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Prioritised action framework (PAF) for Natura 2000 in Lithuania (2021-2027)

SUMMARY

Prioritised action framework (PAF) is a strategic multiannual planning tool, aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of the measures that are needed to implement the EU-wide Natura 2000 network and its associated green infrastructure, specifying the financing needs for these measures and linking them to the corresponding EU funding programmes.

The first draft of Lithuanian PAF was submitted to European Commission on 29/03/2019 and the final version – in the middle of March 2022. Big group of experts has worked in preparation of this document, including revision of PAF according to foreseen Lithuanian commitments for improving the status of species and habitats of EU conservation concern within the framework of the EU Post-2020 biodiversity policy. Lithuanian PAF includes a lot of different measures which are necessary for maintaining a good conservation status of species and habitats of Community importance: closure of knowledge gaps (i.e. various scientific studies), revision of Natura 2000 sites management planning process (e.g. establishment of new protected areas or adjustment of existing protected areas), maintenance of habitats (e.g. extensive grazing, mowing, control of invasive species, restoration of hydrological regime), increase public awareness and ecological responsibility on the value and role of landscape and biodiversity etc.

The final calculation shows that in order to implement all activities identified in the Lithuanian PAF for the period of 2021 – 2027 the budget of nearly 852 million Euros is needed (121, 71 million Euros each year).