

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

REPORT ON POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SITE MANAGEMENT PLANS

SUMMARY

Report on potential funding sources for the implementation of site management plans 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 the action is to improve site management planning system to make it more effective in providing better conservation status to species and habitats, to decrease the costs of plan development, and make them more flexible and user-friendly, linked to the GIS-based National Nature Data Management System OZOLS.

This report consists of 6 parts: Introduction; Division of management measures; Sources of financing management measures; Strategic planning of implementation of management measures, Problematic issues and obstacles to the implementation and financing of management measures, and Conclusions.

Report has been developed considering the current multiyear financing period of EU funds - the 2021-2027 planning period. During the preparation of the document, experts in the field of nature were interviewed, site management plans were analysed, and information was collected on the current sources of potentially available funding.

In the second chapter of the report main sources of financing management measures have been identified and allocated:

1. State budget (including institution maintenance, monitoring, etc);
2. EU funds (including Cohesion Fund, LIFE programme funding, Cross-border cooperation programs, etc);
3. Compensation and support payments.

Forth chapter "Problematic issues and obstacles to the implementation and financing of management measures" of the document summarizes both - the issues highlighted in the expert discussions and the conclusions that have arisen after getting acquainted with the site management plans developed so far.

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