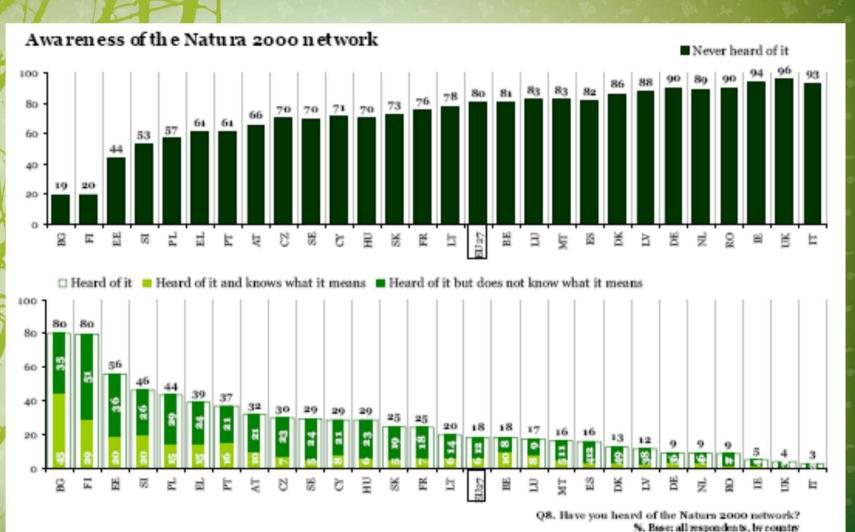


How we won the bronze medal: Communication support to Natura 2000 in Slovenia

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- project approach
- inter-ministerial working group
- in-house experts and expert partners (academia, NGO's...)

communication

- steered by experts from Slo, NI, UK
- communication strategy
- training and back-up system established
- /inter-institutional cooperation
- from the start, parallel to technical/expert work, ex-ante to designation,
- evaluation

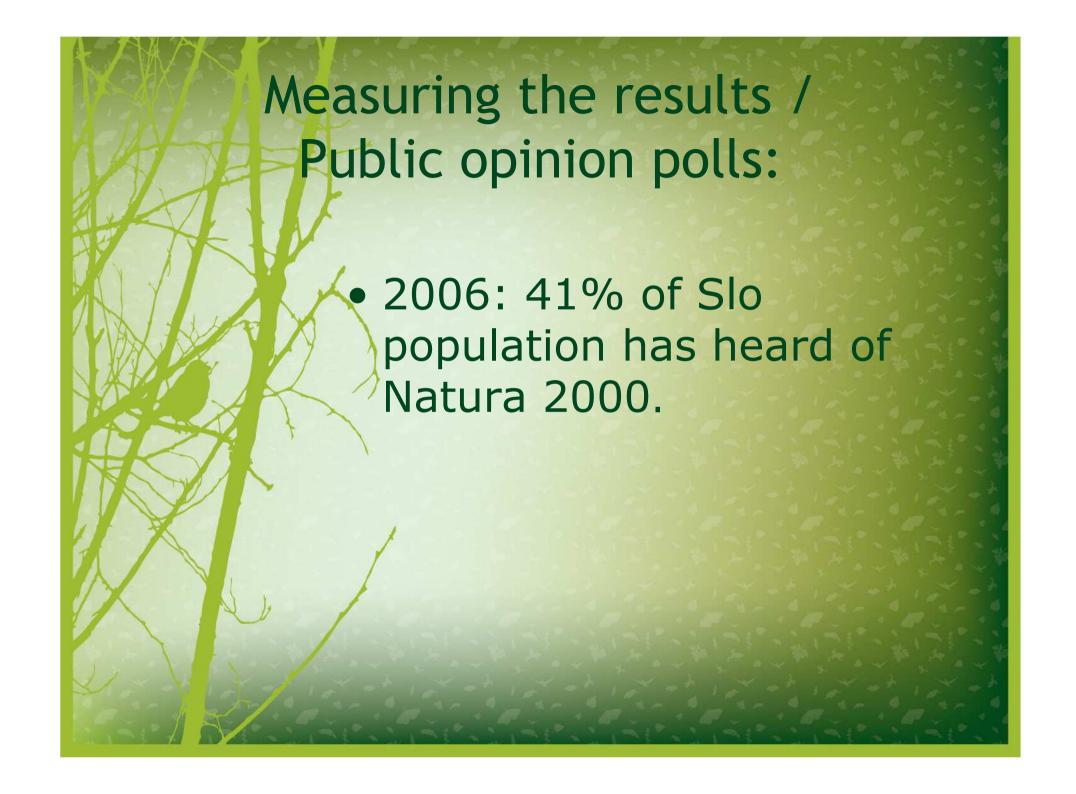




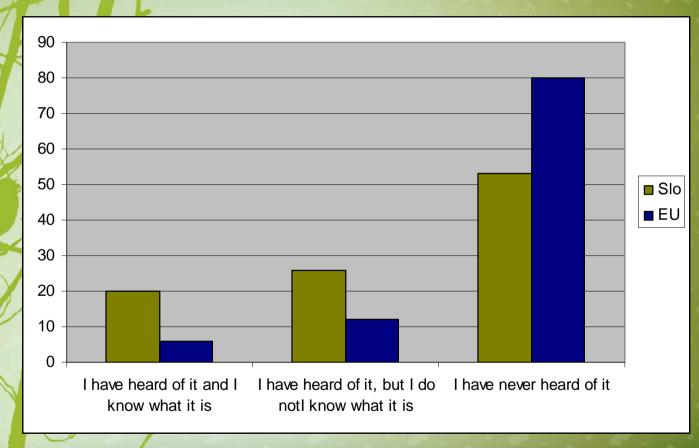
- obliged to designate by date of accession extreme pressure → political support
- ◆ short timescale available → project approach
- shortage of staff → reinforcement through external experts
- institutional reorganisation/consolidation in process → easier team-building
- concept of N2000 more developmentally oriented compared to existing nature conservation → inter-ministerial cooperation



- 2004-06: yearly tender for NGO's for communication of Natura 2000 → direct, local communication
- 2005: several EU co-financed projects (Phare) → strong local initiative, enthusiasm national level: eNatura monthly bulletin, website
- 2006-07: an EU co-financed project on national level: communication support to Natura 2000 / Pristop → national campaign + training + consultancy + upgrading of website

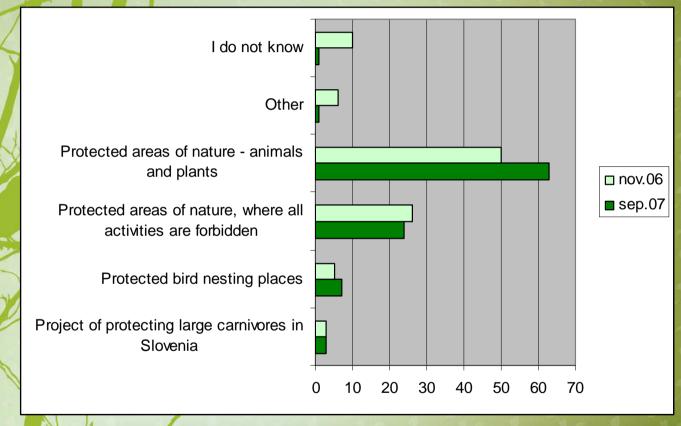


Have you heard of Natura 2000 Network?



(Eurobarometer: <u>Attitudes of Europeans towards the issue of biodiversity</u>, fieldwork: November 2007)

Which of these descriptions defines Natura 2000 the most?



- Only respondents that have heard of Natura 2000 answered this question.
- (Communication Support to Natura 2000 in Slovenia 2006-07, Pristop & Episcenter)







- electronic bulletin monthly (links to news from EC, member states)
- informal network (similar to Green Spider = PR people from the ministries)

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