



## **NATURA 2000 NETWORK: A NEW OPORTUNITY FOR A SUSTAINABLE RURAL ECONOMY**

**Date:** 13-14 May 2010 (Wednesday, 12 – field visit)

**Place:** Toledo (Spain). Hotel Maria Cristina (Marqués de Medigorría , 1)

**Type of event:** European two days seminar

**Target audience:** Related European, national and local policy-makers, site/s managers, key public and private stake-holders, consultants, technicians, and general interested people

### **Objectives:**

- To identify Natura 2000 opportunities (and constraints) for sustainable socio-economic development within rural areas, according different broad systems (based on the main land use or key element), taking account of the involved stake-holders.
- To stress the need for a proper management planning of the sites, with an approach sensitive to the specific characteristics of the different territories

### **Draft Agenda:**

#### **Day 0 – Wednesday 12 May**

On field visit (including lunch)

#### **Day 1 – Thursday 13 May**

Welcome and registration (9.00 – 10.00)

##### **1. OPENNING SESSION (10.00 – 10.30)**

- a. European Commission (representative tbc)
- b. Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs (representative tbc)
- c. Regional Government (representative tbc)
- d. SEO/BirdLife - Alejandro Sánchez, Chief Executive
- e. WWF Spain - Juan Carlos del Olmo, Secretary General

##### **2. FRAMEWORK TALKS (10.30 – 14.00)**

- Natura 2000 management plans, what are they?
- TEEB report's main findings

- Biodiversity conservation costs (Spanish perspective)
- Overview of the project “Horizons Natura 2000” (SEO/BirdLife project)

14.00 – 15.30 LUNCH

3. ROUNDTABLES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (I) (15.30 – 19.00)

- a. In the Farmland Steppes / Landscapes
- b. Through Forests and Mountains

**Day 2 – Friday 14 May**

4. ROUNDTABLES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (II) (09.30 – 13.00)

- c. Around the Wetlands
- d. From the Coast to the Sea

Example projects videos (13.00 – 14.00)

14.00 – 15.30 LUNCH

5. Public Management: planning and financing – present and future (15.30 – 17.00)  
From the European Institutions to the Local Authorities

6. CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING (17.00 – 17.30/18:00)