura 2000 Award

Information seminar:

European Natura 2000 Award

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The Natura 2000 network



Largest coordinated network of protected areas in the world!



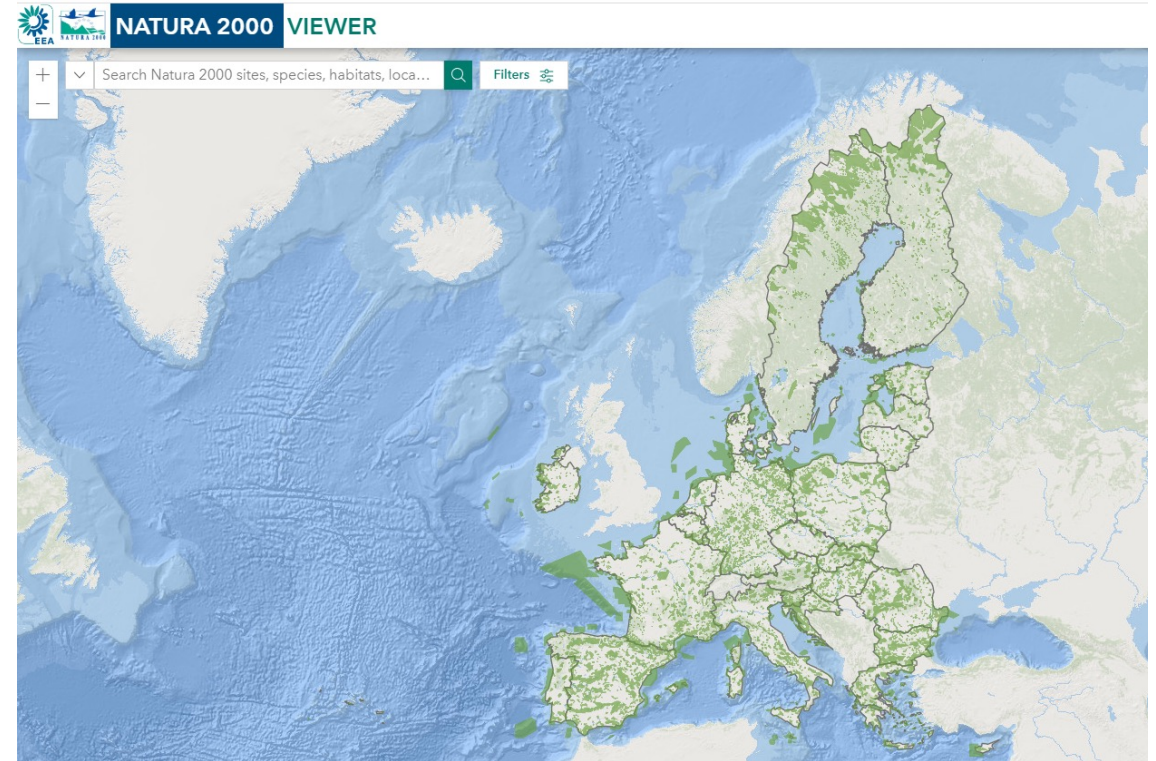
Covers more than 18% of Europe's land area and 9% of its marine territory



Protects Europe's most valuable and threatened species



Natura 2000 Viewer displays key information about all sites -
<https://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/NewViewer/>



Why a Natura 2000 Award?

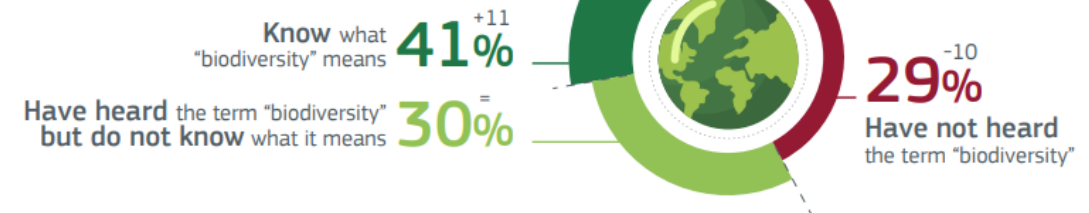
- Natura 2000 is centrepiece of EU Biodiversity Strategy
- The benefits of Natura 2000 are not sufficiently known and recognised
- Eurobarometer:
 - Almost all Europeans are seriously concerned about the decline of natural habitats and the increase in the number of species facing extinction,
 - Seven in ten EU citizens have never heard of the Natura 2000 network, while only one in ten (11%) have heard about Natura 2000 and understand its value.



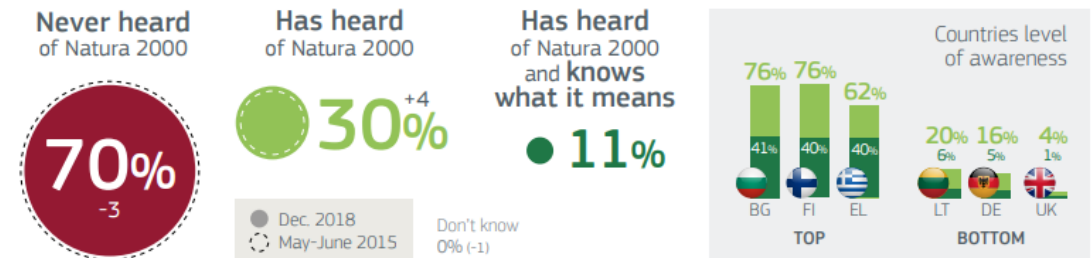
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UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF "BIODIVERSITY" HAS INCREASED ACROSS EUROPE



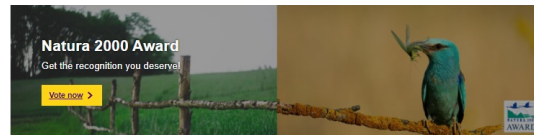
AWARENESS OF NATURA 2000, ALTHOUGH STILL LOW, IS ON THE RISE...



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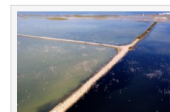
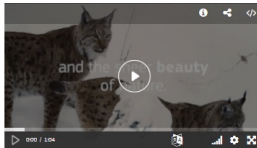
- **Aims at promoting best practices for nature conservation in Europe and give more visibility to Natura 2000 and increase public awareness**



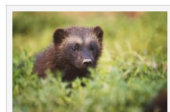
The European Natura 2000 Award rewards excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites and showcases the network's added value of conserving nature for local communities and economies across the European Union.

The European Commission is proud to announce the finalists of the 9th edition of the Natura 2000 Award. A high-level jury will now assess the finalists and choose the winner for each of the five award categories.

Discover the 2022 edition finalists and vote for your favourite. The finalist receiving the highest number of votes will win the Citizens' Award 2022. The 6 winners will be announced at the Natura 2000 Award Ceremony in May 2022.



Award categories
Read more about the five categories and the European Citizens' Award.



Application process
Discover why you should apply and how to submit a successful application.



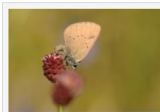
Selection and evaluation
Find out how the finalists and winners are selected.



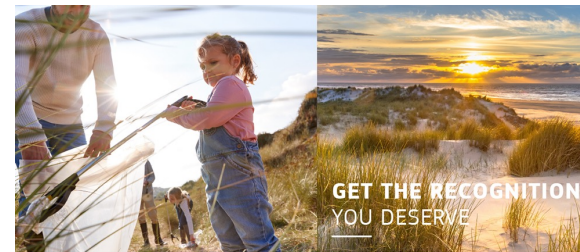
Current edition
Meet this edition's applicants and finalists and keep up to date with the 6th edition of the European Natura 2000 Award.



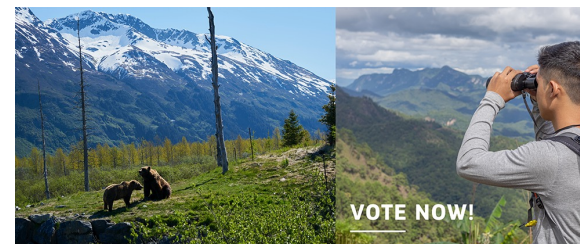
Meet the Natura 2000 heroes
Since its launch in 2014, the European Natura 2000 Award has built up a catalogue of impressive initiatives and achievements.



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Share our visuals and videos on your channels and help us get the word out about the #Natura2000Awards.



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Visual materials for communication

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NEW On this 1st day of Spring, we celebrate the come back of nature, symbol of hope

Discover the 21 finalists for the #Natura2000Awards, from

Vote now #ForNature & choose which one will receive the #Natura2000 citizens award

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Communication campaign



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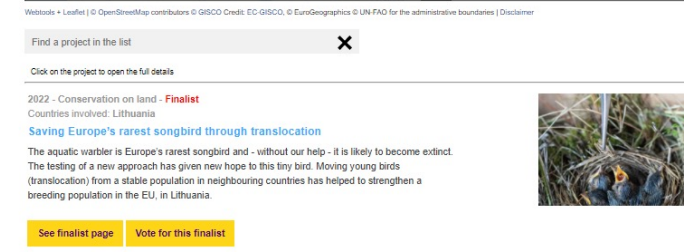
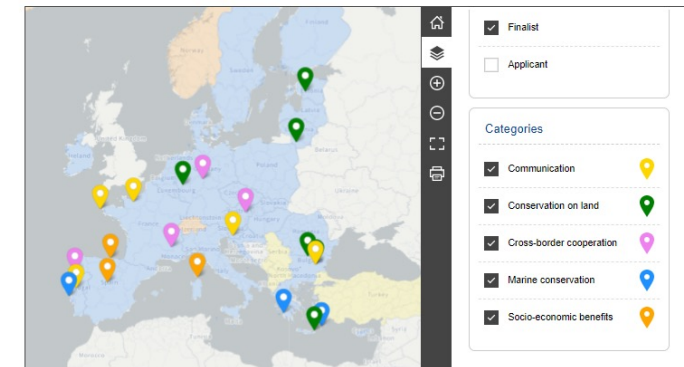
- Launched in 2014, over 500 applications in **5 categories**
- Every 2 years: The 2024 edition is the 7th edition
- Every edition 6 winners, one per category + the EU citizen's Award chosen in a public vote

CATEGORIES 2024

- Conservation on land
- Marine Conservation
- Communication
- Working together for nature
- Cross-border cooperation



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Why apply?

- Recognition for work and opportunities to increase visibility of project
- Support for ongoing conservation activities
- Contribute to spreading awareness on Natura 2000 Award



Natura 2000 Award Ceremony



- **Award Ceremony (around the European Natura 2000 day, 21 May)**
- **6 Local events in the MS of the winners**



Promoting the Award

Resources:

- [Website](#)
- [Newsflash](#)
- [Visuals](#)
- Information packages
- European Commission social media accounts: DG ENV Twitter account (EU_ENV) and LinkedIn (EU Environment and Climate).



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