

## NPES Members

### LIST OF INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE NOMINATED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS MEMBERS OF THE NPES:

#### NATURE PROTECTION

- Ministry of Environment
- Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic
- National Park Administrations (Šumava, Podyjí, České Švýcarsko, Krkonoše)
- Czech Union for Nature Conservation
- Czech Society for Ornithology
- Friends of the Earth CR
- Arnika
- Beleco
- Czech Landscape

#### ACADEMIA

- Global Change Research Institute of the CAS (CzechGlobe)
- Charles University Environment Center
- Biology Centre of the CAS
- Botanical Institute of the CAS
- Faculty of Forestry and Wood Processing, Czech University of Life Sciences
- Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies, Mendel University in Brno
- Faculty of Science, Charles University
- Faculty of Science, Ostrava University
- Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
- Faculty of Social and Economic Science, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem

#### MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONS

- Ministry of Regional Development

- Association of Regions
- Union of Towns and Municipalities

#### AGRICULTURE

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Association of Private Agriculture of the Czech Republic
- Agricultural Association of the CR
- Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information

#### FORESTRY AND HUNTING

- Forests of the Czech Republic
- Military Forests and Estates
- Forest Management Institute
- Association of Municipal, Private and Church Forest Owners
- Czech-Moravian Hunting Union

#### WATER MANAGEMENT AND FISHING

- Catchment Administrations (Vltava, Ohře, Labe, Odra, Morava)
- The Czech Fishermen's Association
- T. G. Masaryk Water Research Institute

#### OTHERS

- Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Culture
- Czech Statistical Office
- Technological Agency of the CR
- Czech Environmental Information Agency (CENIA)
- Landscape Research Institute
- Research Institute for Soil and Water Conservation
- Czech Office of Surveying and Cadastre
- State Land Office
- Czech Beekeepers Association

## NPES as a Science-Policy Interface

→ The NPES creates an institutionalized interface between science, policy, and practice in the field of ES, and serves as an interdisciplinary tool that promotes the practical application of the ES framework in the Czech Republic. The involvement and cooperation of key actors influencing nature, ecosystems, and their benefits to society, allows to better address today's challenges and barriers to a broader application of ES.

→ The NPES introduces a unique role of the ES framework as a boundary object, which enables a holistic approach to examining, discussing, and analyzing a range of environmental issues across disciplines and sectors.

→ NPES meetings and the participation of a wide range of stakeholders foster mutual understanding and help align perspectives on ES in various contexts (e.g., forestry, water management, nature conservation, adaptation measures, etc.). Many participants in the NPES meetings welcomed the opportunity to discuss issues with other stakeholders (institutions) whom they would not normally encounter in their daily work.



#### THE VALUES OF NATURE

A documentary introducing the topic of nature values and ecosystem services that is based on examples from Czech landscape.

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Ministry of the Environment  
of the Czech Republic



# NATIONAL PLATFORM FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES





# NPES

## National Platform for Ecosystem Services (NPES)

NPES is a national platform connecting key stakeholders in the field of ecosystem services (ES) and nature's contributions to people. It was established in 2022 as an outcome of the "One Nature" project (an integrated LIFE project for the Natura 2000 network in the Czech Republic). The platform's mission is to ensure systematic cooperation among public administration, academia, educational institutions, and non-governmental interest or professional organizations in the field of ES and their application in policy and decision-making. NPES supports the implementation of the Czech Republic's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy until 2050.

## NPES Agenda Areas

- Exchange of information and sharing of experiences in ES assessment;
- Coordination of participation in international platforms and processes (IPBES – Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, ESP – Partnership on Ecosystem Services);
- Supporting policy-making at strategic, legislative, methodological, and conceptual levels;
- Supporting and coordinating the development of research programs ES assessment.

## Stakeholders and Ecosystem Services

- In the context of NPES, "stakeholders" or "actors" refer to various institutions that significantly influence and/or utilize ecosystem services in the Czech natural environment and landscape (including Natura 2000 protected areas).
- These include both governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as various umbrella organizations, associations, or unions at the national or regional level.
- A key characteristic in the context of NPES is that these actors are the primary users of ES assessments and can apply the results in their practice or easily communicate them to other groups of actors.



## Meetings of the National Platform for Ecosystem Services

Five NPES meetings take place between 2022 and 2026 as part of the One Nature project. The establishment of the NPES was preceded by extensive preparatory consultations with key stakeholders (Daněk et al., 2026)<sup>1</sup>, which helped shape the NPES significantly. In 2026, the NPES is presented at the European ESP Conference in Prague.

### FIRST INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NPES (October 4, 2022)

- Communication of the ES topic (tools for raising awareness of ES); the platform's objectives and organizational aspects; the current status of ES assessment and implementation in the Czech Republic and abroad (particularly considering the international practices of the IPBES platform); and a presentation of the One Nature project
- Biophysical and economic approaches to ES assessment in the One Nature project
- Interactive discussion on raising awareness of ES



The fourth NPES meeting, 27 May 2025, CAS Prague, photo: Michal Gálik.

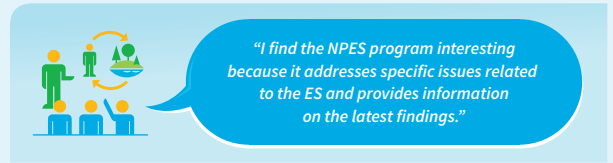
### SECOND NPES MEETING (June 13, 2023)

- ES news – NPES as a national platform within the ESP; the new Global Biodiversity Framework formulated at the CBD COP15 conference in Montreal; ecosystem accounting in the Czech Republic
- Examples of ES assessment and implementation – assessment of non-forest green ES using the Poodří Protected Landscape Area as an example; research in the field of forest ES; economic valuation of ES; implementation of the ES framework abroad
- Roundtable discussions on the implementation of the ES framework

### NPES MILESTONES



<sup>1</sup> Daněk, J., Mácová, K., Farkač, B., Vačkářová, D., 2026. Tailoring ecosystem services assessment to target users and building a national platform: Stakeholder consultations case study in the Czech Republic. Ecosystem Services 79, 101854. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2026.101854>



Feedback from a participant of the fourth NPES meeting.

### THIRD NPES MEETING (April 18, 2024)

- ES news – the role of NPES in the context of the Ministry of the Environment's activities; new tools for more effective management of protected areas in ISOP; payments for forest ES in the proposed amendment to the Forest Act
- Examples of ES assessment and implementation – case studies of participatory ES assessment; modeling the impact of agricultural policies on biodiversity and ES; development of tools for assessing the ES of ponds; ES maps as outputs of ecosystem accounting
- Discussion of transformative projects that help initiate the use of the ES framework in addressing current issues

### FOURTH NPES MEETING (May 27, 2025)

- ES news – NPES in the Action Plan for the Czech Republic's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy until 2030; NPES logo and leaflet; new IPBES assessments; payments for forest ES in the proposed amendment to the Forest Act; preparations for the ESP conference in Prague 2026
- Examples of ES assessment and implementation – ES in river floodplains; spatial economic assessment of natural habitats; ES provided by conventional and organic agriculture; biodiversity conservation through offset mechanisms; ES in land-use planning
- Discussion on the impact of ES on policy and decision-making, an ideal role of ES framework, and outreach of the NPES in policies and practice

### ESP EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, PRAGUE (May 18–22, 2026)

- An international scientific and professional conference, the 6<sup>th</sup> ESP European Conference

### FIFTH NPES MEETING (November 12, 2026)

- Program to be announced