



# Join NABU on May 21 to celebrate and learn about Natura 2000 in Germany

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NABU (BirdLife in Germany) is inviting people to celebrate 20 years of the Natura 2000 network on 21<sup>st</sup> of May, at its conference "20 years, 20 percent - how to proceed with Natura 2000".

Held in NABU headquarters in Berlin, the event will take place on the 20th anniversary of the EU Habitats Directive, which came into force in 1992. The Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive and Natura 2000, the network of areas protected under both Directives, are the main pillars of biodiversity conservation in the EU. Currently, Natura 2000 protected sites represent 20% of the EU territory.

The occasion will be celebrated in style. Olaf Tschimpke (NABU President) and Matthias Groote (Chairman of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety of the European Parliament) will open the conference. They will be followed by key speakers such as Karl Falkenberg (Director-General of the Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission), and representatives the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, German Ministries, and national NGOs.

During the conference, the speakers will provide the participants with a thematic assessment of Natura 2000's implementation and results in Germany. The conference will end with a cross-panel discussion debate, including regional German Ministers with responsibility for climate change, agriculture, the environment and health. Olaf Tschimpke will explore how better to implement the European biodiversity legislation in Germany.

Please find the programme of the day [here](#). The event is opened to anyone interested. To attend, please register [here](#). (Please note that the principle language at the conference will mainly be German).

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