

## Action C.2: Improving nature management planning in protected nature areas including Natura 2000

### REPORT ON A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR SITE MANAGEMENT PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NATURE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OZOLS (Linked to action C.9.).

#### SUMMARY

This report has been prepared within the LIFE Integrated Project: Optimising the Governance and Management of the Natura 2000 Protected Areas Network in Latvia LIFE19 IPE/LV/000010, Action C.2. The aim of this action is to improve site management planning system to make it more effective in providing better conservation status to species and habitats, more flexible, to decrease the costs of plan development, and make them user-friendly, linked to the GIS-based National Nature Data Management System OZOLS. Aspects of sustainable tourism in Natura 2000 sites and landscape assessment will be taken into consideration.

Provided new framework for site management planning system includes plans of two stages and volumes of detail: Natura 2000 site plan and specially protected nature territory's (SAC's) management plan. The Natura 2000 site plan focuses on achieving site level conservation objectives for species and habitats. The SACs management plan includes a Natura 2000 site plan and addresses a wider range of issues involving the wider public. According to an individual task prepared by the NCA, the SACs management plan may include sections on the protection of specially protected species and habitats of Latvia, planning of tourism development and visitor flows, landscape assessment and planning, assessment of ecosystem services, conservation of the cultural heritage.

This report provides guidance on how to assess whether a site needs only a Natura 2000 plan or a SACs management plan. The content of the Natura 2000 site plan, which is based on a geodatabase and will be prepared as the e-form with the possibility of integration of geospatial data layers in Nature Data Management System OZOLS, is discussed below. The report describes the procedure for public involvement and approving of a Natura 2000 site plan. The report provides guidance for the preparation of the individual task for the SACs management plan. The individual task will include both the content of the management plan and the procedure for its development.

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