

**CROSSROADS  
BIODIVERSITY**  
From a LIFE Integrated  
Project to a pan-Alpine  
biodiversity agenda

**10-11 October 2023**

Palazzo Pirelli - Via F.Filzi, 22  
**MILAN - Italy**

**PROGRAMME**



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## From a LIFE Integrated Project to a pan-Alpine biodiversity agenda

An official side event to the European Business & Nature Summit 2023

The workshop is organized by Regione Lombardia and ERSAF (Regional Agency for Agriculture and Forestry) in cooperation with Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention and European Strategy for Alpine Region (EUSALP).

**10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Palazzo Pirelli, via F. Filzi, 22  
MILAN, Italy**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room (31<sup>st</sup> floor)** and **Gonfalone Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

**9:00-9:30**

**Registration and welcome coffee**

**OPEN PLENARY SESSION**

**9:30-13:00**

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room (31<sup>st</sup> floor)**

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Moderator: Matteo Bordone, journalist and radio host

**Welcome greetings**

Roberto Laffi, Lombardy Region

**9:30-9:45**

**Biodiversity's National Strategy 2030**

Laura Pettiti, Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE)

**9:45-10:00**

**Eight years of GESTIRE 2020's experience on how "to do" biodiversity**

Marzia Cont, Lombardy Region

**10:00-10:15**

**Natura 2000 Open meeting**

**10:15-12:30**

Birdslife conservation: short review  
Federica Luoni, LIPU

Frogs, toads and newts: an unknown world in danger  
Andrea Agapito Ludovici, WWF

Invasive alien species: prevention is better than cure  
Daniela Grande, Lombardy Region

Surveillance for the conservation of habitats and species  
Alberto Ricci, Carabinieri forestali

Designing biodiversity: the Technical Facilitators contribution  
Fabrizio Oneto, ERSAF

Learning about biodiversity  
Cristina Bollini, Lombardy Region

### LIFE NatConnect 2030 and new challenges

Alessandra Norcini, Lombardy Region

12:30-12:45

### Conclusions

Gianluca Comazzi, Assessor of Territory and Green Frameworks, Lombardy Region

12:45-13:00

## LIGHT LUNCH

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room** (31<sup>st</sup> floor) and **Gonfalone Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

13:00-14:00

Registration (for those not attending the morning)

14:00-14:30

## PLENARY SESSION

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room** (31<sup>st</sup> floor)

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14:30-15:10

### Welcome and introduction to the workshop

14:30-14:45

Moderator: Matteo Bordone, journalist and radio host

The workshop's goal is to promote and define new ways of cooperation for the biodiversity conservation of the Alps Macro Region, starting from the national experience of the Gestire 2020 project and taking its results to the Alpine level and embedding it into the European context, including the recent approval of the EU Nature Restoration Law.

### The workshop idea

Dario Kian, ERSAF

14:45-15:10

### Welcome

Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary-General of the Alpine Convention (video)  
Simonetta Baisi, Alpine Biodiversity Board

### Alpine context pillars

The Alpine Convention and the Alpine Biodiversity Board

Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and ABB

The European Strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP)

Alice Beck, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention and EUSALP Action Group 6

## NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

15:10-15:45

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room** (31<sup>st</sup> floor) and **Gonfalone Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Poster session in Gonfalone Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
**Sharing of the “Crossroads Biodiversity Message” draft**

## PARALLEL SESSION

15:45-17:45

### SESSION 1: Governance

Location: **Gonfalone Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Moderators: Matteo Bordone, journalist and radio host and Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and ABB

Starting from the LIFE IP Gestire 2020 actions on governance innovation, providing an overview of the new EU regulation and the upcoming process; elaborating on how biodiversity in the Alps can be better addressed through the UE Nature Restoration Law; exploring the idea of cooperation on its implementation. Discussion and proposal of points to be included in the Crossroads Biodiversity Message.

Fostering the biodiversity through a participative approach: the experience of the Technical Facilitators  
**Mattia Bertocchi, ERSAF**

The EU Nature Restoration Law: where we currently stand, expected developments, law’s contents  
**Irina Kozban, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation**

EU Nature restoration law: How to highlight Alpine issues?  
**Claire de Kermadec, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention**

### SESSION 2: Conservation and restoration

Location: **Jannacci-Belvedere Room** (31<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Moderators: Bruna Comini, ERSAF and Gerald Gimpl, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK), Austria

Focusing on the technical measures, guidelines and plans developed by Gestire 2020 to manage and conserve habitats and species; addressing cooperation for nature-based solutions and ecological connectivity in the Alps; offering examples of the contribution of business. Discussion and proposal of point to be included in the Crossroads Biodiversity Message.

Guidelines and habitat management plans: the examples of heaths, oak forests and grassland formations  
**Marco Torretta, Lombardy Region**

Examples of good practices for the conservation of habitats and plant species  
**Patrizia Digiovinazzo, ERSAF**

The potential of business for Nature-based Solutions and green infrastructures to reach biodiversity objectives in the Alps  
**Angelica Pianegonda, CEO MURA, awardee of the “GI Goes Business” Award**

## SESSION 3: Monitoring

Location: **Eventi Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Moderators: Sönke Hardersen, Carabinieri forestali and Angelika Abderhalden, WWF Switzerland, ABB and AG7

Presenting recent monitoring efforts by Gestire 2020 and Alpine administrations, covering citizen science and traditional monitoring approaches; discussing tools. Discussion and proposal of points to be included in the Crossroads Biodiversity Message.

The Regional Biodiversity Observatory of Lombardy: a multi-purpose repository for monitoring data from different sources  
Sergio Canobbio, FLA

## NETWORKING BREAK OR FREE TIME

17:45-18:50

## NETWORKING DINNER

19:00-23:00

Location: **La Forestina restaurant** in the Parco Agricolo Sud Milano (Regional agricultural park South Milan)

The **shuttle bus** for the dinner location will depart from **Via Luigi Galvani, 4** at **7 pm**.

**Please be punctual** - those who miss the bus must reach the restaurant by taxi.

## Wednesday 11 October 2023

Location: **Pirelli Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Welcome coffee and networking

Poster session in **Gonfalone Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Sharing of the “**Crossroads Biodiversity Message**” draft

8:30-9:20

## PLENARY SESSION

9:20-13:00

Location: **Pirelli Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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Moderator: Gerardo de Luzenberger, facilitator

Introduction

9:20-9:30

Presentation of the outcomes of the parallel sessions  
And finalizing the **Crossroads Biodiversity Message**

9:30-11:00

Guided session to identify ideas for future cooperation

11:00-12:45

Closure and greetings

12:45-13:00

## LIGHT LUNCH

13:00-14:00

Location: **Pirelli Room** (1<sup>st</sup> floor)