**Wetlands Conservation and Restoration in Poland’s Kampinos National Park**

The rare wetland habitats and species of the Kampinos Natura 2000 site near Warsaw are threatened by falling groundwater levels, making remedial actions necessary.

**Activities**
- Constructing 40 dikes and 2 km of channels against water drainage, and a 1 km dam to protect villages in the vicinity of the wetlands
- Purchasing over 120 hectares of flood-prone private land for rehabilitation
- Undertaking scientific studies to provide a basis for hydrological work
- Raising awareness among local stakeholders regarding water management issues
- Organising stakeholder consultations to reduce conflicts between the interests of local communities and nature conservation objectives

**Impacts**
- 6,000 hectares of wetlands protected against drainage
- Local agreement concerning the objectives and methods of water management in wetland areas
- A model solution elaborated for wetland management in the vicinity of urban areas

**Duration:** 2013–2018  
**Donor:** EU LIFE+ Programme; Polish National Fund for Environment and Water Management  
**Budget:** EUR 4,314,193

**IN NUMBERS**
- 5 partners
- 6,000 hectares of wetlands protected

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**  
Poland

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**Technical Assistance to Strengthen the Turkish Nature Protection System**

The aim of the project is to address environmental challenges in order to protect and enhance Turkey’s natural habitats and biodiversity and to harmonise Turkey’s nature protection policy with the EU environmental acquis.

**Activities**
- Developing a methodology for the selection of potential Natura 2000 sites
- Harmonising the national database system with the EU Birds and Habitats Directives and other European biodiversity database systems
- Building institutional capacity

**Impacts**
- A technical structure established for the designation of Natura 2000 sites in Turkey
- Information technology infrastructure in Turkey adapted to meet the requirements of the relevant EU directives
- Institutional capacity strengthened regarding the Natura 2000 concept in Turkey

**Duration:** 2015–2018  
**Donor:** European Union  
**Budget:** EUR 5,763,090

**GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**  
Turkey