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Dear colleague,

I have the pleasure of contacting you in order to inform you about the work that the Biodiversity Working Group of ENCORE (The Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe) is going to start this month in order to collect the regional impressions on the **Natura 2000 Network funding problems**.

The aim of this work is to produce a well organized and comprehensive document about the problems that the different regions of the European Union have identified on this issue. Once the document is compiled, discussed, and approved by the participant regions in the working group, the mentioned document will be sent to the Commission's DG Environment of the European Union. Consequently, the collected information will be of use when designing the new European Union Directives relative to Natura 2000.

The idea of collecting these regional experiences comes as a result of the talks with the current Commissioner for the Environment, Mr. Stavros Dimas and his colleagues of DG Environment of the EU Commission. Thus, we consider it worthwhile to contribute to this project.

Aragon, as co-president of ENCORE and member of the Biodiversity Working Group of ENCORE, is honoured to support Tuscany (the leading region of the mentioned Working Group) in fulfilling this important scope.

We strongly believe that the voice of the regions should be heard in Brussels by EU institutions and that is why we consider it so important to count with your region's inputs. Therefore, we kindly ask you to fill in the questionnaire attached to this letter in order to be able to include the experiences of your region in the project.

The deadline for completing the questionnaire is one month from today. If you have any doubt or questions about the project or the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact *The International Centre for Water and Environment* of the Ministry for the Environment of the Government of Aragon, from where we will be happy to help you.

We hope this project is of your interest and that we can count with your contributions.

With our best regards

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