

SHORT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 10 October 2023 - MORNING

Registration

08:30-09:00

OPEN PLENARY of the LIFE IP Gestire 2020 on Natura 2000 in Lombardy

09:00-13:00

Institutional greetings and brief introduction to the whole workshop
Natura 2000 Open meeting of all bodies for Natura 2000 sites in Lombardy,
preparatory to the subsequent workshop sessions
New LIFE IP NatConnect2030: ecological network in Northern Italy

Networking lunch

13:00-14:00

Tuesday 10 October 2023 - AFTERNOON

Registration (for those not attending the morning session)

14:00-14:30

PLENARY SESSION led by ERSAF, Alpine Convention, EUSALP

14:30-15:10

Welcome and intro to the workshop
Alpine context describing the key policy frameworks and processes in the Alpine region:
the Alpine Convention and the European Strategy for the Alpine region (EUSALP),
together with their objectives and programmes for biodiversity
Introduction to the Crossroads Biodiversity Message (final workshop document)

Networking coffee break - Poster session

15:10-15:45

PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Session 1: Governance with
a focus on the EU Nature
Restoration Law**

Starting from the actions of
the LIFE IP Gestire 2020 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 Law;
exploring the idea of cooperation
on its implementation.
Discussion and proposal of
recommendations to be included
in the [Crossroads Biodiversity
Message](#).

**Session 2: Conservation and
restoration**

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
recommendations to be included
in the [Crossroads Biodiversity
Message](#).

Session 3: Monitoring

Presenting recent monitoring
efforts by Gestire 2020 and Alpine
administrations, covering citizen
science and traditional monitoring
approaches; discussing tools and
funding.
Discussion and proposal of
recommendations to be included
in the [Crossroads Biodiversity
Message](#).

Networking break or free time

17:45-18:50

Dinner in the Parco Agricolo Sud Milano (Regional agricultural park South Milan)

19:00-23:00

Wednesday 11 October 2023 - MORNING

Welcome coffee - Poster session & sharing the Crossroads Biodiversity Message

08:30-09:20

PLENARY SESSION

09:20-13:00

Presentations of the outcomes of the parallel sessions and discussion
Guided session to identify ideas for future cooperation between the participants
Debate and consensus on the [Crossroads Biodiversity Message](#)
Conclusions, next steps, farewell

Light lunch

13:00-14:00