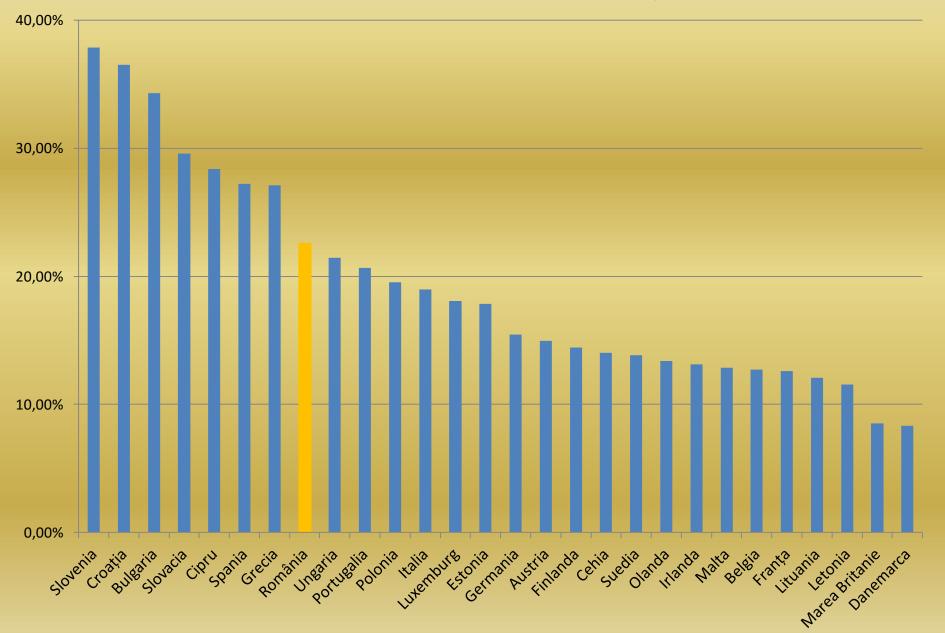
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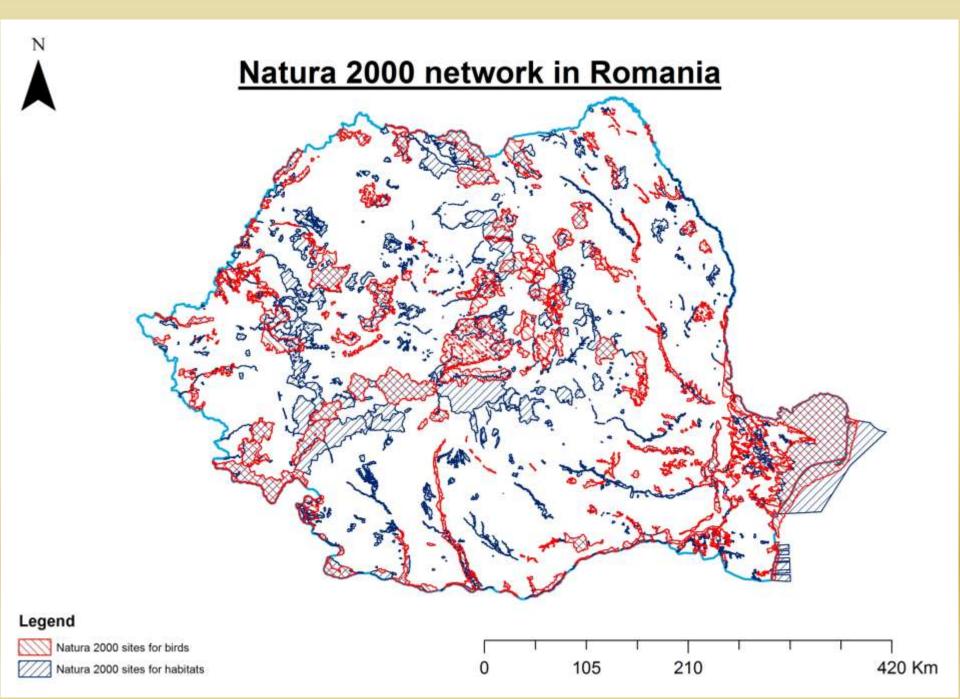
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#### Natura 2000 network % from national territory





# Resources available for Natura 2000 network in Romania under POIM

Time scale	Total Amount (euro)	FEDR/FC %	MS budget %	Eligible costs for	
				beneficiaries	
2007 - 2013	191.098.548	90	10	100%	
2014 - 2020	288.112.940	85	15	100%	

2014 - 2020	Amount (euro)		
Elaborating management plans	49.790.494		
Implementations of measures			
included within the			
management plans	210.322.446		
Reporting under Birds &			
Habitats Directives	28.000.000		

#### Number of reports received under Article 12 and Article 17 reporting

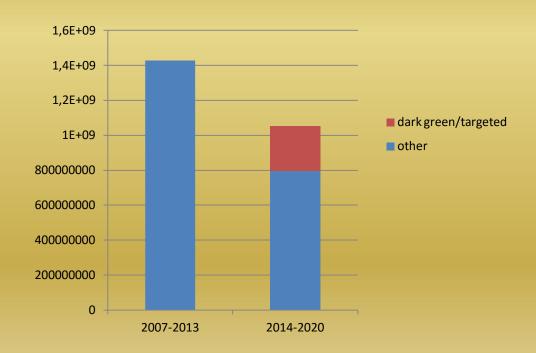
Member State	Art. 12 reports	Art. 17 reports			Total number of re (both directive
	Bird species	Habitats	Species	Total	
	361	168	575	743	1104
European Union (EU-27)	7 259 (*)	3 032	7 102	10 134	17 393 (*)

Source: EEA, 2014, Central Data Repository, European Environment Agency, Copenhagen (see <a href="http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu">http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu</a>).

## **Agri - environment and climate measures (AEC)**

2014 – 2020 Restoration, conservation and strengthening of ecosystems related to agriculture and forestry – 2.813.740.122 euro.

Direct allocation for environment include: important grasslands for birds (*Crex crex* and *Lanius minor*), important arable land for *Branta ruficollis*, important grassland for butterflies and traditional practices (mowing with light machineries) – 255.325.449 euro



## **LIFE Programme**

9 projects funded in Romania between 2007 - 2016

since 2012 constant difficulties to ensure on time appropriate cofinance for governmental bodies.

NGOs had to cover between 25 – 50 % of cofinance from the total funds received

### At present

Protected areas: 383 SCI & 148 SPA; 1 Biosphere Reserve, 14 national parks, 15 natural parks, 925 scientific reserves, natural reserves and natural monuments.

Management of sites: 43 administrators, 289 custodians covering 101 SPA & 229 SCI

Number of management plans approved: 272 covering 452 protected areas

First report under Article 17 Habitats Directive and Art.12 Birds Directive: 2013

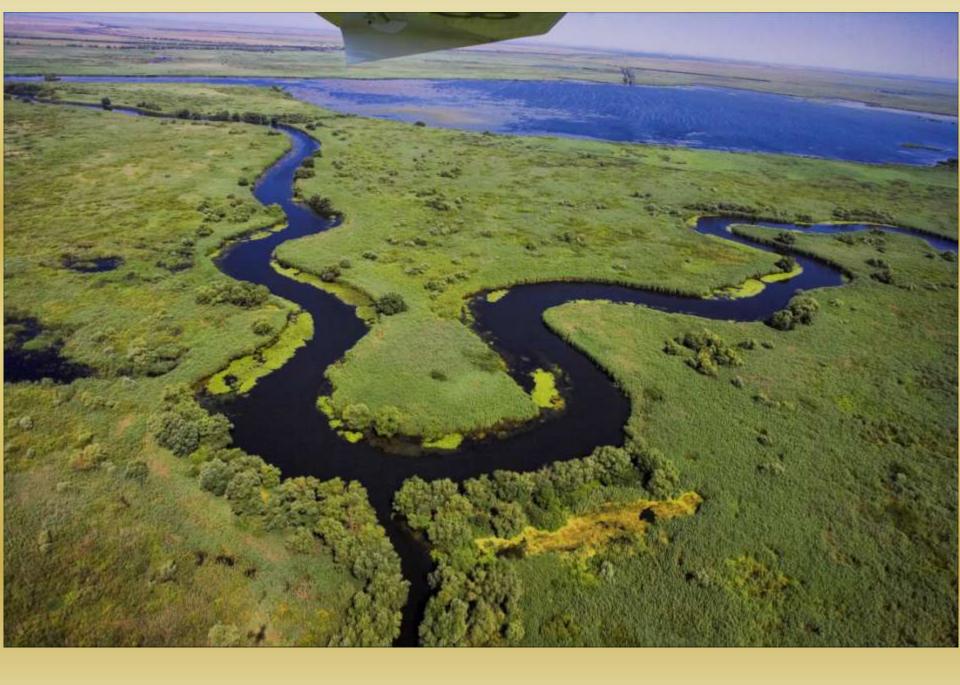
## Challenges

National Agency for Protection of Natural Areas - estimated to be operational in the first part of 2017

Process of evaluation and approval of all management plans exceeded capacity of the Local Environmental Agencies and Ministry of Environment

Very high fees from local authorities for permits required during the preparation of a project

Human pressure and development did increase constantly after 2007 within and outside of Natura 2000 network



Thank you!