

# TOWARDS GLOBAL AND EU 2030 BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK – VIEWS FROM NATURA 2000 USERS FORUM

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# Towards global and EU 2030 Biodiversity Framework – general points

- As caretakers of land, owners and users are the **first ones affected** by global biodiversity loss and climate change
- Daily management practices **include concerns on biodiversity conservation**
- The nature users' and owners' **knowledge and experiences** are needed for successful protection and enhancement of biodiversity
- Ecosystem services are diverse and include also cultural services, which should not be overlooked
- Behind the global negative trends, **success are outshined**.  
E.g. Natura2000 Awards show some of those successes.



# KEY ROLE OF ACTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT

Contributions toward improved ecological features and habitats

Practical illustrations



*Photos: Groupement des Sylviculteurs a.s.b.l. (LU)*

“Information to 50 forest owners in a small Natura 2000 forest. Support provided to mark the important features and to apply for PES (single old growth trees and small old growth areas).”



“For generations agricultural activity has led to an abundance of species and habitats worthy of protection today. These habitats and species are now dependent on farming for their continued survival. Special role in this regard is played by the extensive livestock farming.”





“Volunteers and experts from the angling community do a lot of conservation work for free all over Europe, to the benefit of the rivers, streams and lakes and the biodiversity in and around them.”

“Awards and certificates to promote and support projects that improve the value of biodiversity on private land”

*European  
Bee Award*



***Vivencia Dehesa: Winner European Bee Award 2018: Birdwatching and Ecotourism***

**Bee Award** – An award committed to find common solutions for the benefit of biodiversity by rewarding projects protecting pollinators

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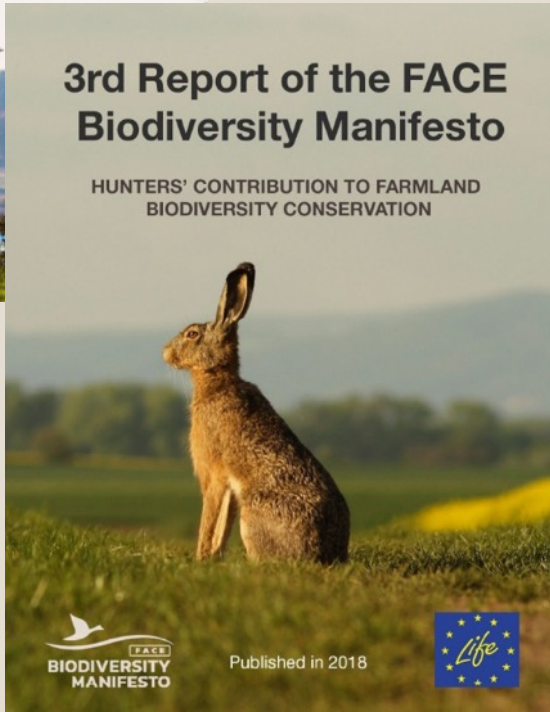
**CouCoo - Winner 2018**

CouCoo - Grands Chênes, le luxe à l'état sauvage  
[www.coucoco.com](http://www.coucoco.com)



**FAMIGRO AWARD** - Entrepreneurial projects that contribute to the evolution of a sustainable rural countryside, with respect for the environment





“The FACE Biodiversity Manifesto highlights over 350 hunting related conservation projects throughout Europe”

Each year an implementation report is produced:

✦ 1<sup>st</sup> Report (2015)

✦ Hunters meet 4 out of the 6 targets of the BS

✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> Report (2016)

✦ 46% of projects were on Natura 2000 sites

✦ 3<sup>rd</sup> Report (2017)

✦ 43% of projects occur on farmland (Grey Partridge, European Hare, Red Grouse)

✦ 4<sup>th</sup> Report (2018)

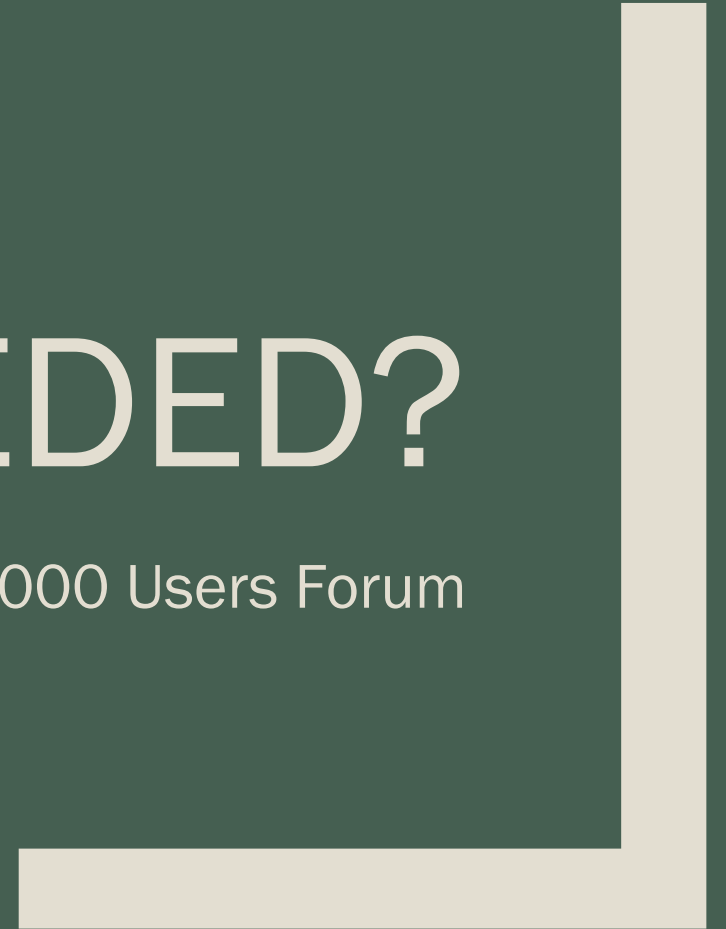
✦ Highlighted hunters' role in monitoring of biodiversity



[www.biodiversitymanifesto.com](http://www.biodiversitymanifesto.com)

# WHAT IS NEEDED?

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# What is needed ?

## ■ Motivation of nature owners and users

- *Voluntary-based approaches (key factor for motivating the concerned actors);*
- *Recognition and communication of crucial and positive role of nature users on biodiversity;*
- *Trust and flexibility;*

## ■ Financial support

- *Economic viability is key (value on key elements to protect and related workload);*
- *Existing EU policy framework address major challenges focusing on targets and not so much on drivers including financial support;*

## ■ Information and training

- *In addition to R&D, need for well disseminated and simple guidance and tools;*

## ■ Social and human aspects

- *Conservation can only work if social and human aspects are taken into account;*

## ■ Incorporating **negative climate change impacts**

- *Additional pressures on ecosystems and changing ecosystem conditions;*
- *Effect on IAS distribution.*

CONCLUSIONS



# Conclusions

- Active participation of owners and users is essential
- Appropriate funding must be available
- Dialogue among all stakeholders is key to set appropriate legislation and implement it



Thank you for your attention.

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Confederation of European Forest Owners



european farmers

european agri-cooperatives



**European Anglers Alliance**

