

# Nitrogen Deposition and the Nature Directives

## Impacts and Responses: Our shared experiences

- 2-4 December 2013
- Peterborough, UK

*Nitrogen deposition is a major pressure on many habitats and species under the EU Nature Directives.*

*This workshop is a commitment from the Atlantic Region Natura seminar.*

### Workshop Goals

To bring together EU Member States in the Atlantic Region to **share knowledge and experience** of:

- assessing nitrogen deposition (N) impacts on conservation status;
- measures to reduce N impacts on Natura sites and the wider countryside.



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### Workshop Themes

The workshop will centre on two themes:

**Theme 1: Reporting and assessment of N deposition impacts.** This will include:

- Discussion of approaches to assessing N pressure and threat for Article 17 reporting in 2013.
- Exploring the impact of N on conservation status and the implications of different approaches.
- Discussing implications for the EU Biodiversity Strategy and other policy areas.

- Exploring the potential links between the assessment process for N impacts in the context of Article 17 and air pollution policy evaluations.
- Agreeing if further development and harmonisation of assessment methods are required and if so, the best mechanism to do this.

**Theme 2: Knowledge sharing of practical solutions to reduce N impacts.** This will include:

- Sharing experience of approaches and measures used to reduce N deposition and impacts at Natura sites.
- Considering a range of sources and site management approaches – discussing their effectiveness and co-benefits/threats to other policy areas.
- Sharing experience of how stakeholder support has been achieved.
- Identifying gaps and making recommendations for practical measures to reduce N deposition inputs and mitigate impacts on sites.



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### Outputs

- Workshop report with findings and recommendations.
- Improved understanding of practical measures to reduce impacts.
- Greater awareness of implications for EU policies on biodiversity, agriculture and air pollution emissions.
- Enhanced communication between policy sectors, understanding of the impacts and potential policy responses.

### Participants

The event aims to bring together representatives from Member States of the Atlantic Region and the Commission with a broad range of experience including:

- ✓ **Practitioners** responsible for the assessment and management of N impacts on Natura 2000 sites; the assessment of conservation status; and tackling nitrogen emissions from sources.
- ✓ **Scientific experts** involved in relevant European nitrogen impact assessment work.
- ✓ **Policy advisers** involved in policy evaluation and evidence support.

### Further Information and Registration

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The workshop is being organised by JNCC on behalf of the UK Government, devolved administrations and statutory nature conservation bodies, in collaboration with the Dutch Ministry for Economic Affairs and in co-operation with the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen.