



V4+ meeting on nature protection

Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem Services (MAES)

- Romanian's approach -

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Legal framework

Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' (IPBES).

IPBES was established in April 2012, as an independent intergovernmental body open to all member countries of the United Nations.

The members are committed to building IPBES as the leading intergovernmental body for assessing the state of the planet's biodiversity, its ecosystems and the essential services they provide to society.

No any provisions in EU Nature Directives

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Legal framework

At EU level MAES is regulated by ***EU biodiversity strategy to 2020:***

TARGET 2: MAINTAIN AND RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS AND THEIR SERVICES. By 2020, ecosystems and their services are maintained and enhanced by establishing green infrastructure and restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems.

Action 5: Improve knowledge of ecosystems and their services in the EU

Member States, with the assistance of the Commission, will map and assess the state of ecosystems and their services in their national territory by 2014, assess the economic value of such services, and promote the integration of these values into accounting and reporting systems at EU and national level by 2020.



Romanian's legal framework for MAES

Governmental Decision no. 1081/2013 for approval of National strategy and Action plan for biodiversity conservation 2014 -2020

The Direction no. 2 of Romanian NBSAP 2014 - 2020 aims to “Integrate the biodiversity conservation policy into all the sectorial policies by 2020”.

In order to achieve this goal the Strategic Objective D “the sustainable use of biological diversity components” has the overall goal to integrate biodiversity in other sectorial policies.



Romanian's progress on MAES

No any measurable progress till present

In 2015 was approved the project : **Demonstrating and promoting natural values to support decision-making in Romania**

The overall objective of the project is *“to increase the awareness of and education in biodiversity and ecosystem services (ES), including awareness of and education in the linkage between biodiversity and climate change, and economic valuation of ecosystems”*.



Romanian's progress on MAES

Specific objectives of MAES project:

- 1: Increased stakeholder cooperation on development and natural capital management issues, particularly between decision/policy makers, scientific experts, and civil society.
- 2: Improved access to and use of available scientific and socio-economic information necessary to consider and deal with natural capital issues and needs in decision and policy making, for Romania's development priorities as reflected in agreed key policy questions.
- 3: Enhanced replication and national promotion of the MAES process based on increased awareness and understanding of relevant stakeholders from national, donor and neighboring countries as well as at EU level, about the MAES framework and procedures based on the Romanian experience.



Other works/projects relevant from MAES point of view:

The **MARS** project (Managing Aquatic ecosystems and water resources under multiple stress) is funded by the European Union under the 7th Framework Programme

Socio-Economic Benefits to farmers in protected Areas (Natura 2000 sites). Award for the best project in the EU for delivering socio-economic benefits to farmers in a protected area.

The Award declaration from the Commission described Fundatia **ADEPT's** project as 'an impressive example of Natura 2000 providing economic growth and sustainable livelihoods in rural areas. The project enables farmers to make a better living by working sustainably on High Nature Value farmland, while also preserving a unique landscape with rich biodiversity.



Thank you for your attention!



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