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Natura 2000: the EU response to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 11



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The EU Natura 2000 Network

- > 27 000 sites
- > 1 000 000 km²
- > 18 % EU land
- ~4 % EU seas



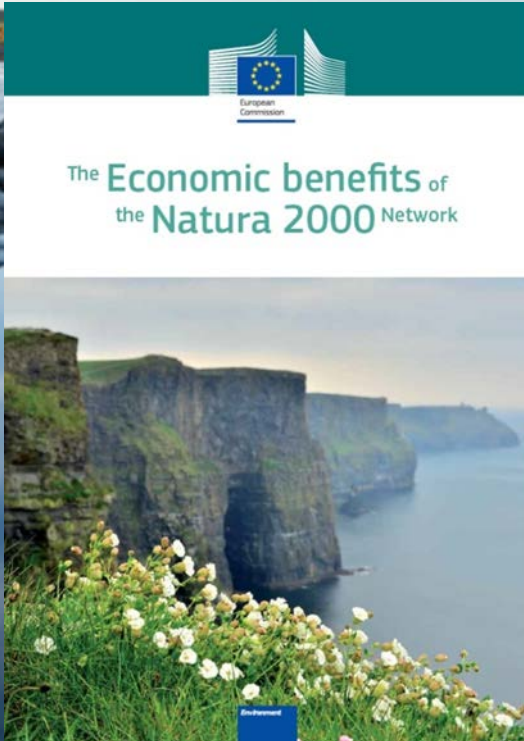
Birds Directive sites (SPA) ■
Habitats Directive site pSCI, SCI, SAC ■
Sites - or parts of sites - belonging to both Directives ■

Key protection principles of Natura 2000

- Conserves around 1000 species & 200 habitat types **across entire natural range** in the EU, irrespective of political boundaries
- Selects sites using the same **scientific criteria**; EU PA coverage tripled
- Offers strong **legal protection** but has high **flexibility** and **subsidiarity** provisions
- **Not all strictly protected** areas – supports sustainable development: new activities or development affecting N2000 are not automatically excluded
- Works in **collaboration** with land owners & users;

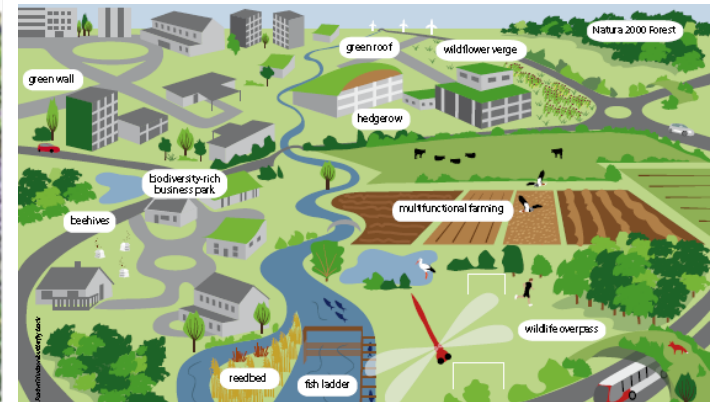


Investing in Natura 2000 pays off
Costs: €6 billion/yr
Benefits: €200 to 300 billion/yr;



Natura 2000 is at the core of the EU Green Infrastructure

- ✓ A strategically planned and delivered network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services.
- ✓ Provides ecological and functional connectivity
- ✓ Aimed to enhancing Europe's Natural Capital



Thank you

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