



## *Meeting the EU 2020 Biodiversity Targets: Mainstreaming Conservation*

Conference of the European Parliament Intergroup on “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

**Tuesday 24 September 2013**

**09:00-18:30**

**ASP 3E2**

European Parliament, Brussels

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

The European Union has adopted the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 which calls for “*halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020, and restoring them in so far as feasible, while stepping up the EU contribution to averting global biodiversity loss*”. The full implementation of the Strategy requires action from a variety of stakeholders, institutions, administrators, and businesses. The aim of this conference is to present and discuss the contributions of various actors and allow experience and knowledge sharing between policy-makers and stakeholders.

The conference will last a full day, divided into one high-level session in the morning, 4 sessions of 1.5 hours throughout the day, and a closing session in the afternoon presenting key conclusions of their working groups. The sessions will focus on restoration and the contribution of green infrastructure; linking biodiversity science and policy; the role of the private sector in biodiversity conservation; and the measures for biodiversity conservation in agricultural practices.





09:00 – 10:00	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcoming address by <b>Struan Stevenson MEP, Chair of the EP Intergroup</b></li> <li>▪ Keynote speech by <b>Commissioner Janez Potocnik (10')</b></li> <li>▪ Introductory remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Valentinas Mazuronis, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania (10') TBC</b></li> <li>○ <b>Marina von Weissenberg, Vice-President, IUCN (10')</b></li> <li>○ <b>Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, CBD (10') TBC</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:45	<b>Session 1</b>  <i>Restoring nature through green infrastructure</i>  <b>Interpretation EN-FR</b>	<p><i>The aim of this session is to present the ideas and vision for Green Infrastructure in Europe and discuss how the EU Green Infrastructure Strategy can make a contribution to reaching the target 2 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy that requires that 'by 2020, ecosystems and their services are maintained and enhanced by establishing green infrastructure and restoring at least 15% of degraded ecosystems'. The economic benefits of green infrastructure will be highlighted in the discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair: <b>MEP Jo Leinen (TBC)</b></li> <li>▪ Rapporteur: TBC</li> <li>▪ Speakers and titles of presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pia Bucella, Director, “Natural Capital”, DG ENV “The new Green infrastructure strategy” (TBC)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Patrick ten Brink, Senior Fellow and Head of Brussels office, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) “The economic benefits of green infrastructure” (TBC)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Annabelle Jaeger, Regional Councillor, responsible for biodiversity at Région Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur “Regional perspective on green infrastructure” (TBC)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Hermann Kurth, Chief Executive, European Landscape Contractors Association TBC</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>





11:45 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Session 2</b>  <i>Linking biodiversity science to policy-making</i>  <b>Interpretation EN-FR</b>	<p><i>The objective of this session is to discuss biodiversity knowledge transfer from science to policy-makers and practitioners, inform stakeholders and general public about biodiversity-related issues, and valorise the outcome of EU FP7 research projects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair: <b>MEP Theodoros Skylakakis</b> (TBC)</li> <li>▪ Rapporteur: <b>Adrian Peres, Research Programme Officer, DG RTD</b></li> <li>▪ Speakers and titles of presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Kurt Vandenberghe, Director “Environment”, DG RTD</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Sybille van den Hove, Science-policy interfaces, SPIRAL FP7</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Xavier Le Roux, EU Biodiversity Research and link to stakeholders, BiodivERsA 2 FP7</b></li> <li>○ <b>Prof. Michael Bruford, Cardiff School of Biosciences, Cardiff University, CONGRESS FP7</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr Thomas Brooks, Head of Science and Knowledge, IUCN</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break	
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Session 3</b>  <i>The role of the private sector in biodiversity conservation: partnerships and innovation</i>  <b>Interpretation EN-FR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair: <b>MEP Sirpa Pietikainen</b> (TBC)</li> <li>▪ Rapporteur: TBC</li> <li>▪ Speakers and titles of presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>François Wakenhut, Head of Unit “Biodiversity”, DG ENV, “Business and Biodiversity Initiative”</b></li> <li>○ <b>Angelo Salsi, Head of Unit “LIFE – Nature”, DG ENV, “LIFE Biodiversity Campaign project”</b></li> <li>○ <b>Daan Wensing, Managing director Leaders for Nature, IUCN National Netherlands Committee “Bringing companies closer to nature”</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Aileen Ionescu-Somers, CSL Learning Platform Director, IMD Global Centre for</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>





		<p><b>Sustainability Leadership, “Fostering biodiversity: towards new business models?”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Juan Gonzalez-Valero, Head of Public Policy and Partnerships, Syngenta, “Changing business models and company commitments”</b></li> <li>○ <b>Carolina Moeller, Head of Business education, WWF (TBC)</b></li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:15	Break	
16:15 – 17:45	<p><b>Session 4</b></p> <p><i>Integrating biodiversity measures into agricultural practices</i></p> <p><b>Interpretation EN-FR-PT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chair: MEP Luis Manuel Capoulas Santos</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Rapporteur: Rose O’Donovan, Agra Facts (TBC)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Speakers and titles of presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pierre Bascou, Head of Unit “Agricultural policy analysis and perspectives”, DG AGRI</b></li> <li>○ <b>Marion Guillou, , Chair of Agreenium</b></li> <li>○ <b>Friedhelm Schmider, Director General, ECPA (TBC)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Patrick Wrixon, Board Member of Leaf, UK association for integrated farming</b></li> <li>○ <b>Trees Robijns, EU Agriculture Policy Officer, Birdlife international</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:45 – 18:30	<b>Closing session</b>	<p><i>Chaired by Struan Stevenson MEP, Chair of the EP Intergroup</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Key conclusions of each workshop by the Rapporteurs (5’ each)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Questions and debate with the audience (30’)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Conclusions by Struan Stevenson MEP and Jo Leinen MEP (5’) TBC</b></li> </ul>
18:30 – 20:00	<b>Cocktail reception</b>	

