



What is EUROSITE?

Eurosite is a Europe-wide organisation bringing together environmental site managers, some within the **NATURA 2000** network. These managers meet to share ideas and best practice on sites all over Europe. There are more than 70 organisations exchanging expertise and knowledge through Eurosite training programmes, workshops and newsletters.

GREEN DAYS



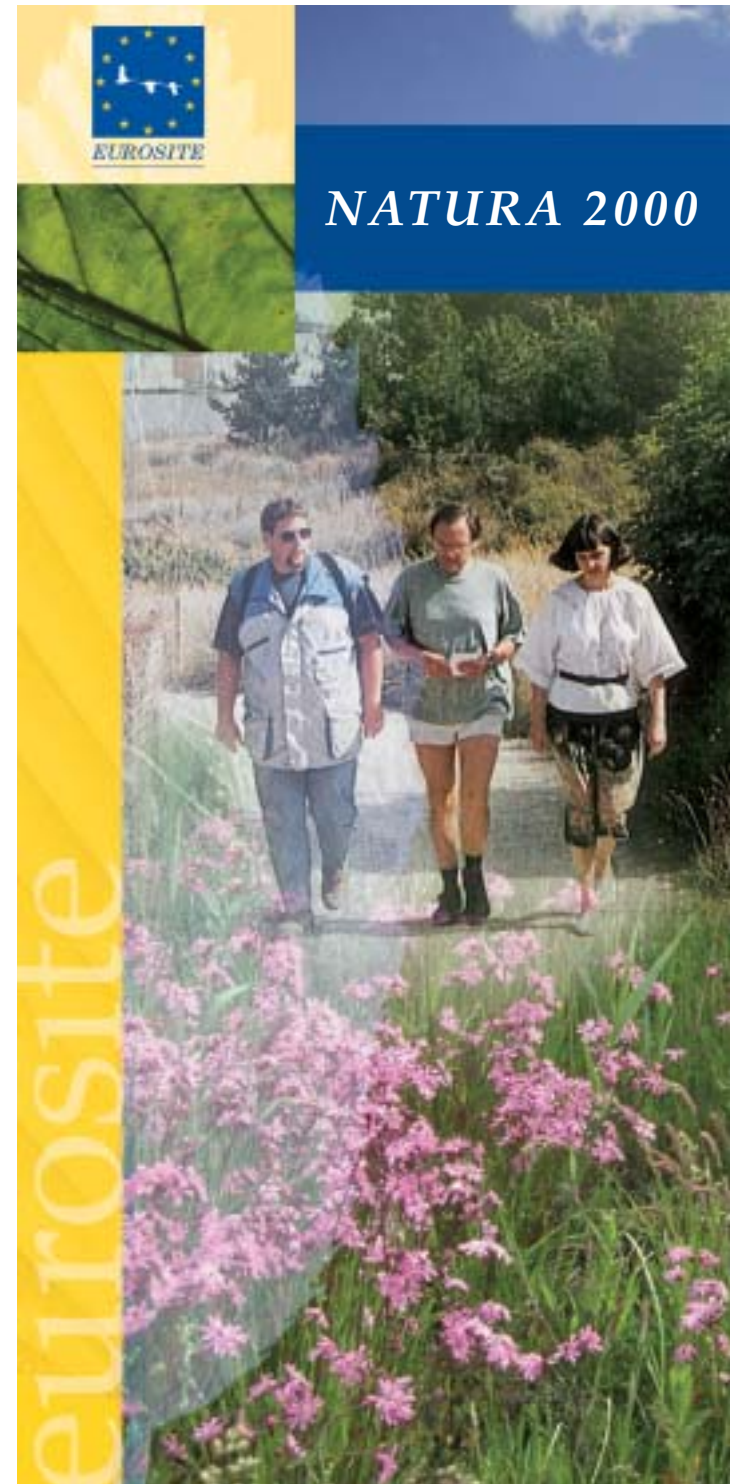
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Natura 2000 is a network of sites that can be found all over Europe. They stretch from the Canary Islands, to the northernmost point of Finland, and protect the most seriously threatened habitats, plants and animals in Europe. This leaflet explains more about the Natura 2000 network.

The term Natura 2000 symbolises the conservation of precious natural resources for the twenty-first century. It is based on the guiding principles of two European directives: the Habitats and Birds Directives.

The Habitats Directive, adopted in 1992, requires countries to designate specially protected areas. It ensures that places which are home to Europe's rarest and most vulnerable birds, animals and plants are looked after in the best way. The Birds Directive ensures that Europe's wild birds do not lose important breeding, feeding and wintering grounds. Together these directives and Natura 2000 sites cover over 600000 km², stretching over 15 European countries.



What are Green Days?

Green Days are special events promoted by the European Commission illustrating contemporary environmental issues including the importance of the Natura 2000 network...

A variety of Green Days events are happening all over Europe: nature walks, workshops, exhibitions, conferences, environmental arts and crafts...

Check the web-site to find out more about events happening elsewhere!

Last year over 450 events took place in 15 European countries!



Find out more by visiting
Commission green days URL

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You can find out more about Natura 2000

by visiting the European Commission website at:

www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/nature/natura.htm

More about the Habitats and Birds Directives at:

www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/nature/legis.htm

More about relevant managing authorities in Member States at:

www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/nature/natauth.htm

