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Framework for Assessment of Effectiveness of Biodiversity Conservation Measures in Estonia

Final international webinar

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Introduction to the context and purpose of the seminar

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- **Financier:** The European Union via the Technical Support Instrument
- **Partners:** Trinomics B.V., Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Environment (ELLE) and Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia (BEF Estonia) in co-operation with DG REFORM of the European Commission and Estonian Environmental Board
- **Duration:** 28/09/2022-27/08/2024
- **Aim:** to support Estonian nature conservation authorities to develop and implement a national methodology to assess the effectiveness of biodiversity conservation measures in Estonia

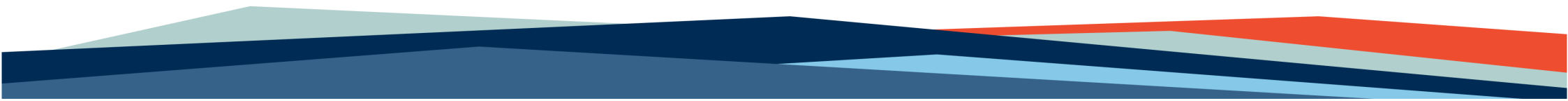


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• Activities:

- Technical baseline review
 - analysis of the current assessment approach in Estonia
 - identifying the needs for improvement
 - best practices in other EU Member States
- Developing the assessment methodology (protected area & national level)
- Pilot assessments (2 national parks, 5 nature reserves, 5 landscape conservation areas, 3 limited-conservation areas, 25 species protection sites (10 species)).
- Trainings on methodology for Estonian conservation specialists
 - 15/02/2024 in Pärnu; 20/02/2024 in Tartu; 33 specialists trained
- Developing action plan for implementing the methodology
- Final seminars to introduce the results
 - National seminar 08/05/2024 in Tartu; 55 participants in-person, 77 online
 - International seminar 29/05/2024 online
- Communication activities, incl. report and article summarising the main results of the project

The aim of today's webinar

- introduce the developed Estonian methodology and action plan for its implementation to the international audience and get feedback
 - exchange experiences and information on assessing effectiveness of biodiversity conservation measures
 - discuss developments in management effectiveness assessments and best-practices in the Boreal region countries and at a European level
 - get an overview of the latest developments and future plans regarding the evaluation of protected areas' management effectiveness at the EU level by a representative of the DG Environment of the European Commission
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Who is here today

- > 90 registered participants from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Spain, The Netherlands, UK (Scotland, England) + international/EU organisations
- **Environmental/nature conservation authorities:** environmental ministries/agencies/boards, administrations of protected areas, Environmental Projects Management Agency (LT)
- **Consultancy companies:** ATECMA, Trinomics, ELLE, Equilibrium Research, Ecosystems Ltd., Miltton New Nordics
- **NGOs:** WWF Austria, WWF Adria, Estonian Fund for Nature, Estonian Naturalists' Society, Baltic Environmental Forum EE & LT, Estonian Ornithological Society, Loodushoiu Fond (Nature Fund), Kotkaklubi (Eagle Club)
- **Universities:** Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tallinn University of Technology, University of Tartu
- **EU/international:** European Commission, European Environment Agency, Institute for European Environmental Policy, UNEP-WCMC, EUROPARC Federation, WCPA Conservation Effectiveness Task Force, FOS (Foundations of Success), European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)

Agenda

Time	Agenda item	Presentation by
9:00-9:25	Opening and introduction to the context and purpose of the seminar	- Moderator: Maha Cziesielski, Trinomics - Milena Raykovska, Deputy Head of Unit, DG REFORM, European Commission - Leelo Kukk, Deputy Director General (wildlife area), Environmental Board, Estonia
9:25-9:55	Estonian methodology for evaluation of protected areas' management effectiveness	Graeme Nicholls, Trinomics
9:55-10:25	Action plan for implementation of the methodology	Pille Antons, ELLE
10:25-10:40	<i>Break</i>	
10:40-11:40	Panel discussion	Moderator: Maha Cziesielski, Trinomics Panellists: Nigel Dudley, Equilibrium Research; Michael Hošek, EUROPARC; Matti Tapaninen, Metsähallitus Finland; David Genney, NatureScot, Scotland
11:40-11:55	<i>Break</i>	
11:55-12:25	The latest developments and next steps concerning management effectiveness assessment on EU level	Vedran Nikolic, DG Environment, European Commission
12:25-12:45	Discussion and conclusions	Moderator: Maha Cziesielski, Trinomics