

## Nature conference EU Biodiversity strategy 2020 – implementation

26-27 May, 2015

Riga, Latvia

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Tuesday, 26 May 2015

08.30 – 09.00 Arrival and registration of participants

### **Opening session: Implementations of the Biodiversity Strategy – status quo**

09.00 – 09.05 Welcome by Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union  
Mr Kaspars Gerhards, Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia

09.05 – 11.00 Biodiversity: knowledge, status and trends

Setting the scene for conference- LV Presidency perspective  
Ms Alda Ozola, Ministry of Environmental Protection and regional Development

The European Environment State of Natura & State and outlook 2015  
Mr Ronan Uhel, EEA

Mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020  
Mr François Wakenhut, EC

EEB`s perspective on progress achieved in implementing the Biodiversity Strategy:  
time to double our efforts  
Mr Jeremy Wates, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

### **Morning session: Integrating biodiversity into sectoral policies – resource efficiency**

11.30 – 13.00 Biodiversity and energy

Linkage to informal Environmental council – taking forward the results of the informal council, challenges and opportunities  
Mr Jurijs Spiridonovs, Ministry of Economics of Latvia

The integration of biodiversity in the sustainability strategy of HeidelbergCement  
Dr Michael Rademacher, HeidelbergCement

Natura 2000 and Forests  
Mr Stefan Leiner, EC

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

**Afternoon session: Integrating biodiversity into sectoral policies - land use**

14.00 – 17.30 Biodiversity and agriculture / forestry.

Integrating biodiversity into Common Agricultural Policy. Continued struggle or a wishful thinking?

Mr Konstantin Kreiser, International Biodiversity Policy Officer, NABU (BirdLife Germany)

The Land user`s perspective  
Mr Thierry de l`Escaille, ELO

Management of biodiversity in military training areas  
Mr Tilmann Disselhoff, Conservation consultant, Germany

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 Discussion

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**Morning session: Ecosystem services, their assessment**

09.00 – 13.00 Ecosystem services.

Implementation of Action 5 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy: Status and progress of MAES (Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services)

Mr Joachim Maes, JRC

Nature based solutions to societal challenges – feedback from ALTER-Net conference

Ms Birgit de Boissezon, EC

Assessing and paying for ecosystem services in Europe – opportunities and WWF experience

Mr Alberto Arroyo Schnell, WWF

- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 13.00 Best practice examples from the member states in assessing the ecosystem services  
REA-Flanders: Regional Ecosystem Assessment – Flanders  
Dr. Wouter Van Reeth, Belgium
- Assessment of ecosystems and green infrastructure following the Charter of Rome  
Mr Eugenio Duprè, Italy
- Biodiversity law in France  
Mr Laurent Roy, France
- UK's experiences on payments for Ecosystem Services and Natural Capital Accounting  
Ms Shirley Trundle, UK
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

### ***Afternoon session: Financing for the biodiversity***

- 14.00 – 16.00
- Biodiversity, nature and green infrastructure in 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy  
Mr Sander Happaerts, EC
- EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020 – Implementation: Innovative Financing Tools  
Mr James Ranaivoson, EIB
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

### ***Evening session: The way forward***

- 16.00 – 16.30 BirdLife's mid-term assessment of the EU's 2020 Biodiversity Strategy: how can we turn the tide in the remaining years?  
Mr Konstantin Kreiser, International Biodiversity Policy Officer, NABU (BirdLife Germany)
- 17.00 **Conclusions**  
Ms Daiga Vilkašte,  
Director, Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia