

Tuesday, 3 June ONLY ONE EARTH

14:30 - 16:00	Opening Session: Only one Earth			
Coffee break	GASP			
	Resources and Waste Management	Sustainable Consumption and Production	Nature & Biodiversity	Climate Change
16:30 - 18:00	1.1. Sustainable Development: The role of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management DURI	2.1. Making Europe's consumption sustainable GASP	3.1. The value of biodiversity and ecosystems (1) JENK	4.1. Adapting to climate change: Not whether but how MANS
18:30 - 20:30	Side event European Business Awards for the Environment - Awards ceremony Bibliothèque Solvay "Sounds of sand" a film by Marion Hänsel GASP			

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14:30 - 16:00 - Opening Session: Only one Earth - GASP

Alongside the problems of climate change, the loss of biological diversity and pollution of the environment, mankind is faced with equally pressing challenges related to production, consumption and waste disposal. Many people are unaware of the speed at which we are using up our natural resources, or that we are producing waste faster than it can be turned back into a useful resource.

Speakers:

Mr Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for Environment, European Commission

Ms Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Mr Chris Van Steenberg, President Europe, Cadbury

Mr Mathis Wackernagel, Executive Director of Global Footprint Network

Moderator:

Ms Pia Bucella, Director DG Environment, European Commission

16:30 - 18:00 - Theme sessions

Green Week is built around four themes, each with nine sessions. The sessions are numbered by theme.

- 1. Resources and Waste Management
- 2. Sustainable Consumption and Production
- 3. Nature & Biodiversity
- 4. Climate Change

1. Resources and Waste Management - DUR1

1.1. Sustainable Development: The role of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management

Globalisation and economic growth are putting increasing strain on the use of renewable and non-renewable resources alike. The newly established International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management will provide scientific assessment of these environmental impacts and advice on ways to reduce them.

This session will look at how the Resource Panel can contribute to sustainable development and at the lessons we can draw from experience in this field to date.

Speakers:

Mr Thomas E. Graedel, Member of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management and Professor, Industrial Ecology, Yale University

Mr Ivan Gyulai, Director of Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development

Ms Cristina García-Orcoyen, Chief Executive Fundación Entorno, member of WBCSD, former Member of the European Parliament

Chair:

Ms Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

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2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.1. Making Europe's consumption sustainable (16:30 – 18:30)

European patterns of consumption and production have a significant impact on the environment. Their effects are not only felt in Europe, but also outside its borders. We need to identify these impacts and address them through the right solutions. With its new SCP Action Plan, the Commission will improve the environmental performance of products on the market. It will further empower consumers through better labelling. The Commission will also support public authorities to lead by example.

Speakers:

Ms Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)

Mr Timo Mäkelä, Director DG Environment, European Commission

Mr Michael Kuhndt, Head of the UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Mr Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

Prof Bedrich Moldan, Senator and former Environment Minister of Czech Republic

3. Nature & Biodiversity - JENK

3.1. The value of biodiversity and ecosystems (1)

Ecosystem services such as food, water and climate regulation are the very basis of our life support system. The entire planet depends on the Earth's ecosystems, yet two-thirds of these services are in decline and the speed of change is accelerating as our resource needs make ever increasing demands on the web of life that supports us. A tremendous policy shift will be required if this trend is to be halted.

This session will focus on the concept of biodiversity and ecosystem services and consider the sorts of policy action that will be required to safeguard this irreplaceable resource.

Speakers:

Mr Ben ten Brink, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency MNP

Mr Neville Ash, Manager of Ecosystem Management Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Mr Jock Martin, Head of Biodiversity, spatial analysis and scenarios programme, European Environment Agency

Mr Gilles Kleitz, Technical councillor, private office of the French Minister for Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Planning and Development

Panellist:

Ms Ivonne Higuero, Coordinator, pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy, UNEP

Moderator:

Ms Manuela Soares, Director, DG Research, European Commission

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4. Climate Change - MANS

4.1. Adapting to climate change: Not whether but how

The EU's objective is to limit global warming to no more than 2°C above the pre-industrial level in order to prevent climate change from reaching devastating proportions. But even with a smaller temperature rise climate change will have significant impacts – indeed, many parts of the world are already struggling with the adverse effects of the average 0.76°C increase that has already taken place. The effects of global warming will be felt by all sectors of society, and the most vulnerable will be the hardest hit. So, in parallel with reducing greenhouse gas emissions sharply in order to bring climate change under control in the future, we must also adapt to the climate change that is already under way.

Following up on the general session on adaptation at Green Week 2007, this session aims to bring the debate closer to the man in the street. It will provide concrete examples of ways in which adaptation to climate change can be integrated into the daily lives of the general public, local authorities, NGOs, farmers and SMEs.

Speakers:

Mr Philipp Schmidt-Thome, Geological Survey of Finland

Mr Andrew Tucker, Retrofit project Manager, Greater London Authority

Ms Frédérique Simon-Delavelle, French Ministry of Health

Moderator:

Ms Aminda R. Leigh, Editorial consultant for National Geographic Italy and former BBC journalist

18:30 - 20:30 - Side event - Bibliothèque Solvay

European Business Awards for the Environment - Awards ceremony

11 nominees in 4 categories

By invitation only

18:30 - 20:00 - Side event - GASP

“Sounds of sand“ a film by Marion Hänsel

Winner of the Alice award at the Copenhagen International Film Festival 2007

Sounds of sand (in French “Si le vent soulève les sables”) is the story of a family in East Africa trying to survive in the face of drought, war and desertification that is devastating entire communities.

In French with English subtitles

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Wednesday, 4 June

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	Resources and Waste Management	Sustainable Consumption and Production	Nature & Biodiversity	Climate Change
09:30 - 11:00 Coffee break	1.2. Sustainable Resources Management (1): Identifying priority natural resources JENK	2.2. Can we reconcile sustainability with global economic growth? GASP	3.2. The value of biodiversity and ecosystems (2) DURI	4.2. Climate change opportunities: Moving towards a sustainable, low carbon energy system MANS
11:30 - 13:00 Lunch break	1.3. Sustainable Resources Management (2): Getting the policies right DURI	2.3. Is business realising its green potential? GASP	3.3. Everyone can save water JENK	4.3. Climate change opportunities: Promoting rational energy use MANS
14:30 - 16:00 Coffee break	1.4. Extended Producer Responsibility (1): What can we expect from EPR? DURI	2.4. Could the EU's green leadership be a global economic opportunity? GASP	3.4. Soil sealing: Starving bugs, flooding people MANS	4.4. The EU ETS: Sustainable development in action (1) JENK
16:30 - 18:00	1.5. Extended Producer Responsibility (2): Success stories and shortcomings DURI	2.5. Making Mediterranean tourism sustainable MANS	3.5. Eating sustainably GASP	4.5. The EU ETS: Sustainable development in action (2) JENK
Side events				
10:00 - 18:00	Stand located in front of Charlemagne building Test track and exhibition of environment-friendly two-wheelers			
10:30 - 12:00	CIP information session Résidence Palace			
14:00 - 16:00	Visit to the Renewable Energy House LIFE Environment Awards Résidence Palace			
18:30 - 20:00	'Green Talk' debate, in partnership with <i>European Voice</i> Résidence Palace			

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1. Resources and Waste Management - JENK

1.2. Sustainable Resources Management (1): Identifying priority natural resources

Putting a priority on certain natural resources can play an important role in reducing the environmental impacts of resource use. This session will focus on the advantages of using one resource over another, such as wood rather than stone to build houses. It will also cover a range of related issues including trends in raw material use, price developments, market failures, the development of methodologies and how these elements influence sustainability.

Speakers:

Mr Thomas E. Graedel, Member of the International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management and Professor, Industrial Ecology, Yale University

Mr Phil Dolley, AEA Technology

Mr Andreas Kunsleben, Effizienz-Agentur - cleaner production in North Rhine-Westphalia

Moderator:

Mr Bas de Leeuw, Resource Panel Secretariat, UNEP

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.2. Can we reconcile sustainability with global economic growth?

The EU and its Member States have established global leadership of the drive to halt and reverse climate change. But setting even tougher post-Kyoto environmental standards has yet to be paralleled by a strategy for simultaneously underpinning economic development in the world's poorest countries, and continued growth in rich ones where voters have the final say. What new breed of policies could reconcile environmental responsibility, on which mankind's survival may ultimately depend, with the many pressures for sustainable economic growth? Is the time ripe for the EU to turn its moral leadership on the environment into a credible industrial strategy?

Speakers:

Ms Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Ms Alexandra Ferreira de Carvalho, Director Office of International Affairs, Portuguese Ministry for the Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development

Mr Geert Jan Koopman, Director for Structural Reform, Lisbon Strategy and Economic Evaluation, European Commission

Mr Nick Mabey, Chief Executive Officer, Third Generation Environmentalism (E3G)

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Mr Mark MacGann, Director General, European Information and Communications Technology Association (EICTA)
Mr Justas Vincas Paleckis, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

Mr Giles Merritt, Secretary General, Friends of Europe
Ms Shirin Wheeler, Europe Correspondent, BBC TV

This session is coordinated by Friends of Europe

3. Nature & Biodiversity - DURl

3.2. *The value of biodiversity and ecosystems (2)*

It is becoming clear that continuing with business as usual will lead to a significant decline in ecosystem services over the first half of this century. We risk irreparably harming the access of future generations to the services we have enjoyed for free if we fail to give ecosystems the attention they deserve and neglect their crucial importance for the economy.

This session will focus on the economic effects of global biodiversity loss, weighing up the cost of failure to take protective measures and the benefits of effective conservation.

Speakers:

Mr Jochen Flasbarth, General Director, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
Mr Pavan Sukhdev, Managing Director & Head - Global Markets, Deutsche Bank India, and Director, Green Accounting for Indian States Project (GAISP) of the Green Indian States Trust (GIST)
Mr Salman Hussain, Scottish Agricultural College

Moderator:

Mr Ladislav Miko, Director, DG Environment, European Commission

4. Climate Change - MANS

4.2. *Climate change opportunities: Moving towards a sustainable, low carbon energy system*

With global energy demand and associated greenhouse gas emissions forecast to continue rising on current trends, a major shift in energy production and consumption patterns is required if the international community is to avert dangerous climate change.

This session will examine how the transition to a more secure, low-carbon energy system can be achieved through increased use of renewable energy sources, greater energy efficiency and new technologies such as carbon capture and geological storage. These are the key elements of the EU's strategy to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by up to 30% of 1990 levels by 2020.

Speakers:

Mr Mogens Peter Carl, Director General, DG Environment, European Commission
Ms Laura Cozzi, Deputy Head, Economic Analysis Division, International Energy Agency
Ms Lorraine Bolsinger, Vice President, General Electric
Mr Anders Stouge, Director, Danish Energy Industries Federation

Moderator:

Ms Aminda R. Leigh, Editorial consultant for National Geographic Italy and former BBC journalist

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1. Resources and Waste Management - DURl

1.3. Sustainable Resources Management (2): Getting the policies right

This session will examine the best policy options for tackling the priority resources identified in session 1.2, as well as how producers and consumers can be involved in sustainable resources management. It will also look at options such as resource efficiency and recycling, and at policies to fix market failures.

Speakers:

Prof Bedrich Moldan, Senator and former Environment Minister of Czech Republic

Mr Mathis Wackernagel, Executive Director, Global Footprint Network

Mr Harry Lehmann, Head of environmental planning and sustainability strategies division, German Federal Environment Agency

Moderator:

Mr Bill Duncan, Advizors

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.3. Is business realising its green potential?

Consumer demand for environmentally responsible goods and services is growing, and this has led many manufacturers to find cost-effective ways of improving their environmental performance and thus their image. But many NGOs still say they see more advertising creativity and “greenwash” than real environmental benefit.

Companies have long promoted products through self-declared ecoclaims without having to offer hard evidence. While the EU and some European governments have since demanded more solid proof, the EU’s eco-label has won only limited support from industry.

Could the EU label, if better promoted, help change market dynamics, and what EU level system could put climate change policies on a par with energy and resource efficiency? Should the EU create a CO2 label to make Europe’s different labelling schemes more coherent?

Speakers:

Ms Pilar del Castillo Vera, Member of the European Parliament

Ms Monique Goyens, Director General, European Consumers’ Organisation (BEUC)

Ms Meglena Kuneva, Commissioner for Consumer Protection, European Commission

Ms Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency

Mr Michiel Leijnse, Global Brand Development Manager for Lipton, Unilever

Mr Yannick Richomme, President of Tetra Pak France and Cluster South Europe

Mr Wolfgang Volkhausen, Senior Manager Environmental Protection, ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, on behalf of the European Confederation of Iron and Steel Industries (EUROFER)

Moderator:

Mr Giles Merritt, Secretary General of Friends of Europe

Ms Shirin Wheeler, Europe Correspondent of BBC TV

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3. Nature & Biodiversity - JENK

3.3. *Everyone can save water*

Continued innovation in more efficient water use is essential to address increasing pressure on water resources in many regions. All stakeholders need to participate in this effort. A recent European Commission report estimates that the European Union could save around 38% of the water it uses. Some cities lose up to half their water supplies through leakages from the public distribution system.

In this session, water industry representatives will describe current water saving programmes and present recent technological improvements, highlighting the estimated water saving potential in their sectors.

Speakers:

Mr Lorenzo Galbiati, Head of the WFD economic analysis and international coordination unit, Water Agency of Cataluña

Mr Joseph Menard, COPA-COGECA

Mr Pascal Gréverath, Environment Director, Nestlé S.A.

Moderator:

Mr Fritz Barth, Vice-Chairman of European Water Partnership

4. Climate Change - MANS

4.3. *Climate change opportunities: Promoting rational energy use*

Using energy efficiently saves money and is the cheapest way to cut greenhouse gas emissions, yet waste still accounts for a significant proportion of energy use in Europe and other countries. Achieving the EU's target of reducing energy use by 20% by 2020 will require effective measures and strong political commitment at all levels.

This session will look at ways to reduce energy consumption and will address the challenges faced in implementing existing energy efficiency policies, focusing mainly on the building sector.

Speakers:

Mr Fabrizio Barbaso, Deputy Director-General, DG Transport and Energy, European Commission

Mr Jørgen Henningsen, Advisor on energy and environment, European Policy Centre

Mr Stephan Singer, Head of European Climate and Energy Policy Unit, WWF European Policy Unit

Ms Monique Lévy, European Insulation Manufacturers Association (EURIMA)

Moderator:

Dr Richard A. Bradley, Head, Energy Efficiency and Environment Division, International Energy Agency

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1. Resources and Waste Management - DURI

1.4. Extended Producer Responsibility (1): What can we expect from EPR?

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) makes producers responsible for the environmental impacts of their products over the entire life cycle, including take-back, recycling and disposal at end of life. During the ongoing revision of the EU Waste Framework Directive, some Member States and Members of the European Parliament have asked for greater application of EPR.

This session will explain the principles behind EPR, its potential as a policy tool for waste management and the environmental benefits it can offer, both within the EU and globally. Experience from the use of EPR to date will also be explored, as will future challenges.

Speakers:

Mr Thomas Lindhqvist, Associate Professor, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE), Lund University

Mr Christof Delatter, Policy Coordinator, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities

Mr Pascal Leroy, Secretary General, WEEE Forum

Ms Fazilet Cinaralp, Secretary General, European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association (ETRMA)

Mr József Kelemen, Senior Policy Advisor, Hungarian Environment Ministry

Ms Anita Engler, Manager Design for Environment and ELV, Daimler Germany

Moderator:

Ms Anya Sitaram, Rockhopper TV

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.4. Could the EU's green leadership be a global economic opportunity?

Sustainable industrial policies should aim at turning society's environmental challenges into economic opportunities. European standards for fostering sustainable consumption and production could become global benchmarks, holding the key to growth, wealth and employment as well as to environmental protection. With eco-innovation and resource efficiency the vital elements, what EU policy mix would give European companies a "first mover" global advantage?

Sustainability is both a challenge and an opportunity, as the more efficient use of resources reduces economic costs as well as environmental impact, thus offering clear benefits to society. Will the EU's global leadership on the environment create added value for European companies, leaving the rest of the world to follow, or could it instead endanger Europe's competitiveness?

Speakers:

Mr Günter Verheugen, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

Ms Martina Bianchini, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Dow Chemicals Europe

Mr Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Member of the European Parliament

Ms Miriam Kennet, Director, UK Green Economics Institute

Mr Tony Long, Director, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) European Policy Office

Mr Lars Mårtensson, Environment Director, Volvo Truck Corporation

Moderator:

Mr Giles Merritt, Secretary General, Friends of Europe

Ms Shirin Wheeler, Europe Correspondent, BBC TV

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3. Nature & Biodiversity - MANS

3.4. Soil sealing: Starving bugs, flooding people

This session will focus on the impact of soil sealing on soil functions and the wider ecosystem. Soil sealing is what happens when soil is covered with an impermeable material – for instance, a building or road – and can no longer perform its natural functions.

This barrier can have a range of severe consequences including the disruption of gas, water and energy fluxes, greater flood risk, reduced groundwater recharge, increased water pollution and loss of soil and terrestrial biodiversity. However, techniques and materials exist that can minimise the negative effects of construction on soil function and reduce flood risk.

Speakers:

Mr Jock Martin, Head of Biodiversity, spatial analysis and scenarios programme, European Environment Agency (EAA)

Mr Juraj Kohutiar, People and Water, Bratislava

Prof Dr Siegfried Bauer, European Soil and Land Alliance (ELSA)

Moderator:

Mr Ladislav Miko, Director, DG Environment, European Commission

4. Climate Change - JENK

4.4. The EU ETS: Sustainable development in action (1)

The EU Emissions Trading System, designed to facilitate sustainable low-carbon production at least cost, has become the cornerstone of European climate change policy.

In this session the Commission will give an overview of the lessons learned during the system's initial trading period from 2005 to 2007, which are reflected in its January 2008 proposal for revising the EU ETS. Industry representatives will also present some of the concrete measures companies are undertaking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in various sectors.

Speakers:

Ms Yvon Slingenberg, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Mr Tomas Wyns, EU ETS policy officer, CAN-Europe

Dr. Joachim Hein, Federation of German Industries, member of the Climate Change Working Group of Business Europe

Moderator:

Ms Irene Wyndham, European Broadcaster

1. Resources and Waste Management - DUR1

1.5. Extended Producer Responsibility (2): Success stories and shortcomings

This session will examine whether EPR provides an answer to all aspects intended to be covered by the concept. The feasibility of other initiatives and measures to overcome potential shortcomings will be looked into, and also whether producers are solely responsible for the life cycle of a product or whether suppliers, distributors, retailers and consumers also have a role to play. The discussion will focus on success stories and on the factors leading to successfully achieving EPR's objectives.

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Speakers:

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Mr Christof Delatter, Policy Coordinator, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities

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Moderator:

Ms Anya Sitaram, Rockhopper TV

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - MANS

2.5. Making Mediterranean tourism sustainable

Tourism, forecast to grow internationally by 3-6% per annum over the coming years, is a major industry for several European countries and a crucial source of revenue for many developing nations. However, large influxes of tourists can cause environmental and social imbalances that threaten ecosystems and compete with the resource needs of local populations. The solution is to develop sustainable tourism that generates income and employment in the host country while exerting minimal impact on its ecosystems, nature and culture.

This session focuses on how to achieve sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean, the world's biggest tourist destination, where a number of environmental challenges such as water scarcity, the loss of biodiversity and inadequate waste management infrastructure require urgent attention

Speakers:

Mr Pierre Icard, Plan Bleu

Dsa Renata Mirulla, Italian Environment Ministry

Dott. Paolo Diamante, Manager of Tourist Services, Automobile Club d'Italia

Prof Michael J. Scoullos, Mediterranean Information Offices for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)

Moderator:

Mr Pedro Ortún Silvan, Director DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

3. Nature & Biodiversity - GASP

3.5. Eating sustainably

Food and drink are responsible for between 20 and 30% of the environmental impact of consumption. Much of this is due to meat and dairy products. Changes in consumer behaviours could significantly reduce these impacts, but are people prepared to make them?

This session will consider how we can change our diet to make the food industry sustainable. It will look at connections between environment and health, the reduction of food waste and the role of consumers, policy-makers, retailers and civil society.

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Speakers:

Ms Bronwen Jones, Food Chain Programme, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK

Ms Lucy Yates, Senior Policy Advocate at the National Consumer Council

Mr Fabrizio Ceccarelli, COOP Italy

Mr Ash Amirahmadi, Trading Director Milk and Cream, ARLA Foods UK

Moderator:

Mr Michael Scannell, Adviser of the Animal Health and Welfare Director, DG Health & Consumer Protection, European Commission

4. Climate Change - JENK

4.5. The EU ETS: Sustainable development in action (2)

Potential solutions for cutting emissions are a key research area for the industry of tomorrow. This session offers an insight into future emissions reduction technologies that are in the pipeline, and is presented by the Commission's Directorate-General for Research.

Speakers:

Mr Christos Tokamanis, Head of Unit "New generation products", DG Research, European Commission

Ms Yvon Slingenberg, Head of Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

Panellists:

Mr Christos Tokamanis,

Mr Tomas Wyns,

Dr Joachim Hein and

Ms Yvon Slingenberg

Moderator:

Ms Irene Wyndham, European Broadcaster

10:00-18:00 - Side activity

Stand located in front of Charlemagne building

Test track and exhibition of environment-friendly two-wheelers

(bicycles, electric bicycles, electric mopeds, electric scooters) organised by the European Two-Wheels Retailers Association (ETRA)

10:30 - 12:00 - Side event - Résidence Palace

CIP information session: The new Eco-innovation funding programme for market replication projects under CIP. New Call 2008 (CIP-EIP-Eco-Innovation-2008)

Speaker:

Mr Patrick Lambert, Director, Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI)

Ms Beatriz Yordi, Head of Eco-innovation Unit, EACI

Ms Astrid Geiger, Head of Eco-innovation sector, EACI

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10:30 – 12:00 - Side activity

Visit to the Renewable Energy House – Meeting point: Green Week desk

14:00 – 16:00 - Side session - Résidence Palace

LIFE Environment Awards:

The 5 “Best of the Best” LIFE Environment projects 2007 will receive awards and give short presentations of their work.

18:30 – 20:00 - Side event - Résidence Palace

‘Green Talk’ debate, in partnership with *European Voice*:

Buying indulgences: is carbon-offsetting an environmental cop-out?

Speaking for the motion:

Mr Mayer Hillman, Senior Fellow Emeritus, Policy Studies Institute

Speaking against the motion:

Mr Tanguy du Monceau, Managing Founder, CO2 logic

Chairman:

Mr Tim King, Deputy Editor, European Voice

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Thursday, 5 June ONLY ONE EARTH

	Resources and Waste Management	Sustainable Consumption and Production	Nature & Biodiversity	Climate Change
09:30 - 11:00 Coffee break	1.6. Designing products of the future DURI	2.6. Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy JENK	3.6. Producing food sustainably GASP	4.6. Phasing out ozone-depleting substances: Promoting more sustainable consumption and production MANS
11:30 - 13:00 Lunch break	1.7. Clean production, technology and innovative solutions MANS	2.7. Grappling with emerging, global Sustainable Consumption and Production JENK	3.7. The opportunity cost(s) of biofuels DURI	4.7. Reducing the climate impact of transport - who is responsible? GASP
14:30 - 16:00 Coffee break	1.8. Waste in a recycling society (1) JENK	2.8. Making cities sustainable GASP	3.8. Deforestation in developing countries: Drivers and policy responses DURI	4.8. Helping consumers choose low-emission cars (1) MANS
16:30 - 18:00	1.9. Waste in a recycling society (2) JENK	2.9. Achieving sustainable construction GASP	3.9. Deforestation in developing countries: Drivers and policy responses (2) DURI	4.9. Helping consumers choose low-emission cars (2) MANS
Side events				
09:00 - 14:15	Visit to the "Living Tomorrow" house			
09:30 - 11:00	2008, the International Year of Planet Earth Salon Rouge			
10:00 - 18:00	Test track and exhibition of environment-friendly two-wheelers			
13:30 - 18:00	Visit to Metallo Chimique			
14:30 - 16:00	The role of enforcement in waste shipments Salon Rouge			
18:30 - 20:00	Visit to the Renewable Energy House			
18:30 - 20:00	Award ceremony - European Schools Film Competition on climate change and the impact of human activities on oceans ecosystems GASP			

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1. Resources and Waste Management - DURİ

1.6. Designing products of the future

Eco-design is the catchword for integrating environmental concerns into the design of a product with the goal of improving its environmental performance throughout its life cycle.

The session will examine the opportunities eco-design offers and the challenges it brings. It will look at which policies can be most effective in supporting eco-design and the take-up of better products by consumers.

Speakers:

Mr Jens Soth, Helvetas

Mr Lars Mortensen, European Environment Agency

Mr Markus Terho, Director, Environmental Affairs, Nokia

Mr Fabrizio Zago, European Union of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)

Moderator:

Mr Martin Charter, Director, Centre for Sustainable Design, UK

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production Action Plan - JENK

2.6. Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy

The European Commission is proposing an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy (SCP-SIP). The goal is to create a virtuous circle by improving the environmental performance of products throughout their life cycle, promoting and stimulating demand for better products and helping consumers to make better choices.

This session will give participants details of the Action Plan and related initiatives: proposals to revise the EU directive on the eco-design of energy using products, the EU Ecolabel scheme and the eco-management and audit scheme EMAS, and a Communication on green public procurement.

Speakers:

Mr Martin Eifel, Policy Officer, Sustainable Industrial Policy, DG Enterprise, European Commission

Mr Pavel Misiga, Head of Unit for Environment and Industry, DG Environment, European Commission

Moderator:

Mr Herbert Aichinger, Scientific Advisor, DG Environment, European Commission

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3. Nature & Biodiversity - GASP

3.6. Producing food sustainably

While some farming methods protect natural resources, others can cause harm by reducing biodiversity and polluting the air, water and soil.

This session considers how the agricultural sector can combine competitive production with protecting the environment. It will examine sustainable agricultural practices, notably in dairy production (UK Milk Roadmap project) and in crop production (integrated pest management), which the European Commission is proposing to make mandatory for European farmers from 2014.

Speakers:

Mr Hans Muilerman, Stichting Natuur en Milieu

Dr Dimitra Gilpathi, Agronomist-Plant Pathologist, Department of Plant Protection, Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food

Ms Hayley Campbell-Gibbons, Chief Dairy Adviser, UK National Farmers Union - COPA-COGECA

Moderator:

Mr Nikiforos Sivenas, Director, DG Agriculture, European Commission

4. Climate Change - MANS

4.6. Phasing out ozone-depleting substances: Promoting more sustainable consumption and production

In 2007 the Montreal Protocol on protecting the ozone layer celebrated its 20th anniversary with the news that 95% of ozone depleting substances (ODS) have been phased out. This success has underlined the value of making consumers aware of the environmental impacts of their behaviour.

This session will focus on how international action under the Protocol to ban and replace ODS led to the development of innovative substitutes that have contributed to sustainable consumption and production. It will also look at the challenges that remain, such as dealing with ODS in products and equipment and achieving an early phase-out of HCFCs.

Speakers:

Mr Thomas Verheye, DG Environment, European Commission

Mr Jacques de Gerlache, Health, Safety and Environment Corporate Communications and Public Affairs, Solvay, European Fluorocarbons Technical Committee (EFCTC)

Mr Jorge Diéguez, Regulatory Affairs Manager, DuPont International S.A.

Mr Rajendra Shende, Head OzonAction, UNEP

Ms Fionnuala Walravens, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)

Moderator:

Mr Peter Woodward, independent facilitator, Quest Associates

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1. Resources and Waste Management - MANS

1.7. Clean production, technology and innovative solutions

This session will focus on how industrial emissions legislation can promote sustainable production and provide examples of how non-legislative tools can be used to promote eco-design and innovation through such initiatives as the National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP).

In 2003 the European Commission indicated how European legislation on industrial pollution was steering industry towards more sustainable production within the enlarged European Union. The Commission recently presented a legislative proposal on the control of industrial emissions. The aim of the proposal, that will be a subject of discussion, is to reduce industrial emissions without compromising industrial competitiveness while stimulating the development of environmentally-friendly technology.

Speakers:

Mr Guy Mottard, French Ministry of Environment

Mr John Hontelez, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau

Mr Michel Bruder, Chair, Business Europe IPPC Working Group

Mr Peter Laybourn, Programme Director, National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP), UK

Moderator:

Ms Marianne Wenning, Head of Unit for Industrial Emissions and Protection of the Ozone Layer, DG Environment, European Commission

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - JENK

2.7. Grappling with emerging, global Sustainable Consumption and Production

Moving towards Sustainable Consumption and Production is a worldwide challenge which many regions are in the process of addressing. In Europe the Commission has its Action Plan, and work is also underway in Asia's key emerging economies (notably China and India) and in the EU's immediate neighbourhood.

This session looks at the evolving situation in Asia and the EU's efforts to promote the uptake of SCP by working closely with Asian countries. The session will also include a case study from the Occupied Palestinian Territory showing the importance of efficient waste management even in places where basic necessities like drinking water are in short supply.

Speakers:

Mr Thomas Wiley, Head of Section, SWITCH programme, DG EuropeAid Cooperation Office, European Commission

Mr Hani Shawahneh, Jenin Joint Service Council for solid waste management

Mr Magnus Gislev, Environmental Counsellor in Beijing, European Commission

Moderator:

Ms Soledad Blanco, Director for International Affairs, DG Environment, European Commission

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3. Nature & Biodiversity - DUR1

3.7. *The opportunity cost(s) of biofuels*

Biofuels seem to offer a promising opportunity to reduce rising greenhouse gas emissions from transport but their impacts need to be carefully assessed. This session will focus on how biofuels can be accommodated by limited land resources that have to meet ever increasing demands for food and environmental services. The land-use implications of growing biofuels will be analysed in the context of life-cycle emissions and linkages to agricultural commodity markets.

Speakers:

Mr Timothy Searchinger, German Marshall Fund

Mr Corrado Pirzio-Biroli, CEO, RISE Foundation, chairman European Landowners' Organization Advisory Committee

Mr Paul Temple, National Farmers' Union

Moderator:

Ms Aminda R. Leigh, Editorial consultant for National Geographic Italy and former BBC journalist

4. Climate Change - GASP

4.7. *Reducing the climate impact of transport - who is responsible?*

Transport, responsible for around 18% of global greenhouse gas emissions, is the fastest growing emissions source both in the EU and worldwide. Europe and other regions are taking initiatives to limit this increase but they are clearly not enough to stop or reverse it.

This session aims to clarify what the most effective measures are to address transport emissions and at which level – e.g. local, national or international – they need to be taken.

Speakers:

Dr Peder Jensen, European Environment Agency

Prof Peter Jones, University College, London

Ms Maria Krautzberger, Permanent Secretary, Senate Department for Urban Development, Berlin

Mr Per André Torper, Assistant Director General, Environmental Policy Unit, Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communication

Mr Jos Dings, Director, European Federation for Transport and Environment

Prof John Whitelegg, Stockholm Environment Institute

Moderator:

Mr Mark Major, DG Environment, European Commission

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1. Resources and Waste Management - JENK

1.8. Waste in a recycling society (1)

Moving towards a recycling society in which the production of waste is minimised and unavoidable waste is recycled is the central aim of the EU's waste strategy. This session will explore scenarios of how society can generate less waste and how waste can become a useful resource. Emerging strategies on waste prevention, energy saving and reduction of environmental impacts will be discussed, as well as prospects for a zero-waste society in the longer term.

Speakers:

Ms Birgit Munck-Kampmann, Manager, European Topic Centre on Resource and Waste Management

Mr Stefan Scheuer, Expert in Environmental and Energy Policies, Independent Consultant

Mr Ronald Rovers, Sustainable Building Support Center, The Netherlands

Moderator:

Mr Rick Thompson, former BBC international news editor

2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.8. Making cities sustainable

A considerable majority of Europeans now live in cities, making the involvement of urban consumers and businesses key to achieving more sustainable use of resources in Europe.

This session looks at the potential for reducing environmental impacts in urban areas through responsible purchasing, sustainable land planning and environmentally responsible infrastructure.

Speakers:

Mr Graham Randles, Programme Manager, Mayor of London's Green Procurement Code

Mr Grzegorz Synowiec, Office of Wroclaw/Lower Silesia, Poland

Mr Juergen Meyer, Siemens AG

Moderator:

Mr Peter Woodward, independent facilitator, Quest Associates

3. Nature & Biodiversity - DUR1

3.8. Deforestation in developing countries: Drivers and policy responses

Tropical forests are being destroyed at a rate of about 10 million ha per year. This is having impacts not only locally and regionally but also at global level: tropical forests are crucial reservoirs of biodiversity, hosting about half of all known species, and their destruction is responsible for around 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

This session will look at the main drivers of tropical deforestation and possible solutions. The debate will focus in particular on the role that forest governance (land tenure regimes, institutional issues) can play in stopping deforestation and promoting sustainable resources management.

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Speakers:

Mr Frédéric Achard, Joint Research Center (JRC), European Commission

Ms Eva Müller, Chief, Forest Policy Service, Forestry Department, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Dr Markku Kanninen, Director, Environmental Services and Sustainable Use of Forests, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Moderator:

Ms Benedicte Paviot, UK Correspondent, France 24

4. Climate Change - MANS

4.8. Helping consumers choose low-emission cars (1)

The Commission's strategy to reduce CO₂ emissions from new cars includes improving consumer information through car labelling. This session will serve as a stakeholder forum on the planned revision of the EU car labelling directive 1999/94/EC. The Commission intends to circulate a background paper in order to structure the debate. The discussion will cover the merits of different approaches to labelling and ways of improving the effectiveness of the provisions in the directive. The results will feed into the Impact Assessment of the Commission's forthcoming proposal to revise the directive.

Speaker:

Speakers from the European Commission, Member States, the car industry, car dealerships and drivers' associations

Moderator:

Mr Günter Hörmandinger, DG Environment, European Commission

1. Resources and Waste Management - JENK

1.9. Waste in a recycling society (2)

This second session will focus on the practical aspects of what can be done with waste, taking into account the hierarchy of waste management options and life-cycle thinking. How waste can effectively be reduced and be put to use in practical ways will be illustrated. The session will also show how waste can be transformed into materials and new products. The issue of "downcycling" and the quality of recycled products will be discussed, as will the potential advantages and disadvantages of material-based and product-based approaches to reducing waste.

Speakers:

Mr Jean-Pierre Hannequart, President, Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource management (ACR+)

Dr Krista Thomas, Policy Officer, Reuse and Recycling European Social Enterprises (RREUSE)

Mr Karl Edsjö, Electrolux

Mr Ivo Kropacek, Bankwatch Network

Moderator:

Mr Julian Carroll, Managing Director, European Organization for Packaging and the Environment (EUROPEN)

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2. Sustainable Consumption and Production - GASP

2.9. Achieving sustainable construction

This session will focus attention on the need to develop a sustainable approach to construction and landscape design. How buildings are designed has a huge impact on our use of resources. For instance, buildings account for 40% of the energy used in Europe and the US because many are inefficient in their use of heating, cooling and lighting. Sustainable construction aims at achieving increased resource efficiency in buildings. Modern procurement practices need to incorporate efficient use of energy, water and materials in new buildings, while public authorities also need to introduce incentives for older buildings to be renovated in sustainable ways.

Speakers:

Mr Richard Jackson, Environment Manager, London 2012 Games, Olympic Delivery Authority

Mr Christian Farrar-Hockley, Health & Environment Alliance

Mr Adrian M. Joyce, Senior adviser, Architects' Council of Europe

Mr Gunnar Liehr, Vice-president, Head Europe, Building Technologies, Energy & Environment, Siemens Schweiz AG

Moderator:

Mr Rick Thompson, former BBC international news editor

3. Nature & Biodiversity - DUR1

3.9. Deforestation in developing countries: Drivers and policy responses (2)

(continuation)

Speakers:

Mr Frédéric Achard, Joint Research Center (JRC), European Commission

Ms Eva Müller, Chief, Forest Policy Service, Forestry Department, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Dr Markku Kanninen, Director, Environmental Services and Sustainable Use of Forests, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Mr Carlos Souza, Imazon, Brazil

Mr Eduardo "Ed" Queblatin, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), EC-UNDP Small Grants Programme for Operations to Promote Tropical Forests

Ms Soledad Blanco, Director for International Affairs, DG Environment, European Commission

Mr Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator:

Ms Benedicte Paviot, UK Correspondent, France 24

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4. Climate Change - MANS

4.9. Helping consumers choose low-emission cars (2)

(continuation)

Speaker:

Speakers from printed media, broadcasters, the advertising industry, consumer associations and NGOs

Moderator:

Mr Günter Hörmandinger, DG Environment, European Commission

09:00 – 14:15 - Side activity

Conference / Visit to the “Living Tomorrow” house (in Vilvoorde)

“Building a Sustainable Future”

Presentations, debate and visit organised by the European Autoclaved Aerated Concrete Association (EAACA)

Buildings are by definition long-lasting structures. Sustainability concerns are therefore at the heart of a building's design and construction, from the use of raw materials and energy savings in buildings, to the recycling of demolition waste. Through the practical example of the “Living Tomorrow” building near Brussels, this conference will present several facets of sustainable housing from the construction angle, focusing in particular on materials. The event will be combined with a visit to “Living Tomorrow”, a sustainable and very innovative building. A lunch will also be served.

Speakers:

Mr Jos Cox, President, EAACA

Mr Antonio Paparella, Policy Officer, Construction, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

Ms Gemmeke De Jongh, Content Manager, Living Tomorrow International

Limited number of participants.

Information point: Green Week desk. Registrations at stand 37

9:30 – 11:00 - Side session - Salon Rouge

2008, the International Year of Planet Earth: Presentations and debate organised by the European Federation of Geologists

Speakers:

Dr. Werner Janoschek, Goodwill Ambassador, International Year of Planet Earth

Dr Patrice Christmann, Secretary General, EuroGeoSurvey

Mr Manuel Regueiro, EFG President and Dr Isabel Fernandez, EFG Director Office

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10:00-18:00 - Side activity

Stand located in front of Charlemagne building

Test track and exhibition of environment-friendly two-wheelers (bicycles, electric bicycles, electric mopeds, electric scooters) organised by the European Two-Wheels Retailers Association (ETRA)

13:30 – 18:00 - Side activity

Visit to Metallo Chimique's recycling plant in Beerse.

The European Copper Institute organizes a visit to the Belgian group Metallo-Chimique's recycling plant in Beerse, near Antwerp. It processes more than 12,000 tonnes of Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) annually, as well as 340,000 tonnes of other secondary raw materials. The plant's innovative recycling processes turn copper, lead and tin scrap back into new marketable resources. Visitors will see all phases of the copper refining process.

Limited number of participants. Information point: Information desk. Registrations at stand 45

14:30 - 16:00 - Side session: 5/6 - Salon Rouge

The role of enforcement in waste shipments

Effective enforcement of international, European and national rules is vital for ensuring that waste is managed, shipped and treated in ways that are safe for human health and the environment.

IMPEL TFS is an informal network of inspectors and frontline regulators from 23 EU Member States involved in enforcing rules governing transfrontier shipments of waste. Members of IMPEL TFS will present the activities and results of the network and facilitate a discussion among participants on the role of enforcement in EU and national waste policies.

Speakers:

Ms Nancy Isarin, IMPEL TFS Secretariat

Mr John Burns, member of the IMPEL TFS Steering Committee, Environment Agency of England & Wales

Mr Peter Wessman, DG Environment, European Commission

18:30 – 20:00 - Side activity

Visit to the Renewable Energy House – Meeting point: Green Week desk

18:30 – 20:00 - Side event - GASP

Award ceremony - European Schools Film Competition on climate change and the impact of human activities on oceans ecosystems

Organised by EUR-OCEANS (European Network of Excellence for Ocean Ecosystems Analysis)

Under the patronage of Mr Jean-Louis Borloo, French Minister for Ecology and Sustainable Planning and Development

In the presence of Mr Joe Borg, European Commissioner for fisheries and maritime affairs and Honorary Chairman of the competition, and

of the jury members:

Mr Allain Bougrain Dubourg, TV journalist and producer, President of the jury

Mr Mike Golding, Skipper of the IMOCA Open 60' ECOVER, round the world sailor

Mr Paul Treguer, EUR-OCEANS Scientific Director

Mr Pierre Mathy, DG Research, European Commission

Mr Paul Van den Sande, President of the European Union of Aquarium Curators (EUAC)

Mrs Sylvia Binger, European Schoolnet

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10:00 - 12:00	Closing Session: Conclusions and next steps GASP
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The sessions take place in the following rooms:

MANS = Sicco Mansholt (ground floor)
JENK = Roy Jenkins (ground floor)
DURI = Jean Durieux (first floor)
GASP = Alcide de Gasperi (second floor)

10:00 - 12:00 - Closing Session: Conclusions and next steps - GASP

Speakers:

Mr Stavros Dimas, Commissioner for Environment, European Commission
Mr Janez Podobnik, Slovenian Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning
Mr Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament

Rapporteur:

Mr Mogens Peter Carl, Director General, DG Environment, European Commission

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