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EU/CoE Joint Programme Emerald Network Phase II

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NATURA2000 (EU) – Emerald (CoE) the largest harmonized network of Conservation Areas in the World

with a very precise goal



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Biodiversity Conservation in general and more specifically "Long Term Survival of the listed Species and Habitats (favourable conservation status)"



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QA/QC of 2011 Emerald Database with a view of implementing Phase II





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Emerald Phase I in ENP region 2009-2011

- Sites: data base: x % of potential sites
 - GIS boundary data for sites
- Species/habitats: population data at national level presence within Biogeo regions
- GIS distribution data for a selection of species and habitats

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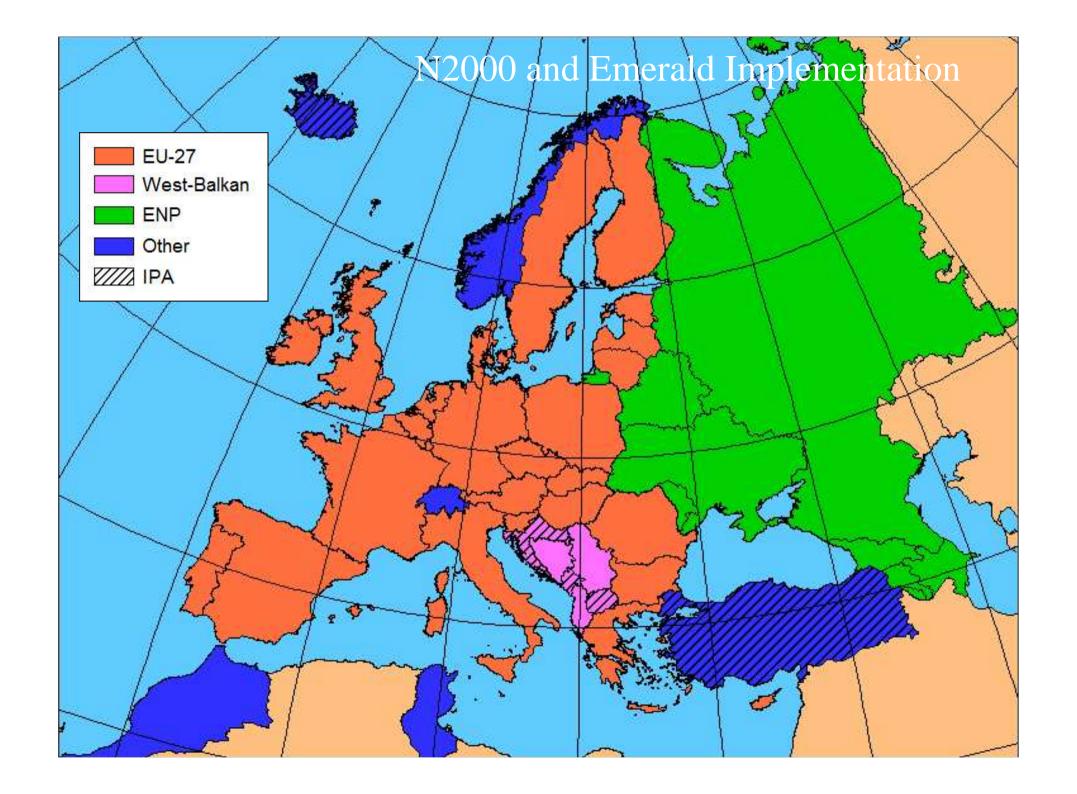


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Final Results 2011 Site Statistics

Number of sites and total area							
Country	Number	Total AREA (ha)	% country coverage				
Armenia	9	228 814,28	7,68				
Azerbaijan	10	997 015,42	11,46				
Belarus	12	912 241,00	4,39				
Georgia	20	586 831,50	8,42				
Moldova	17	414 230,00	12,24				
Russia	740	28 269 014,30	7,13				
Ukraine	151	4 329 081,61	7,20				
Total:	959	35 737 228,11	7,15				

The Emerald Network Coverage (2012)									
Country	Number of sites	Total AREA (ha)	% country coverage						
Albania ¹	25	522 430,00	18,20						
Armenia ²	9	228 814,28	7,68						
Azerbaijan ²	10	992 515,42	11,46						
Belarus ²	12	912 241,00	4,39						
Bosnia-Herzegovina ¹	29	250 455,00	4,90						
Croatia ^{1,4}	957	2 666 762,00	38,70						
FYR of Macedonia ¹	35	754 383,00	29,30						
Georgia ²	20	586 831,50	8,42						
Moldova ²	17	414 230,00	12,24						
Montenegro ¹	32	240 077,00	17,10						
Morocco ³	11	572 820,00	1,28						
Norway ³	93	3 350 369,00	8,69						
Russia ²	740	28 225 414,30	7,13						
Serbia ¹	61	1 021 078,00	11,60						
Switzerland ³	37	64 216,00	1,55						
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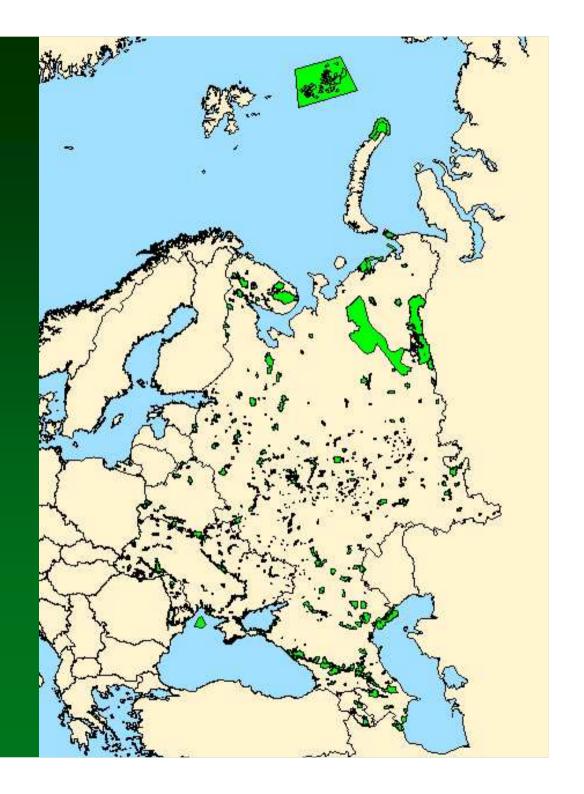


Results 2011 number of species and habitats / country

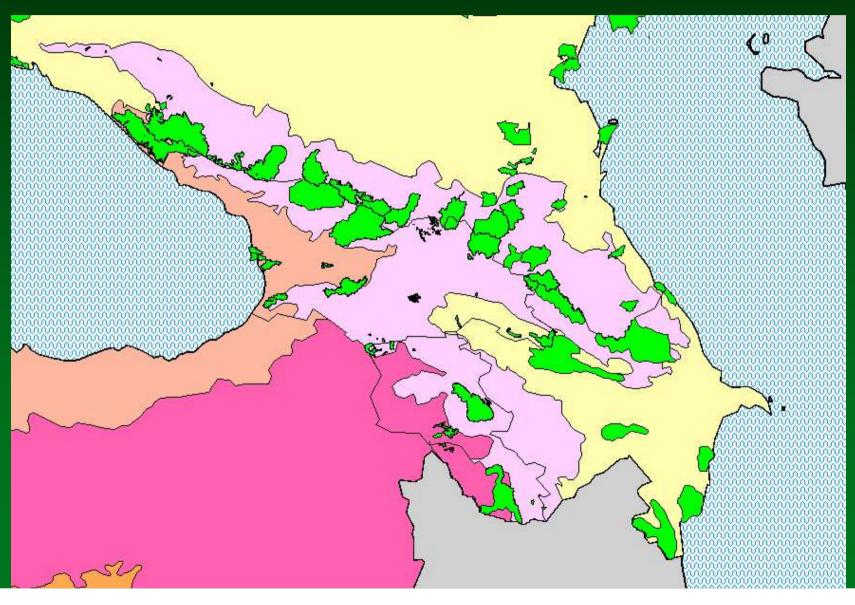
Total	Taxonomic group	AM	AZ	GE	BY	MD	RU	UA
683	Plants	7	10	12	19	10	90	49
29	Amphibians	1	1	1	2	3	3	4
208	Birds	118	119	112	73	51	146	110
79	Fish	5	8	2	12	3	19	17
138	Invertebrates	5	8	10	24	3	60	25
63	Mammals	15	17	18	12	10	35	23
30	Reptiles	4	5	5	1	3	6	4
	Species Total:	155	168	160	143	83	359	232
181	Habitats, Res. 4	10	18	16	32	19	93	98

^{*} Total number of species or habitats within the annexes and resolutions

Site Boundaries (2011)



GIS site boundaries Caucasus



QA/QC — Why?

- Crucial for the analysis i.f.o. phase II
- Strength of a data base is the strength of the weakest record
- Analysis will be done at a species by species and habitat by habitat level
- All the individual data records for each species and habitat are in need of high quality!
- Phase II: Geographical approach within each Biogeographical Region: GIS should be correct

QA/QC- summary

ВІОТОР				
sitecode	correct form?			
area	provided? as number?			
location	provided? correct form?			
biogeo. regions	provided?			

GIS				
shapefile	provided?			
projection file	provided?			
sitecode	provided? matching the DB?			
biogeo. regions	matching the DB?			

HABITAT1				
sitecode	matching the DB?			
habitat code	correct?			
coverage	provided? correct form?			
evaluations	provided? correct form?			

SPECIES				
sitecode	matching the DB?			
species number	correct?			
species name	correct?			
	matching the species number?			
population size	provided? correct form?			
evaluations	provided? correct form?			

QA/QC – Country Reports

- Report for each country to guide the teams through quality control of the Sites Database (2011)
- QA/QC Follow-up will be an important issue for the individual country workshops

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Reference Database on Res. 6 species and Res. 4 Habitats

Overview and further needs see « Reference201112-ENPI.mdb »



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Emerald Standard Data Form (SDF) and Software

From old to new, how to handle in 2013



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Emerald Standard Data Form

Review and Adaptation with the revision of the N2000 SDF (version 11 July 2011)

Deleted Fields
Modified Fields
Additional Fields

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Deleted Fields

- Relation with other Emerald Sites
- Altitude
- Administrative Region: % coverage
- Vulnerability and History memo fields
- Relation with CORINE Biotopes
- Slides and Aerial photographs
- Other important Habitat types (!)





Modified Fields

- Respondent: more structure
- Biogeographical Region: % coverage added
- Species Res. 6: all species in one table, more structure for population data
- Other species: more structure for population data
- Threats, pressures and activities: new more logical structure, emphasising high pressures
- Ownership: more structure in categories
- Management body and plan: more structure

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Additional Fields

- National legal reference of ASCI designation
- Additional information on Marine Region(s)
- Habitats Res. 4: new sub-fields: "NP", Caves, Data quality
- Species Res. 6: new sub-fields: "NP", "S", Data quality
- Other species: direct reference to appendix species, not listed in Res. 6
- Documentation: indication of link(s) to online resources
- Conservation measures: memo field

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Suggestions for 2013

- <u>Deleted fields</u>: do not spend time anymore and move "vulnerability text" to other field(s)
- Modified fields: get familiar with modifications but do not spend time as the database and the old software are not adapted
- Additional fields: get familiar and be prepared to deliver data in 2014

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Next steps

- Explanatory notes
- Coordinate with EU the use of the new software
- Create and use of the Emerald Reference portal
- Assist countries for data transfer (2014)

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GIS distribution data

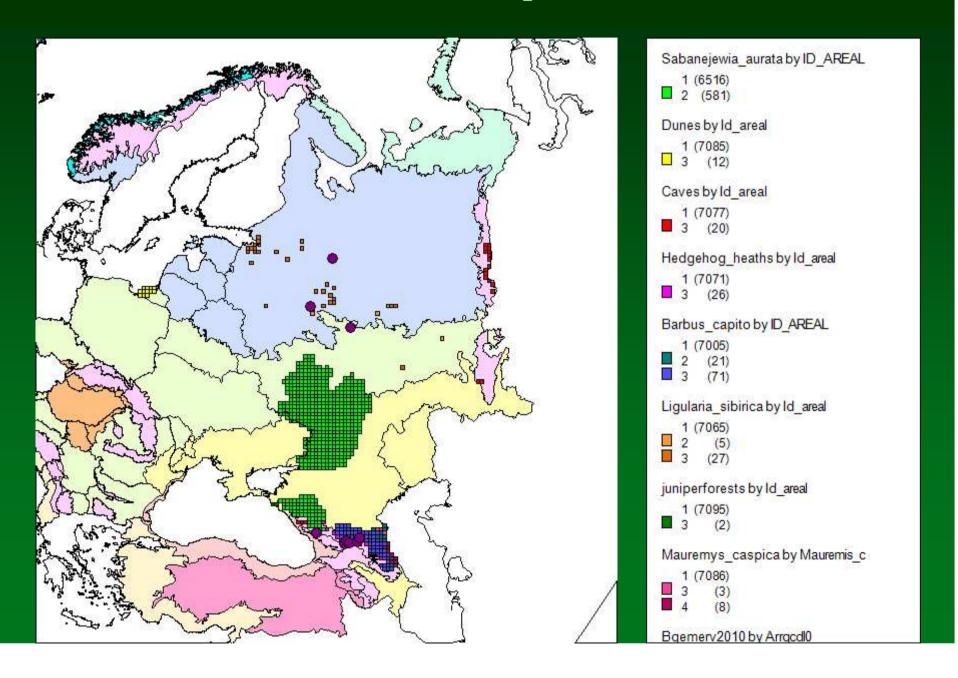
Overview of achievements and requirements see overview table in final summary report



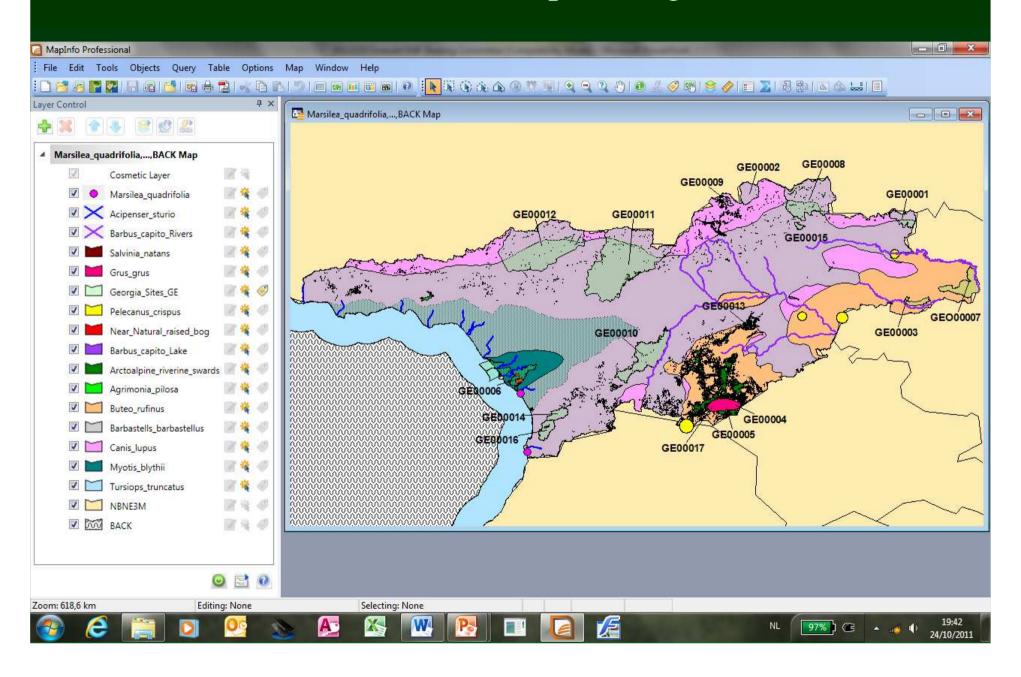
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Distribution Maps Russia



Distribution Maps Georgia

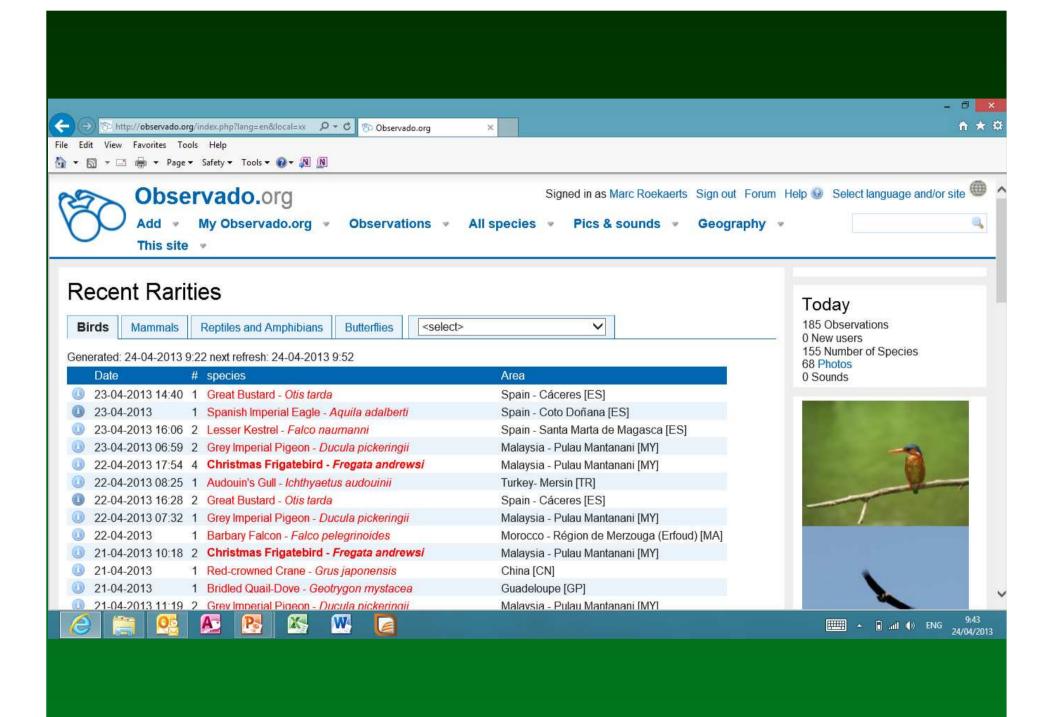


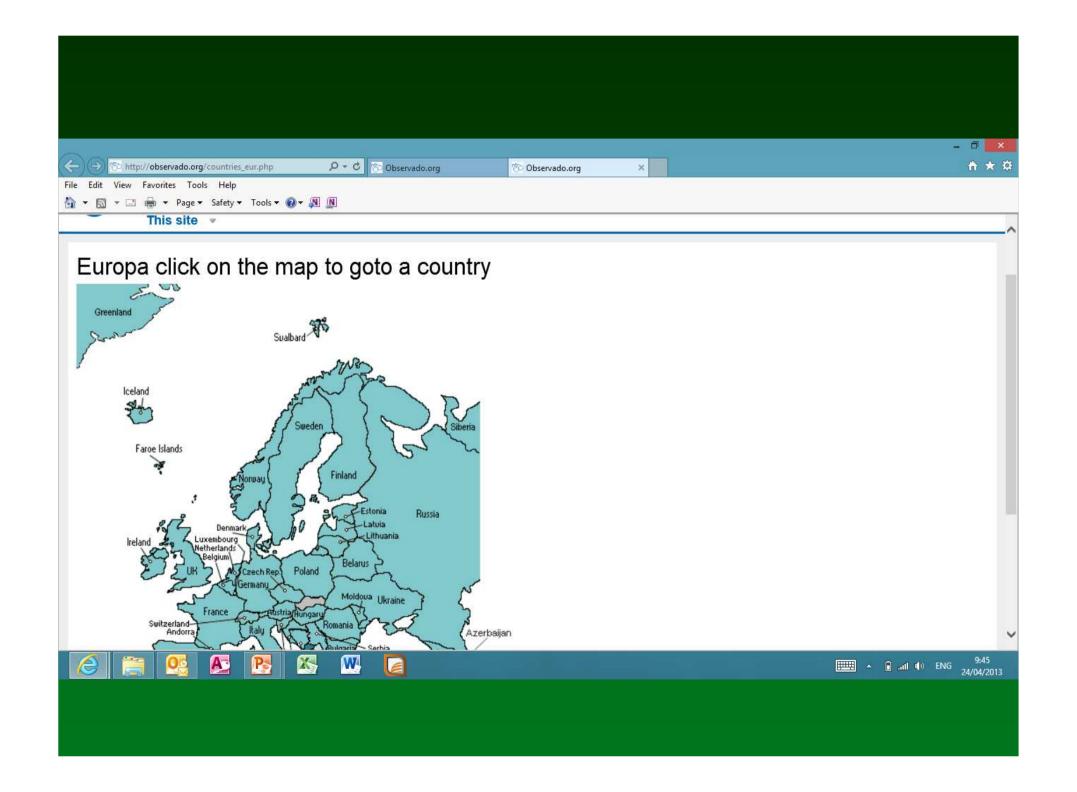
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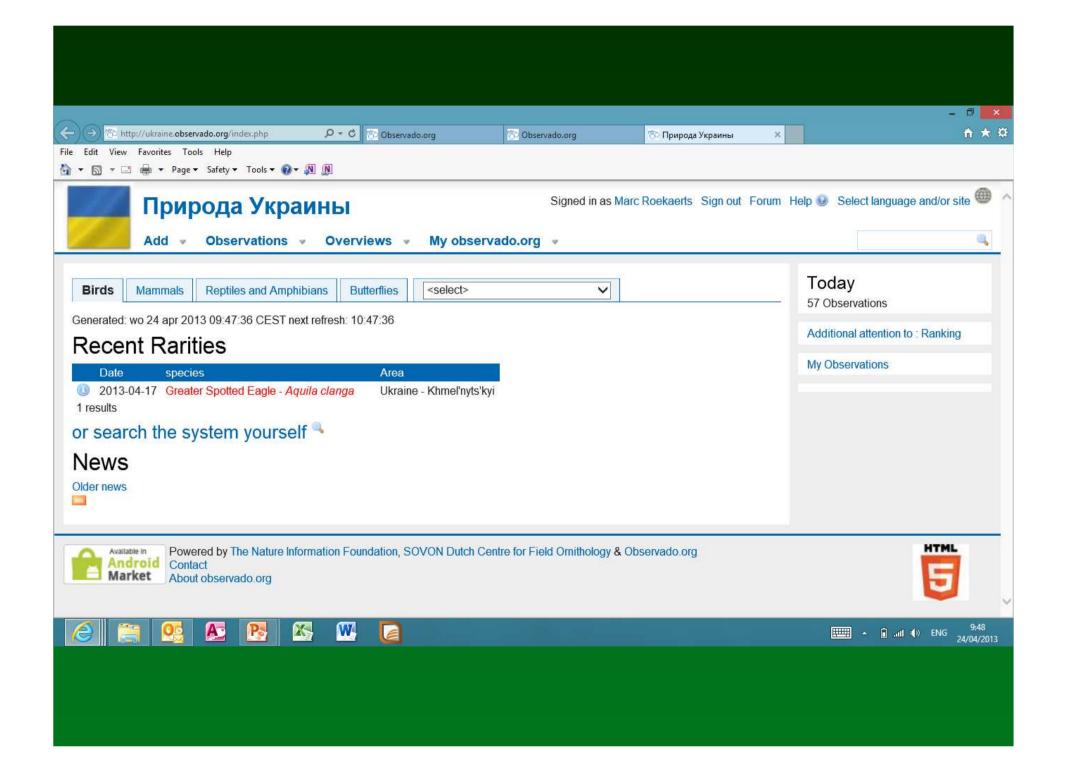
- Discuss with the teams possible further work (new selection of species)
- Further development of integration into European Mapping Standards such as Art. 17 requirements (10x10 km ETRS grid)
- Discuss possibilities for automated recording of observations
 e.g. <u>www.observado.org</u>

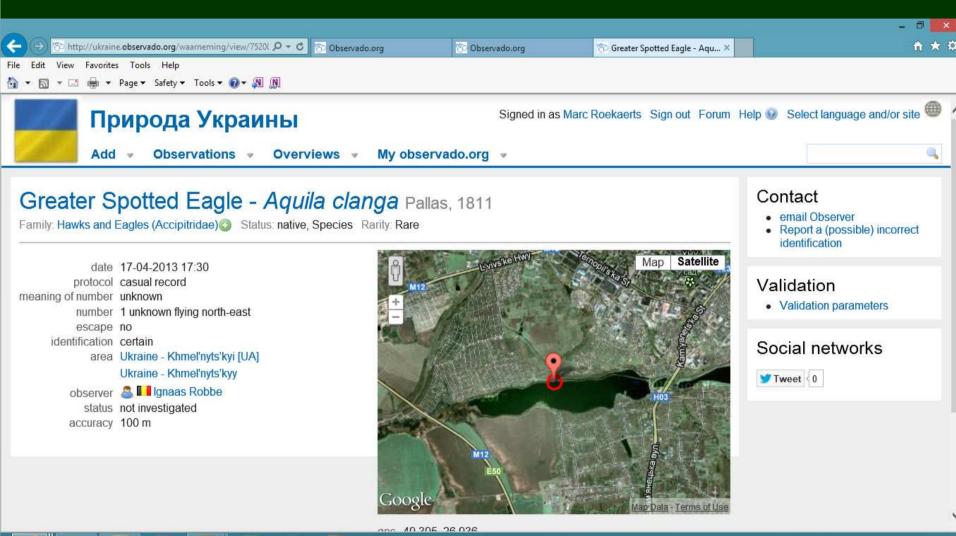
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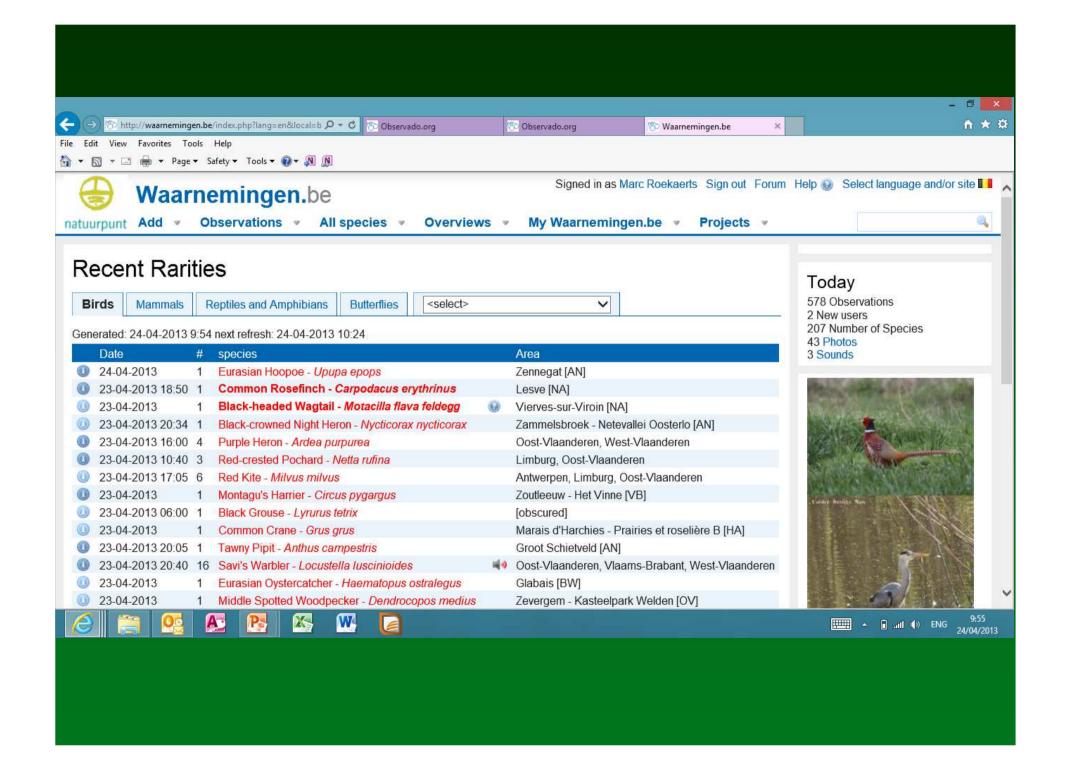


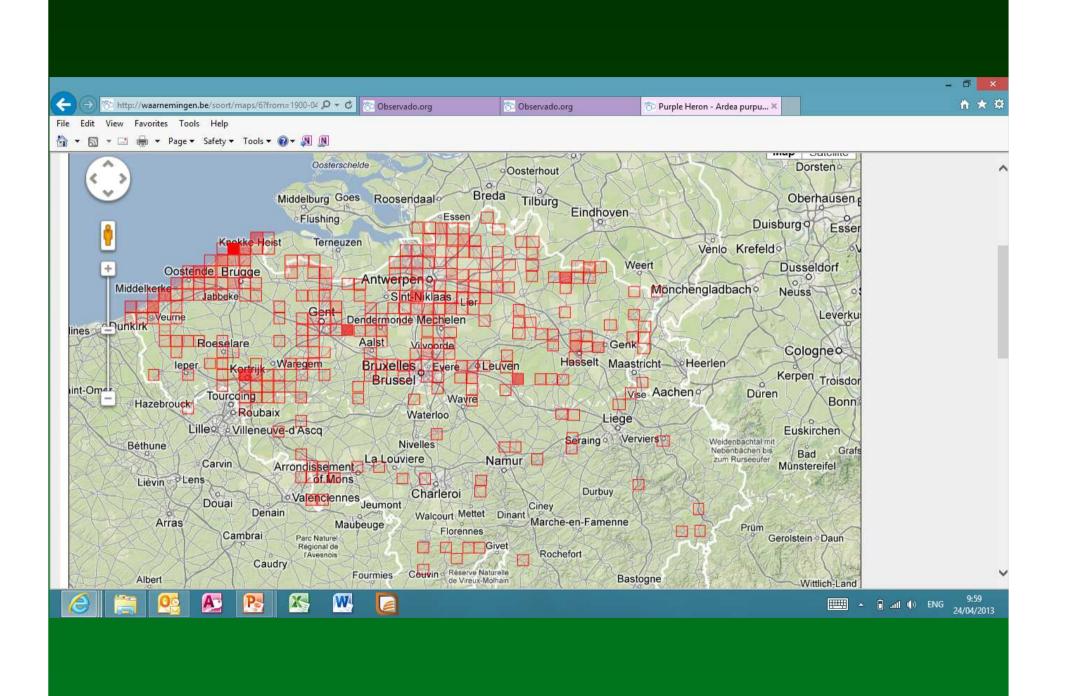




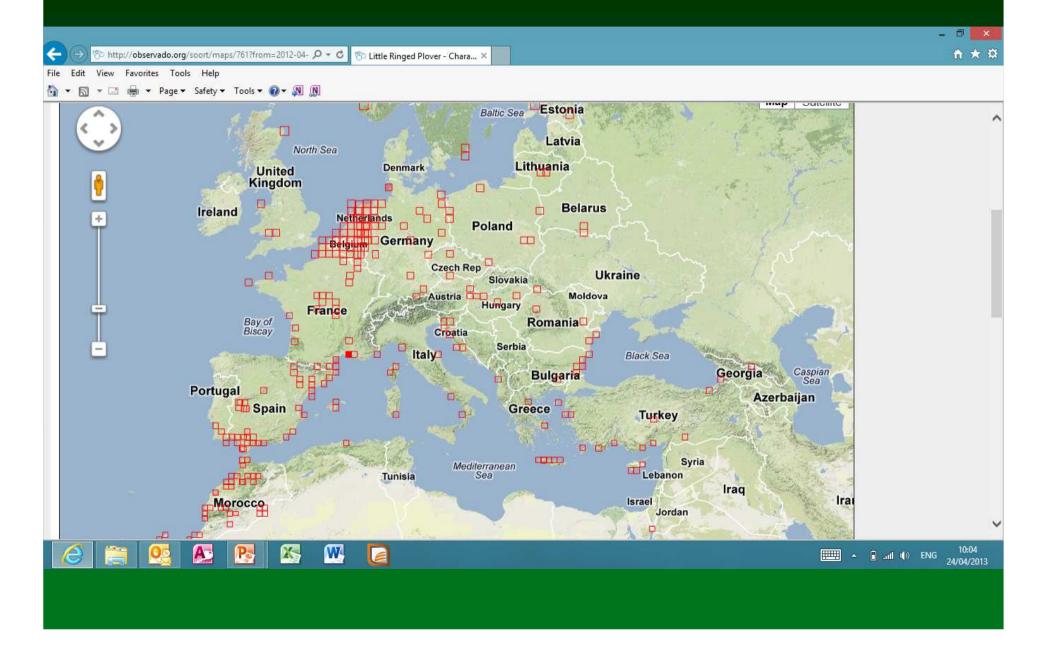


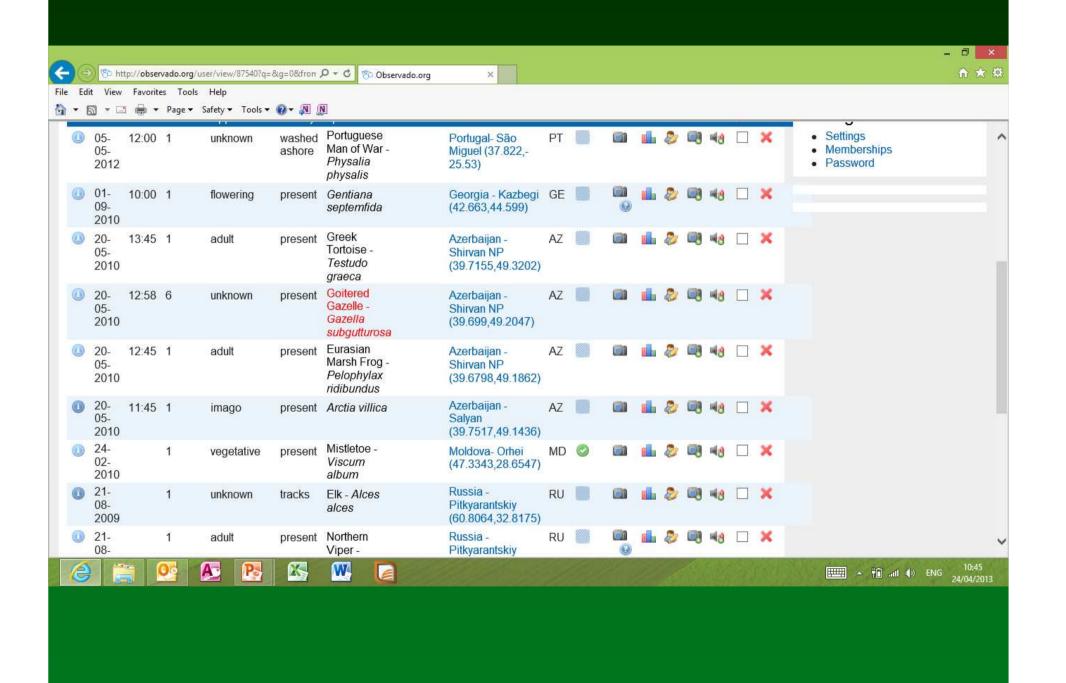






Little Ringed Plover - Charadrius dubius





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Questions and answers





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"Other" Species and Habitats

Towards updating the Bern Convention Res. 6 and Res. 4

see summary note and database



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Possible Reporting Formats and requirements under the Emerald Network





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Reporting under Emerald

- Emerald Calendar 2020: Development of guidelines on management, monitoring and reporting tools in line with N2000 tools
- Resolution 8 (2012) last paragraph: "GoEPAEN will prepare a reporting format to be used for the purpose of this reporting"

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Reporting under NATURA2000

• Mainly governed by Art. 17 (HD) and Art 12 of the (BD): "Every six years" "shall include in particular information concerning conservation measures impact on conservation status of habitats annex I

and species annex II"

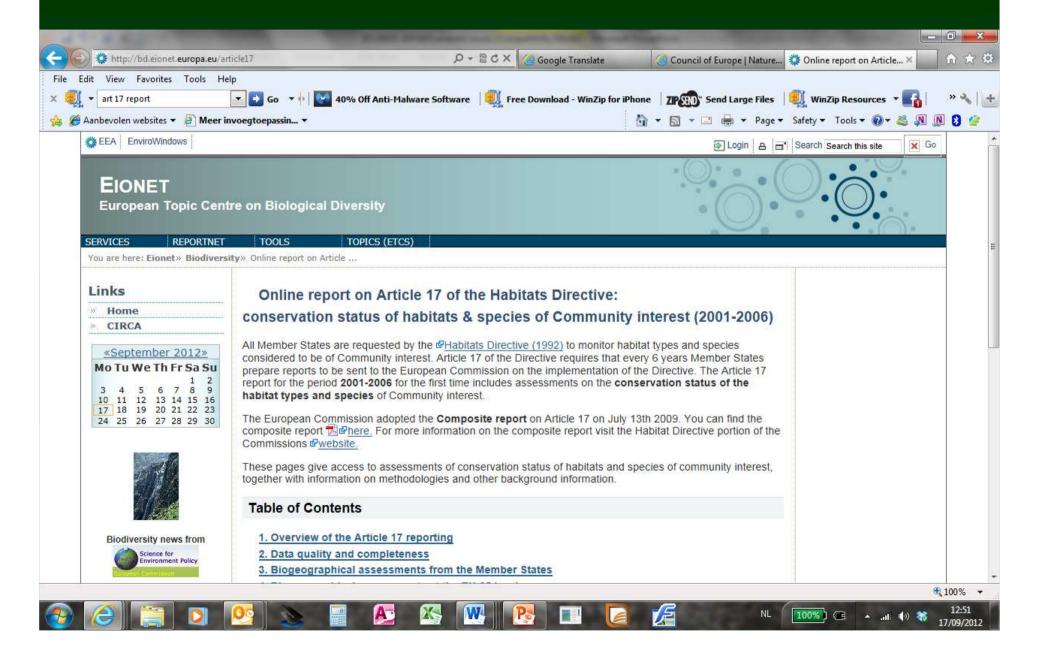
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Reporting under NATURA2000

	Reporting period	National reports (EU synthesis report)	Main focus
1.	1994 – 2000	June 2001 (2004)	Progress in legal transposition and implementation of the directive; progress in establishing the Natura 2000 network, administrative aspects.
2.	2001 – 2006	June 2007 (2009)	First assessment of conservation status based on best available data for each species and each habitat type.
3.	2007 – 2012	June 2013 (2015)	Renewed assessment of conservation status, based on established monitoring system. Assessment of the effectiveness of the Natura 2000 network.

http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17



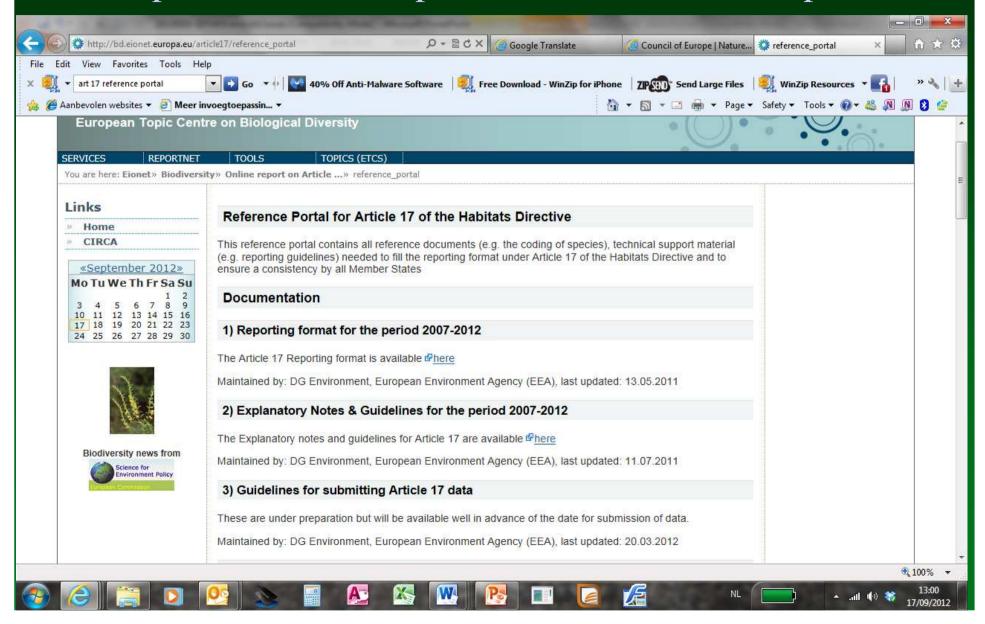
We need to understand the possible differences between reporting on the development and the effectiveness of the Sites Network

AND

Reporting on the Conservation Status of each species and habitat

Art. 17 reference portal

http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reference_portal



Possible Options for 2018

- Option 1: Follow entirely the present Art. 17 and Art. 12 reporting guidelines and implement them by 2018
- Option 2: develop a reporting standard on the implementation of the Emerald Network (cfr. N2000 in 2004, mainly administrative issues)
- Option 3: select option 2, but in addition option 1 on a selection of species and/or habitats to be well prepared for the next reporting round, which might include a full reporting cicle.

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Conclusions – Suggestions

- Principle discussion on different options ahead
- Option 3 would need some criteria for selecting the species and habitats for which full reporting would be developed
- Develop draft reporting content based on the option taken
- Closely coordinate with EU and EEA, with the goal of preparing a "common" reporting by 2018

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