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Objectives

- **to present the results of TESS project**
- **to propose TESS for SEA, EIA and land use decisions**
- **to discuss and evaluate the applicability of the policy guidelines on**
 - **how biodiversity trends relate to different practices across Europe, at European, national, regional, and local levels**
 - **how the environmental and sustainability assessment should be carried forward through incentives and regulations.**



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TESS project

runs for

33 months (until next June)

and brings together

14 partners from 10 European countries

There are also Country Coordinators from

the 27 member states

+ Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine

The project has 5 main research phases:

- 1. Analysis of government information requirements** at national and intermediate levels and identification of local information needs.
- 2. Creation of a database of models suitable for bio-socio-economic predictions and identifications of gaps in the supply of models and data,** compared with the requirements for information.



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3. **Case studies research and a Pan-European survey** and specifically:
 - a) **Case studies of local communities** tested how best to meet local decision support needs in exchange for local monitoring that meets central policy requirements. Case studies also examined whether local monitoring can supply the extra environmental data that are needed.
 - b) **A survey of government and local practices, in the 27 EU member states, plus Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine**, identified factors associated with effective application of formal assessments (EIA+SEA), together with priority areas for internet-based decision support and local monitoring to benefit livelihoods and biodiversity.



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- 4. The socio-economic and technical design for a Transactional Environmental Support System (TESS), which is the major result,** in order to support exchange of environmental information between central and local levels, as well as to meet commitments in many areas of the Convention of Biodiversity.
- 5. Recommendations and policy guidelines (+ dissemination)** based on how biodiversity trends relate to different practices across Europe, addressed to those involved in the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies - at European, national, regional, and local levels



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The agenda is divided into 3 sessions

In the first session

Mr. Arampatzis, the TESS dissemination manager, will make a project overview.

In continuation, **project partners from Portugal, Greece, Romania, UK, Estonia and Belgium** will present in short the project main results and findings.

In the second session

the **key note speakers**, professor **McGlade**, Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and Mr. **Thoroe**, Secretary General of the **CEPF** (Confédération Européenne des Propriétaires Forestiers), **will set the scene of the conference.**

A roundtable discussion - Questions and answers with Perspectives of stakeholders will follow. **Chair is Mr Robin Sharp**, Emeritus president of European Sustainable Use Specialist Group of IUCN



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In the last session

the science supervisor of TESS, professor Kenward, will close the conference with final remarks and conclusions.



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Thank you