

LIFE Platform Meeting
Reintroduction of species: a tool for the restoration of habitats
11th-12th October 2017, Botanic Garden Meise (Belgium)

Organised by the European Commission and hosted and co-organised by the LIFE projects LIFE11 NAT/BE/001060 “Herbages”, LIFE11 NAT/BE/001059 “Prairies Bocagères” and LIFE14 IPE/BE/000002 BNIP “Belgian Nature Integrated Project” and the Botanic Garden Meise

Venue: Bouchout Castle, Botanic Garden Meise, Meise, Belgium



DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1 – 11 October 2017

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival of participants, registration
- 9:30-9:40 Welcome and opening address
Mr. Steven DESSEIN Ph.D., Director Botanic Garden Meise.
- 9:40-10:00 Introduction to the theme of the Platform Meeting
Mr. Laszlo BECSY, LIFE-Unit E4, DG-ENV, European Commission.



- 10:00-10:15 Filters to the restoration of habitats *Background presentation; Mr. Arnaud MONTY Ph.D., Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech - University of Liège BE.*
- 10:15-10:35 General framework for the re-introduction of species: Reintroduction for habitat restoration: Guidelines Natuurmonumenten en Natuurpunt *Background presentation*
Ms. Marijke Van Der HEIDEN MSc., Ecologist, Natuurmonumenten and Mr. Wout OPDEKAMP, Ph.D. Coordinator LIFE-Delta Natuurpunt.
- 10:35-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-11:30 Review of the recent developments in research and methodologies/strategies, state of the knowledge
Ms. Sandrine GODEFROID, Ph.D., Conservation Officer, Botanic Garden Meise
- 11:30-12:15 Questions to panel
Moderator Mr. Bent JEPSEN, MSc, European coordinator LIFE Nature, NEEMO
- 12:15-13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30-14:30 Visit of the Botanic Garden, (Botanic Garden Meise); *Guide Ms. Sandrine GODEFROID*
- 14:30-15:50 Introduction to re-introduction of species and soil inoculation-for habitat restoration; general presentations by:
- *Ms. Irma WIJNHOF, Ph.D., “Fen meadows on the move - translocating vegetation for ants and butterflies”;* Vlinders Stichting, *LIFE Blues in the Marshes-NL,*
- *Mr. Xavier JANSSENS, Ir. Ph.D., Coordinator LIFE-Herbages (Natagora) and Mr Patrick VERTE, Ir., DEMNA (Department for the study of the agricultural and natural ecosystems, Walloon Region); “Motivation and technical strategy for the grassland restoration in South Belgium”;* LIFE11 NAT/BE/001060 “Herbages”,
- *Prof. Dr. Rudy Van DIGGELEN, University of Antwerpen, (LIFE 08 NAT/NL/192 Healthy Heath), “Reintroduction: hot air or useful addition in heathland restoration?”*
- Questions to panel
Moderator Mr. Bent JEPSEN, MSc, European coordinator LIFE Nature, NEEMO
- 15:50-17:30 **Parallel workshops on reintroduction for restoration**



Workshop 1: Spreading of fresh hay and bulk collection of seeds

- LIFE12 NAT/PL/000081 Protection of non-forest habitats in the Beskid Landscape Parks; Ms. Dorota OKON, WOJEWÓDZTWO ŚLĄSKIE - ZESPÓŁ PARKÓW KRAJOBRAZOWYCH WOJEWÓDZTWA
- Bogs: LIFE meta project Plateaux Ardennais (BE) Mr. Philippe FRANKARD, Ph.D.; Scientific Assistant; DEMNA (Department for the study of the agricultural and natural ecosystems, Walloon Region)..
- LIFE13 NAT/EE/000082 “LIFE to Alvars”, Ms. Aveliina HELM, Ph.D., Senior researcher, University of Tartu; "Methods of introducing target species during restoration of calcareous alvar grasslands in Estonia".
- LIFE 11 NAT/BE/001059 “Prairies bocagères” Results of the restoration of the habitat 6510 - Arrhenatherion by sowing bulk collected seeds”, Mr. Thibaut GORET
- LIFE Orchis Restoration of calcareous grassland in eastern Luxembourg, Mr. Georges MOES, presentation to be detailed.
- Discussion

Workshop 2: Ex-situ production of seeds and/or plants

- Mr. Giampiero CIASCETTI, MAJELLA NATIONAL PARK, LIFE15 NAT/IT/000946 FLORANET LIFE; “Ex-situ production of plants to reinforce populations of rare plant species in the Natural Parks of the Abruzzo Apennine”
- LIFE+ Forêt Sèche; Mr. Pascal TRUONG, “Restoration of the dry forest on Island “La Réunion” ex-situ production of forest plants”; National Park of La Réunion.
- LIFE11 NAT/BE/001060 “Herbages”, “Plant propagation for reintroduction into the wild Common mistakes and how to avoid them”; Ms. Sandrine GODEFROID, Ph.D., Conservation Officer, Botanic Garden Meise.
- Discussion

Workshop 3: Forests

- LIFE12 NAT/ES/000286 "Recover of native forests with Juniperus spp, and its flora and fauna, in the Special Nature reserve Güügüf", Mr. Gustavo VIERA RUIZ.
- LIFE14 NAT/NL/000987 LIFE RE-BISON “The European Bison Comeback in Southern Carpathians”, Mr. Adrian HAGATIS, WWF-Romania.
- LIFE11 NAT/GR/1014 “Conservation of priority forests and forest openings in "Ethnikos Drymos Oitis" and "Oros Kallidromo" of Sterea Ellada” Mr. Christos GEORGIADIS, Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature.
- LIFE 10 NAT/BE/000709 ELIA, “Restoration of forest edges and the specific problematic of the secondary species in forests habitats and selection of seed material sources”, Mr. Gérard JADOUL, coordinator LIFE-ELIA.
- LIFE12 NAT/GR/000539 - JunEx "Enhancement of regeneration of Grecian Juniper J. excelsa in Prespa National Park, Greece", Ms. Irene KOUTSERI, Society for the Protection of Prespa.
- Discussion



17:45-18:15 Conclusions from the first day
*Rapporteurs from each session + Moderator (European Commission DG ENV
or Easme, TBC)*

Followed by a networking cocktail and local products tasting.

Please bring local products (food, beverages) of your respective regions, countries...

On the same eve we will organise a **chocolate competition**, so bring (substantial) samples of your regional preferred chocolate so that everyone may taste your chocolate and vote.

The winner will be granted with some surprise.....

Everyone should be aware that the language of the Platform is English and that there is no translation planned.



Day 2 – 12 October 2017

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival of participants, registration.
- 9:30-9:45 Introduction to the second day;
Mr. Frank VASSEN, Ph.D., European Commission / DG Environment, Unit D3 – Nature
- 9:45-11:30 Parallel workshops on Soil inoculation, soil transfer and Preparatory steps and decision-making matrices

Workshop 4: Soil inoculation, soil transfer (and other approaches to re-introduction of species)

- LIFE Healthy Heath NL; Prof. Dr. Rudy Van DIGGELEN, University of Antwerpen, presentation to be detailed
- LIFE Blues in the Marshes NL Ms. Irma WIJNHOF, Ph.D.; “Fen meadows on the move - translocating vegetation for ants and butterflies”; Vlinders Stichting,
- Translocation of sods of grey dunes for the establishment of an ecoduct. Mr. Mark van TIL, MsC, Senior advisor Nature management; Waternet, NL.
- Mr. Hauke DREWS, Stiftung Naturschutz Schleswig-Holstein, LIFE14 NAT/SE/000201, “Combining habitat and population management as successful tools for amphibian conservation” presentation to be detailed.
- Questions to panel/Discussion

Workshop 5: Preparatory steps and decision-making matrices

- LIFE14 IPE/BE/000002 BNIP “Belgian Nature Integrated Project”, Action plans in Belgium, Mr. Tom ANDRIES, MSc, National Coordinator of the LIFE BNIP, ANB and Mr. Eric JOIRIS, Regional coordinator of the BNIP project for Wallonia, presentation to be detailed.
- LIFE09 NAT/DE/000010 LIFE-Aurinia “Steps to habitats suitable for Marsh fritillary”; Ms. Antje WALTER, Landscape Architect, Project manager LIFE-Aurinia, Stiftung Naturschutz Schleswig-Holstein, DE.
- LIFE12 BIO/LV/001130; LIFE GRASSSERVICE; Testing of different grassland restoration approaches in project LIFE GRASSSERVICE; Ms. Baiba Strazdiņa; Latvian Fund for Nature.
- LIFE in Quarries, Mr. Maxime SELEK, Ph.D., presentation to be detailed.
- “Conservation Translocations: types, goals and decision matrices”, Mr. Joachim MERGEAY, Ph.D., Researcher in Genetic Diversity; Research Institute for Nature and Forest-INBO.
- Questions to panel/Discussion

- 11:30-12:00 Feedback from InterLIFE Benelux
Mr Yuri MARTIN, Ph.D., LIFE11 NAT/BE/001060 “Herbages”



12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-16:00 Plenary session:

Conclusions from parallel workshops day 2
Reporters from each workshop

Developing recommendations for future developments
*Panel of the Moderator(s) and the reporters(s) Moderator Mr. Frank Vassen
Ph.D., EC, DGENV, D3.*

16:00-16:30 Conclusions from the Platform Meeting
Mr. Angelo SALSI, *European Commission: EASME*

