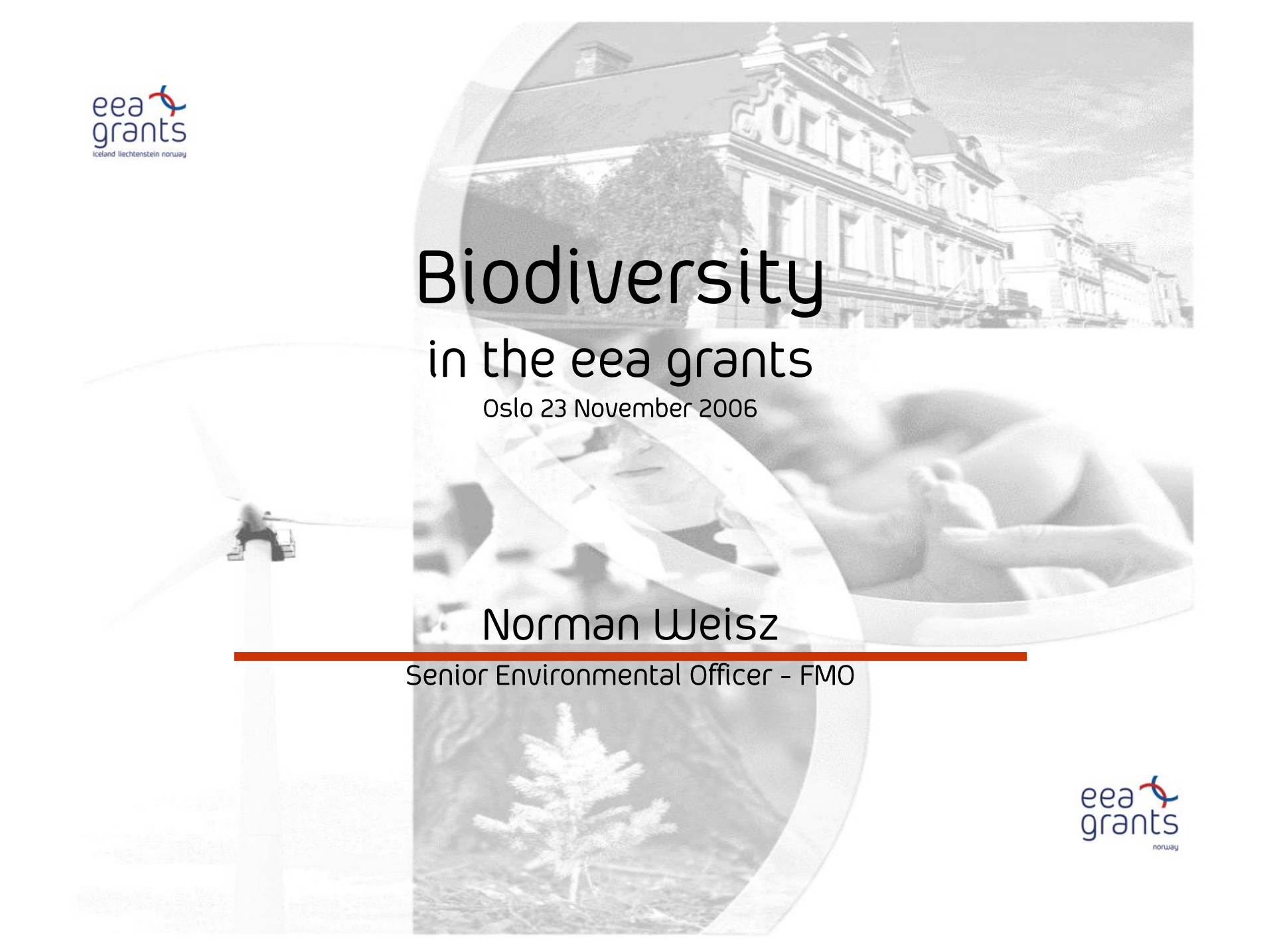


Biodiversity

in the eea grants

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PRESENTATION STRUCTURE

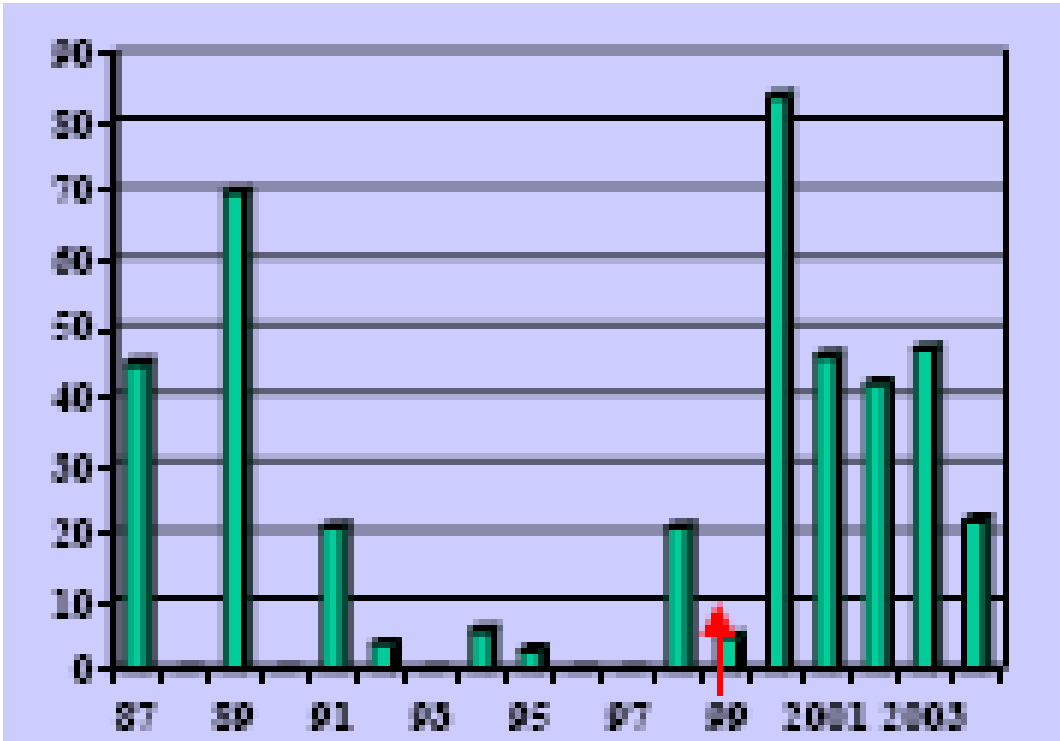
1. The biodiversity challenge
2. How are the eea grants set up to meet this challenge?
3. Status of eea grants with focus on biodiversity

EUROPE'S ECOSYSTEMS HAVE SUFFERED MORE HUMAN-INDUCED FRAGMENTATION THAN THOSE OF ANY OTHER CONTINENT*

- Less than 3% of western Europe's forests can be classified as "undisturbed by humans"
- 50% of Europe's wetlands have been lost since the 50s
- 800 plant species in Europe are at risk of global extinction
- 42% of Europe's native mammals are threatened, 43% of the birds and 52% of the freshwater fish species

* Millennium Ecosystem Assessment; UN Secretary General; 2005

SPAIN –AN EXAMPLE

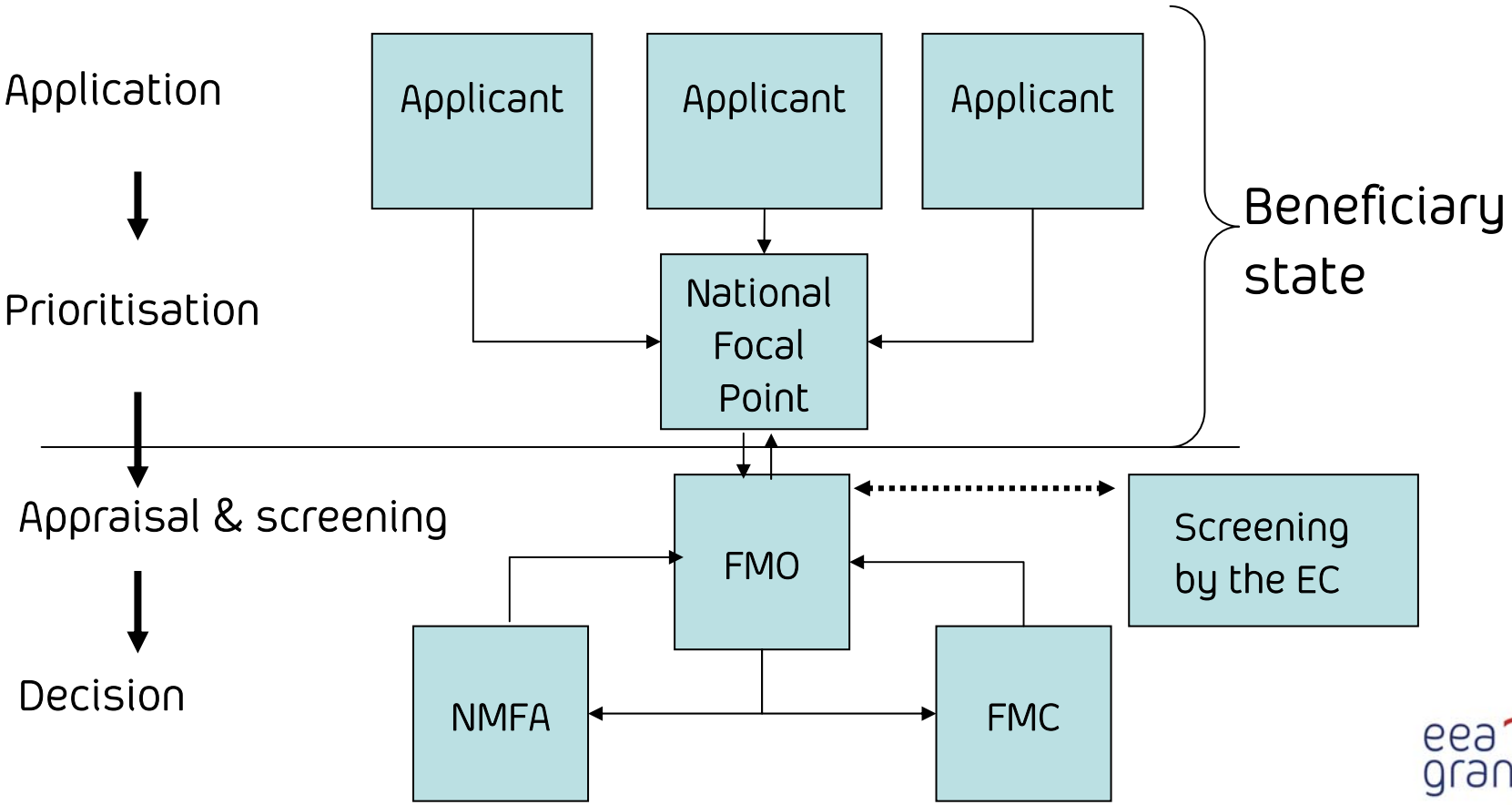


Annual number of new Special Protection Areas for birds (SPA) in Spain after the inclusion, red arrow show start date for EC infringement file.

SOME OF POLAND's BIODIVERSITY ISSUES

- Abundance and distribution of selected species
- Status of threatened and/or protected species
- Coverage of protected areas and status of management/action plans
- Number and costs of invasive alien species
- Impact of climate change on biodiversity
- Aquatic ecosystems
- Sustainable agriculture and forestry
- Environmental education

PROJECT SELECTION OVERVIEW



BIODIVERSITY - A CROSS CUTTING CHECKPOINT FOR ALL PROJECTS

For example:

- Is the project of benefit to biodiversity?
- Have the costs of ecosystem effects been taken into consideration?
- Will the project increase public understanding of sustainability?

Priorities of both financial mechanisms



- Water pollution management
- Waste management
- Energy issues and reduction of greenhouse gases
- Biodiversity protection
- Monitoring

Priorities of both financial mechanisms



- Education and training in all priorities
- Academic research in all priorities
- Capacity building in public sector
- Strengthen democratic processes
- Inclusion of disadvantaged groups

Norwegian Financial Mechanism priority



- Projects across the EU border within all priorities

- Regional policy issues within all priorities

STATUS BLOCK GRANTS

- FMO has received 31 block grant applications, such as:
  - NGO funds (8 applications for €63 million)
  - technical assistance funds (10 applications for €20 million)
  - research funds (4 applications for €17 million)
  - scholarship funds (5 applications for €10million)
- 12 block grants are approved of a total value of about €33 million

SEVERAL BLOCK GRANTS SUPPORT BIODIVERSITY

	Research	NGO
Czech Rep	**2,5 mill**	**10,0 mill**
Estonia		2,1 mill
Hungary	1,0 mill	**1,0 mill**
Latvia		5,0 mill
Lithuania		5,0 mill
Poland	13,0 mill	37,4 mill
Slovakia	0,8 mill	1,3 mill
Slovenia		1,8 mill

Committed funds are in bold

OPEN CALLS TO DATE

Spain
€40 mln on 8 Feb 2005

Czech Rep
€10.7 mln on 18 May 2005
€27.5 mln on 24 July 2006

Slovenia
€5.7 mln on 31 May 2005
€2.8 mln on 5 May 2006

Poland
€176 mln on 31 Aug 2005

Malta
€3.2 mln on 6 Sept 2005

Slovakia
€18.6 mln on 23 Dec 2005

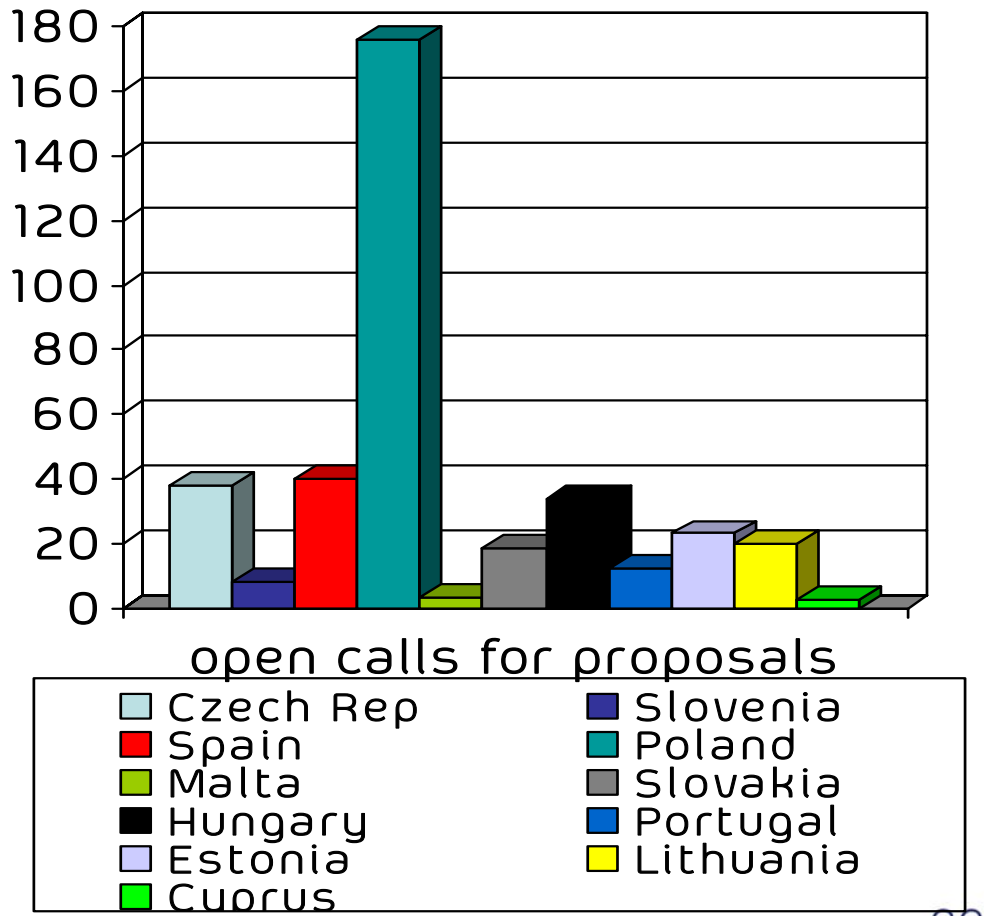
Hungary
€16.8 mln on 25 Jan 2006
€16.8 mln on 31 March 2006

Portugal
€12.2 mln on 10 Feb 2006

Estonia
€23.2 mln on 1 June 2006

Lithuania
€20 mln on 3 July 2006

Cyprus
€2.5 mln on 25 Aug 2006



★ 14 calls in 11 beneficiary states;
total value €376 mln

STATUS INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

- The calls for proposals have so far generated more than 3,500 applications in the beneficiary states
- The calls are on average more than 10 times oversubscribed
- FMO expects more than 300 applications from these calls
- 232 applications have been received by FMO
- 36 applications have been approved for about €29 million

SELECTED APPLICATIONS
CZECH REPUBLIC

Project Title	Amount	FMO due	NFM / EEA FM	Partners (donor	Priority sector
CZ0048 Monitoring the environment of the National Park	359,720 €	1206	EEAFM	N?	Environment
CZ0050 Project focused on reducing the degree of biodiversity decline on the territory of the Bohemian Switzerland National Park	811,750 €	1206	EEAFM	N?	Environment

SELECTED APPLICATIONS POLAND

Project Title	Amount	FMO due	NFM / EEA FM	Partners (donor	Priority sector
PL0073 Modelling of biomass utilisation for energy purpose	631,248 €	0107	EEAFM	N	Research
PL0078 Ecosystem approach to marine spatial planning - Polish marine areas and the Natura 2000 network	576,549 €	1206	EEAFM	N	Research
PL0082 Biodiversity protection of Red Bog (Czerwone Bagno)	546,805 €	1106	EEAFM	N	Research
PL0103 Strengthening the administrative capacity in order to improve the management of Polish coastal zone environment	306,000 €	0107	NFM	-	Environment (NFM)
PL0108 Optimization of the use of the resources of the Natura 2000 network for sustainable development in the Carpathians	807,500 €	0107	EEAFM	N	Sustainable development


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