

NATURA 2000 AWARDS

2020 EDITION ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The 2020 edition of the [European Natura 2000 Award](#) was launched by the European Commission. The deadline to submit proposals is September 30, 2019.

The [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. It pays tribute to all those who work tirelessly to make Natura 2000 a success whilst drawing public attention to its substantial achievements.

The [Natura 2000 Network](#) works to ensure the long-term survival of Europe's most valuable and threatened species and habitats, and is the centerpiece of the EU's nature and biodiversity policy. It is currently made up of over 27,800 sites. In total, it covers almost a fifth of Europe's land area and almost 10% of the EU marine areas. The aim of the award is to demonstrate what the network is, what it does to preserve Europe's biodiversity, and how it benefits us all.

Any organization or individual can apply for an Award, so long as their work is directly linked to one or more Natura 2000 sites. Winners of the European Natura 2000 Award are selected from five different categories, showcasing the best success stories in preserving Europe's stunning nature: Conservation, Communication, Socio-economic benefits Reconciling interests/perceptions, Cross-border cooperation and networking. A high-level Jury will decide on five winners. From the finalists, the public will also choose their winner: the [Citizens' Award](#).

All finalists and the six winners are invited to the Award Ceremony in Brussels, to be held in May 2020. The six winners will receive a trophy, a small financial prize and a financial support to organize a promotional event in their country to promote their win and to raise awareness about their achievements on a local and national level.



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