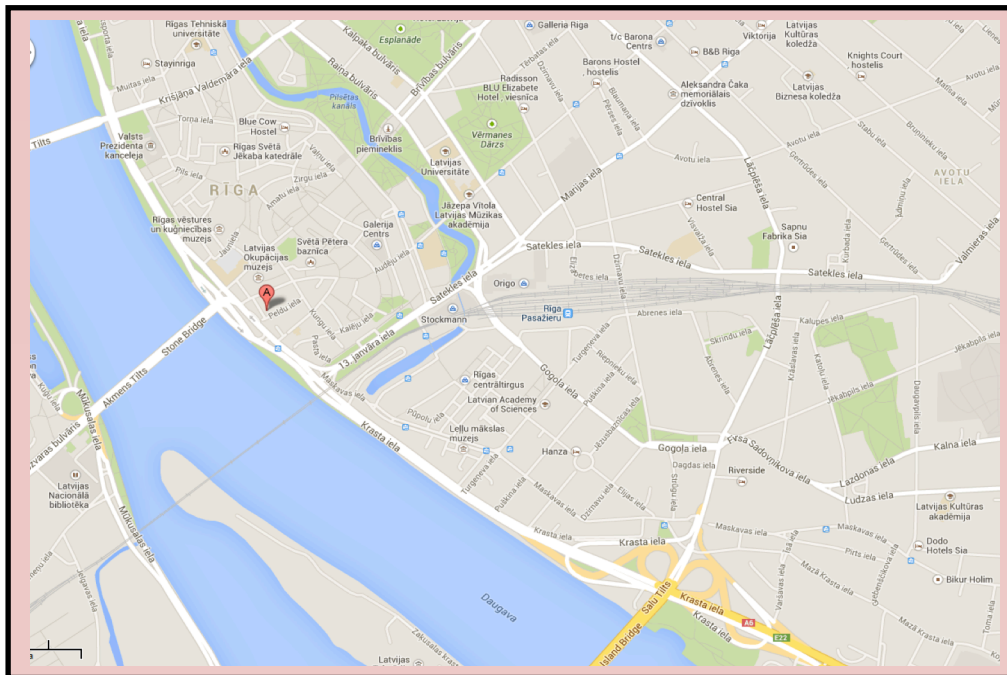


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## FINANCING NATURA 2000

More and better opportunities from EU funding 2014-2020?

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Workshop agenda

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## Background

The current reform of the EU budget provides a unique opportunity to improve the financing of the European network of protected areas, Natura 2000. By preparing national and regional **Prioritised Action Frameworks** –PAFs–, EU Member States are facilitating the process of integrating the financing needs of Natura 2000 within all the relevant EU funds. This is relevant during the drafting process of the **national and regional programmes for the use of the EU funds 2014-2020**. PAFs are expected to help to identify and ensure the uptake of funding opportunities provided through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development-, European Structural Funds and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. Furthermore, the PAFs can assist member-states to identify both funding needs and opportunities that can be financed via the environmental financial instrument LIFE or the Research fund, Horizon 2020 as well as through national funds. By identifying the funding needs of Natura 2000 and the potential EU funding opportunities, Member States have the potential to develop a comprehensive funding plan for the 2014-2020 financial term.

## About the Project

The project **“Strengthening the uptake of EU funds for Natura 2000 (ENV.B.3/SER/2012/0020)”** aims to support the EC and Member States in their task to ensure a good understanding of funding opportunities for Natura 2000 under the next Multiannual Financial Framework. It addresses all stakeholders and facilitates access to information about financing opportunities, with a view to helping ensure better uptake of funds for Natura 2000 in the 2014-2020 financing period.

The workshop is one of three tasks of the project and aims to provide information on the possibilities of financing investments in the Natura 2000 in the specific national context. It will also allow a discussion on the new funding opportunities for 2014-2020 as identified in the Natura 2000 Guidance Handbook (Task 1) and present the Toolkit to check consistency between PAFs and Operational Programmes (Task 2). More on the funding discussion and the project is available through: [www.financing-natura2000.eu](http://www.financing-natura2000.eu)

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome - goals, expectations	Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary, MEPRD, Peter Torkler WWF
10:15 – 10:45	The overall EU framework: policy objectives and financing for Natura 2000 in 2014-2020	EC DG Environment, tbc
10:45 – 11:30	The updated Handbook and Toolkit for Financing Natura 2000	Peter Torkler, WWF
11:30-12:00	Coffee	
12:15 – 13:00	Funding needs for Natura 2000 and the national PAF	Juris Jātņieks, LIFE -Natura 2000 program project
13:00-13:30	Good Practices on financing Natura 2000, success and benefits	Ints Mednis, WWF Latvia
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 14:50	The new Operational Program Environment, state of preparations and funding opportunities for Natura 2000	Zanda Krūkle, MEPRD
14:50-15:10	Funding Opportunities for Natura 2000 after 2014 from Rural Development	Gunta Bāra, Ministry of Agriculture,
15:10-15:30	The role of EMFF national program to support Natura 2000	Ilze Muriņa, Ministry of Agriculture,
15:10 – 15:30	Opportunities from LIFE and the role of integrated projects	Ilona Mendziņa MEPRD
15:30-16:30	Discussion on challenges and opportunities for financing Natura 2000 in 2014-2020	
16:30-17:00	Conclusions, Coffee	