

FINALISTS OF THE NATURA 2000 AWARD

2020 EDITION ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The European Commission has announced the [27 finalists for the 2020 edition of the Natura 2000 Award](#), selected out of 79 eligible applications from twenty-six EU Member States as well as the United Kingdom.

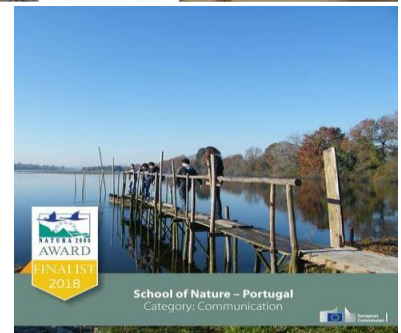
The selected finalists for the 2020 edition are from Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and the United Kingdom. They include several cross-border projects which involve partners from additional EU Member States.

Each of the 27 finalists of the [Natura 2000 Award](#) is presented through a template presenting the experience and enabling the access to the websites of the respective promoters, showing the best success stories in preserving Europe's stunning nature adding value for local economies that participated in the Award.

The [European Natura 2000 Award](#) was launched in 2014 to reward excellence in the management of Natura 2000 sites and showcase the added value of the network for local economies. The [Natura 2000 Network](#) works to ensure the long-term survival of Europe's most valuable and threatened species and habitats, and is the core of the EU's nature and biodiversity policy. The Network is currently made up of over 27,800 sites. The aim of the award is to demonstrate what the network is and what it does to preserve Europe's biodiversity. The management of the EU Natura 2000 Network of protected areas contributes to the ambitious targets of the [Biodiversity Strategy](#) to ensure that biodiversity in the EU will be on the path to recovery by 2030.

Any organization or individual can apply for an Award, as long as their work is directly linked to one or more Natura 2000 sites. Finalists and winners of the European Natura 2000 Award are selected from five different categories, showcasing the best success stories in preserving Europe's nature: Conservation, Communication, Socio-economic benefits Reconciling interests/perceptions, Cross-border cooperation and networking.

A high-level Jury will now decide on the five winners of each category. From the finalists, the public is also [invited to vote](#) to choose a winner for the [European Citizens' Award](#). Online voting closes on 15 September 2020.



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