



European Week of Regions and Cities

Nature protection in cross-border areas

10 October 2017, CoR, Rue Van Maerlant 2, Brussels, Room VMA 1, 9:00-10:45

Organised by the EGTC Platform and the CoR Interregional Group on cross-border cooperation
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09:00 – 09:10

Welcome and introduction

*Mr **Roby Biwer**, CoR rapporteur on the fitness-check of the Nature Directives, Member of the CoR Interregional Group for Cross-Border Cooperation*

09:10– 09:50

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) as tools for better management of cross-border nature parks and Natura 2000

Introduction and moderation of the session

*Mr **Petr Osvald**, CoR EGTC Platform Coordinator and Chair of the COTER Commission*

EGTC Parco Europeo/Parc Européen Alpi Marittime-Mercantour
tbc

EGTC Parco Marino Internazionale delle Bocche di Bonifacio
tbc

09:50 – 10:40

Improving implementation of the Nature Directives at the local and regional level: the cross-border dimension

Introduction and moderation of the session

*Mr **Nicola Notaro**, Head of Unit Nature Protection, DG Environment, European Commission, *tbc**

Theme *tbc*

*Mr **Ignace Schops**, President of Europarc Federation, *tbc**

Tackling the apparition of an invasive species in a cross-border area

*Ms **Maria Jesús Palacios Gonzalez**, Head of Section for Wildlife, Regional Government of Extremadura*

10:45

Closing