

The greenAlps project identified biodiversity-relevant EU policies and programmes, and potential gaps concerning ecological connectivity and the provision of ecosystem services, based on a desk review of relevant programmes, policies and results of former European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) projects in the Alpine Space. In addition to desk-based research and feedback obtained through trans-sectoral workshops, an “expert survey” was designed to obtain feedback on the EU policy environment and on experiences with EU transnational projects from people with ground-level expertise in different sectors.

It was circulated online to potential respondents through partner networks (specifically to contacts of the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC), the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps (CIPRA), EURAC and FIWI) and to participants of trans-sectoral workshops in Bolzano, Italy and Salzburg, Austria, as well as participants of stakeholder workshops in Berchtesgaden, Germany and Triglav National Park, Slovenia.

A total of 96 people from all countries connected to the Alpine Space responded to the survey. The results of the survey are reported in the greenAlps publication “The EU Biodiversity Policy Landscape” (Section 5.1.2). The original survey questions are reproduced here.

## Introduction



Within the framework of the greenAlps project we are examining EU, national and regional policies affecting nature conservation (biodiversity; connectivity between natural areas; the protection of ecosystems and the services these provide for people) in the Alpine region.

The Alpine Convention and the European Union have developed many policies (including mandatory directives and non-binding strategies and recommendations) that are intended to achieve long-term sustainable economic development, including the conservation of biodiversity. However, these policies may at times be contradictory or implementation may for various reasons be challenging at national and sub-national levels.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to get your expert feedback (your expertise and point of view) on important gaps at various levels that hinder achieving the overall goal of conserving biodiversity in Europe in general, and in the Alpine region in particular.

By answering these questions you provide valuable inputs for future programmatic interventions at the Alpine level that will ensure biodiversity conservation and the sustainable management of Alpine resources.

## Timing and Results

The questionnaire should take about 20-30 minutes to complete. We have attempted to be as concise as possible, but want to provide you an opportunity to provide more details. Therefore, you will sometimes see comment boxes - these are optional.

**1. Should you wish to receive the analysis of questionnaire results, we will be happy to send you a copy of the report. In that case, please enter your name (optional) and email address below.**

Name (optional)

Email

## About you

Please note you will be anonymous, your answers will not be traced back to you individually, this is just to help with our analysis.

**\*2. My country (select your country of residence/work)**

- Austria
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Liechtenstein
- Slovenia
- Switzerland

**\*3. My sectoral expertise (select at least one)\***

- Agriculture
- Energy
- Environment (nature conservation)
- Economics
- Forestry
- Hunting
- Tourism
- Transport
- Regional Planning/Land use planning
- Other (please specify)

\*Your sectoral expertise refers to the area or topics about which you are best informed. It may or may not coincide with the sector you currently work in. You may select more than one area, if applicable.

**\*4. My area of work (select all that apply)**

- Academic/research
- Local Government
- National Government
- Regional Government (e.g. provincial level)
- Non-profit organization/NGO
- Policy making
- Policy analysis
- Protected Area Administration
- Public service administration (e.g. forest service, water administration, etc.)
- Private sector/business
- Tourism Association
- Other (please specify)

**Biodiversity Policy – General**

**\*5. How familiar are you with the concepts and issues pertaining to:**

	unfamiliar	heard of it	quite familiar	I have expert knowledge of this topic
Biodiversity (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecological connectivity (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecosystem services (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

(1) Biodiversity encompasses the richness of life and the diverse patterns it forms. It is usually considered as the diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.

(2) Ecological connectivity refers to the "permeability" of the landscape for species and ecosystems. Landscape fragmentation, particularly when due to infrastructure development, reduces the opportunities for organisms to disperse and affects their ecological needs (e.g. access to specific habitats, sufficient area for food and breeding). If ecosystems however become too small or isolated, they may stop providing us with valuable services such as food and freshwater. These pressures have also major consequences for the long term functioning of protected area networks such as Natura 2000 – with sites frequently being "islands" in a landscape that does not allow for dispersal and genetic exchange. Europe has faced more habitat and ecosystem fragmentation than any other continent. European ecosystems are literally cut to pieces by urban sprawl and a rapidly expanding transport and energy network.

(3) The ecosystem concept describes the interrelationships between living organisms and the nonliving environment. Ecosystem services have been defined as "the benefits people derive from ecosystems" (The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment - [www.maweb.org](http://www.maweb.org)). Besides provisioning services or goods like food, wood and other raw materials, plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms provide essential regulating services such as pollination of crops, prevention of soil erosion and water purification, and a vast array of cultural services, like recreation and a sense of place.

(Sources: BISE - Biodiversity Information System for Europe, and Millennium Ecosystem Assessment)

Additional useful information on all these topics can be found, e.g., here: <http://biodiversity.europa.eu/topics>

**6. Which of these topics influence your work?\*** (Select all that apply)

- Biodiversity
- Ecological connectivity
- Ecosystem services
- Environment in general
- Energy
- Tourism
- Transport
- Other (please specify)

\*This may correspond to the sector you work in, but it may also be a topic from another sector that nevertheless has an impact on your work. You may select one or more topics.

**Biodiversity Policy – Conventions, EU Directives, Strategies, etc.**

**\*7. How familiar are you with the network, policies, and activities of the Alpine Convention?**

- unfamiliar
- heard of it
- somewhat familiar
- quite familiar
- very familiar

**Alpine convention (continued)**

**8. Within the Alpine Convention, there are a number of protocols that have an impact on biodiversity conservation issues.**

**Which of the protocols, if any, are you familiar with? (select all that apply)**

- Protocol on spatial planning and sustainable development
- Protocol on conservation of nature and countryside
- Protocol on mountain farming
- Protocol on mountain forests
- Protocol on tourism
- Protocol on energy
- Protocol on soil conservation
- Protocol on transport

**9. Please indicate how relevant the different Protocols are for your work.**

	very relevant	somewhat relevant (but not a big influence on my work)	not at all relevant
Protocol on spatial planning and sustainable development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on conservation of nature and countryside	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on mountain farming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on mountain forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on soil conservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protocol on transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any comments? (optional)

**10. If none of the Alpine Convention Protocols have any relevance for your work, could you briefly explain why not?**

**EU-wide instruments**

**11. Which of the EU instruments (policy directives, strategies, and roadmaps) below are relevant for your work?**

	very relevant	somewhat relevant (but not a big influence on my work)	not at all relevant
EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Birds Directive and Habitats Directive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Framework Directive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewable Energy Directive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Common Agricultural Policy (Reform 2013)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forest Strategy (Reform 2013)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe ("Green Growth", 2011)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roadmap for moving towards a competitive low-carbon economy by 2050	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Landscape Convention (Florence Convention)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other policy/policies (please specify)

**12. Could you briefly explain why/how the instruments you selected are important for your work?**

**Policy gaps**

**13. Are there any other EU existing policies NOT listed above that you consider important in the context of biodiversity conservation, ecological connectivity, or ecosystem services? You may also list any gaps for which policies do not exist, but should, in order to effectively protect biodiversity conservation, ecological connectivity, and ecosystem services.\***

\*The choices listed above were:

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020; Birds Directive and Habitats Directive; Water Framework Directive; Renewable Energy Directive; Common Agricultural Policy (Reform 2013); Forest Strategy (Reform 2013); Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe ("Green Growth", 2011); Roadmap for moving toward a competitive low-carbon economy by 2050.

**14. In your area of work, in your country and/or region, are EU policies and strategies concerning biodiversity and ecological connectivity consistently translated and implemented?**

- Yes
- For the most part
- No, there are some gaps
- I don't know

### **If not (Policy implementation gaps)**

**15. If not (EU policies and strategies are not consistently implemented), what are the most important implementation gaps (activities, missing legal instruments, etc.) in your sector/area of work?**

**16. In your opinion, what are the principal reasons for this?**

### **Cross-sectoral collaboration**

**17. Are you involved in joint planning activities between different sectors?\***

- Yes
- No

\*This refers to collaboration between people working in different sectors, such as Agriculture, Energy, Environment (nature conservation), Economics, Forestry, Hunting, Tourism, Transport, Regional Planning/Land use planning, or others.

### **Biodiversity Policy – regional and/or trans-national co-operation**

Protected areas play an important role for the conservation of biodiversity, but protecting isolated sanctuaries is not enough. The preservation of biodiversity through comprehensive ecological networks beyond protected areas is one of the most recent steps undertaken by policy-makers. For this, and other important measures, concrete practical and legal measures have to be taken within the overall Alpine territory to ensure biodiversity conservation and continued ecological functionality at a wider landscape scale.

**18. In your work, have you had any positive experiences where regional and/or trans-national co-operation worked well to ensure biodiversity conservation & ecological connectivity?**

- Yes
- No



**19. In your work, what are the principal challenges that make it difficult to co-operate regionally and/or trans-nationally on measures to maintain/restore/enhance ecological connectivity (“permeability” of the landscape for wildlife). (Select all that apply.)**

	very important	somewhat important	not important	not applicable
Conflicting laws and regulations in different regions/countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spatial and infrastructure planning take place primarily at the local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other sectoral objectives override nature conservation objectives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Different administrative levels do not co-operate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General difficulty dealing with participatory processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>			

**Biodiversity Policy – regional and/or trans-national co-operation - Alpine ...**

**20. Have you ever heard of/been involved in EU Alpine Space projects in the area of nature conservation/biodiversity? (see examples below)**

- I have heard of one or more such projects.
- I have heard of and been involved in one or more such projects.
- No, I have never heard of any such projects.

For example these projects: ECONNECT, recharge.green, AlpsWaterScarce, Alpencom, MANFRED, HABITALP, SILMAS, SHARE, or others

**(If yes) Biodiversity Policy – regional and/or trans-national co-operation ...**

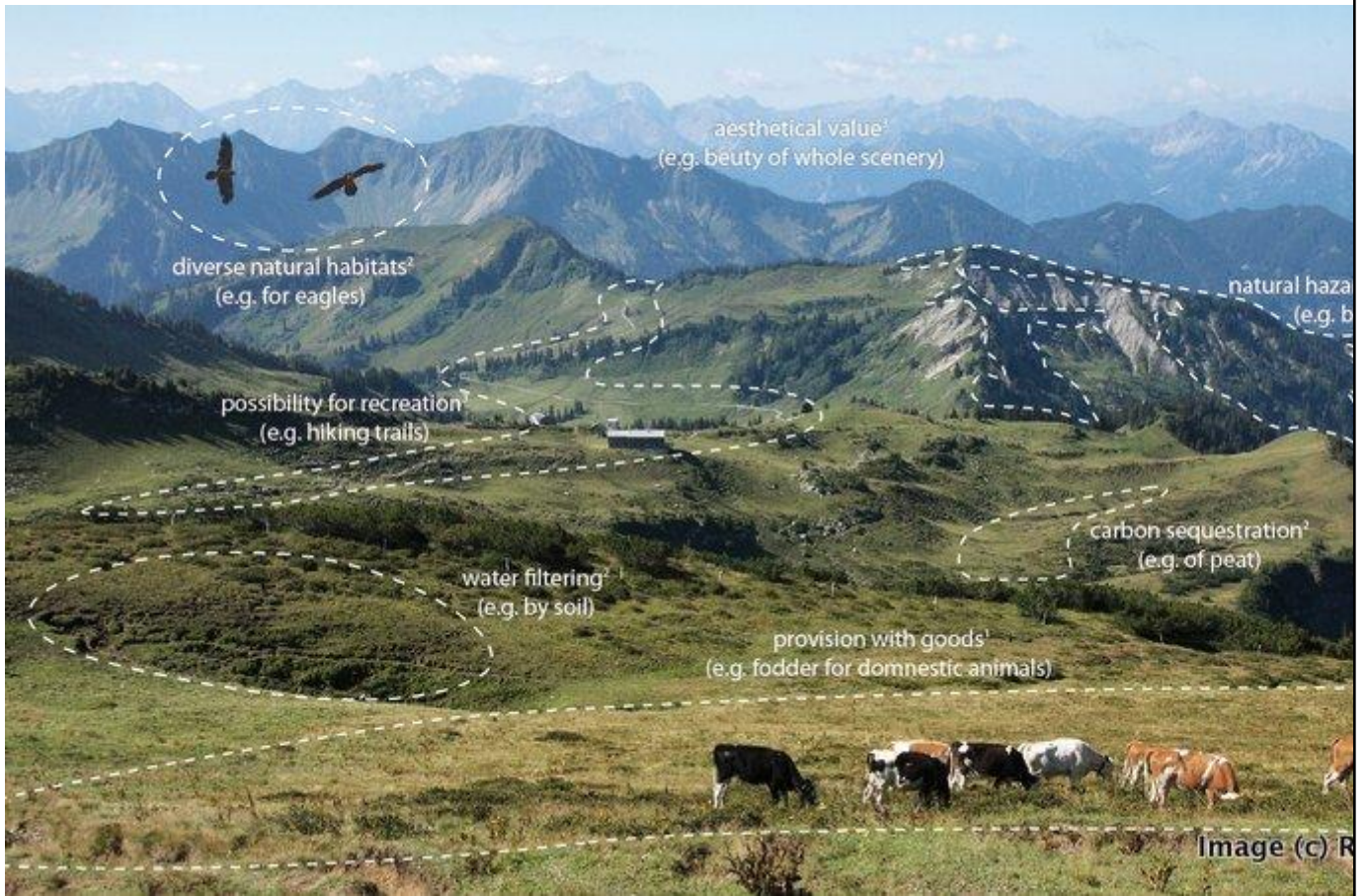
**21. If yes, please list the projects. If you had a role in any of the projects, please also indicate your role (e.g. lead partner, coordinator, project staff, etc.)**

**Ecosystem services**

There are sometimes trade-offs between management for the provision of one ecosystem service\* and another. For example, forest management for energy production would be different from forest management for biodiversity conservation, and the service „biomass energy“ may be traded off against the service „soil protection“ or „aesthetical value“.

Building on the work of another Alpine Space project, we have selected for your consideration a few key ecosystem services that are considered important in the Alpine region.

### An example of different "services" provided by a typical Alpine ecosystem



**22. From the list below please indicate how important selected ecosystem services are for your area of work.**

	very important	somewhat important (but not a big influence on my work)	not at all important
Agricultural production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Air quality regulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of fresh- or potable water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of forest products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carbon sequestration and climate regulation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against natural hazards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Habitat for flora and fauna	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aesthetic value (landscape beauty)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intrinsic value (the value of nature for its own sake)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any comments? (optional)

\*(For your convenience, we repeat here the definition of ecosystem services provided for question 5 above.)

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**\*23. Do you think the concept of ecosystem services is useful to ensure biodiversity conservation and ecological connectivity?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Any comments? (optional)

**\*24. Should all ecosystem services be valued (assigned a market value)?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

## If not (ecosystem valuation)

**25. If no, which ones should NOT be assigned market value? (Select all that should not be.)**

- Agricultural production
- Air quality regulation
- Provision of fresh- or potable water
- Provision of forest products
- Carbon sequestration and climate regulation
- Protection against natural hazards
- Habitat for flora and fauna
- Aesthetic value (landscape beauty)
- Recreational value
- Intrinsic value (the value of nature for its own sake)

Any comments? (optional)

## Stakeholders

A stakeholder is anybody who can affect or is affected by a policy, strategy or project. Some definitions suggest that stakeholders are those who have the power to impact an issue in some way.

Here, we are interested in finding out who the main stakeholders are that can affect biodiversity conservation outcomes at national and regional/local levels. Their impact could be positive or negative.

(Note: Depending on your country, the actual designations of institutions may differ, but you will recognize the functions in the list below.)

**26. At NATIONAL level: Who are the key stakeholders that can impact biodiversity conservation (positively or negatively)?**

	very important/influential	not very important/little influence	not at all important/no influence	I don't know
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of economics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of science/technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of transport/infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National farmers' association (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National farmers' association (organic/bio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National fishing association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National forest office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National hunting association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National spatial planning authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National tourism association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National/International non-profit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politicians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private sector (business) associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

**27. At PROVINCIAL/LOCAL level: Who are the key stakeholders that can impact biodiversity conservation (positively or negatively) ?**

	very important/influential	not very important/little influence	not at all important/no influence	I don't know
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (organic/bio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forest office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hotel owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mayors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-profit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private sector (business)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private land owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial governor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local economic development authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local environment authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local spatial planning authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local transportation authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transport administrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School administrators (primary / secondary)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tour operators (local)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

**28. At NATIONAL level: Who are the key stakeholders that are difficult to involve in the implementation of biodiversity conservation policies?**

	very difficult	willing to become involved if pushed	relatively easy to involve	I don't know
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of economics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of science/technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of transport/infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National farmers' association (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National farmers' association (organic/bio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National fishing association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National forest office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National hunting association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National spatial planning authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National tourism association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National/International non-profit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politicians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private sector (business) associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

**29. At PROVINCIAL/LOCAL level: Who are the key stakeholders that are difficult to involve in the implementation of biodiversity conservation policies?**

	very difficult	willing to become involved if pushed	relatively easy to involve	I don't know
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (organic/bio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Non-profit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Provincial/local environment authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local spatial planning authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local transportation authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transport administrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School administrators (primary / secondary)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tour operators (local)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



**30. AT NATIONAL LEVEL: How often are you personally in contact (meet/work) with the stakeholders you consider important on issues of biodiversity conservation?**

	Regularly/quite often (at least once a month)	Occasionally (once a quarter or less)	Very rarely (less than once a year)	Never
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of economics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of science/technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ministry of transport/infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National farmers' association (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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National hunting association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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National/International nonprofit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politicians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private sector (business) associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

**31. AT PROVINCIAL OR LOCAL LEVEL: How often are you personally in contact (meet/work) with the stakeholders you consider important on issues of biodiversity conservation?**

	Regularly/quite often (at least once a month)	Occasionally (once a quarter or less)	Very rarely (less than once a year)	Never
Academic institutions (universities, research institutes)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Experts on the topic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (conventional)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmers' associations (organic/bio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forest office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hotel owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mayors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nonprofit organisations (NGOs) and associations (volunteer associations, environment NGOs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private sector (business)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private land owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial governor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local economic development authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local environment authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local spatial planning authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provincial/local transportation authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transport administrations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School administrators (primary / secondary)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tour operators (local)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>			

**Anything else?**

**32. Is there anything else you would like to add/suggest/highlight in order to improve our research?**

**Thank you! Danke! Merci! Grazie! Hvala!**

We really appreciate that you took the time to contribute to our research.

If you have indicated that you would like to receive the survey results and provided an email address, we will send them to you once our analysis is complete. For more information about the project please visit our website <http://www.greenalps-project.eu/>

