

Land as a resource
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 Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels

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Time	Title	Speaker
8.30	<i>Registration desk opens</i>	
9.30- 9.35	Welcome and Introduction	Pia Bucella, Director, Natural Capital Directorate, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
9.35- 9.50	'They ain't making it any more': policy aspects of land trade-offs in Europe	Janez Potočnik, Environment Commissioner, European Commission
9.50- 10.15	The importance of land in the 21st Century	Lester E. Brown, President, Earth Policy Institute, Washington D.C., USA
10.15- 10.30	Questions and answers	
10.30- 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	Session 1: What are the issues at stake? Chair: Pia Bucella, Director, Natural Capital Directorate, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission	
11.00- 11.20	A finite world and increasing land demands: a global perspective	Stefan Bringezu, Director, Wuppertal Institute, Wuppertal, Germany

11.20-11.40	Tackling urban sprawl: towards a compact model of cities?	David Ludlow, European Urban Research, University of the West of England, Bristol, United Kingdom
11.40-12.00	Potential and limits of sustainable intensification of agriculture	Winfried Blum, Rural Investment Support for Europe (RISE) Foundation, Brussels, Belgium
12.00-12.20	Land use changes and their impacts on extreme events	Millán M. Millán, Honorary Director, CEAM, Valencia, Spain
12.20-12.45	Questions and answers	
12.45-14.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
	Session 2: National and regional experiences Chair: Pia Bucella, Director, Nature Directorate, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission	
14.15-14.35	The German land take reduction target – is it working?	Günther Bachmann, Secretary-General, German Sustainability Council, Berlin, Germany
14.35-14.55	Land recycling in the United Kingdom	Frank Evans, Land Regeneration Programme Manager, National Grid Property, Warwick, United Kingdom
14.55-15.15	The French approach to balancing different land uses – the SCoT (Schéma de cohérence territoriale) and its implementation	Dominique Petigas-Huet, Ministère de l'égalité des territoires et du logement, Paris, France
15.15-15.35	Results and insight of the CircUse Project	Anna Starzewska-Sikorska, CircUse Project Coordinator, Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas, Katowice, Poland
15.35-16.00	Questions and answers	
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

	Session 3: Exploring possible EU answers	
	Chair: Karl Falkenberg, Director-General, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission	
16.30-16.40	Are EU policies drivers of global land use?	Alexander Müller, Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany
16.40-16.50	Land concentration and impacts on jobs and rural communities in Europe – the hidden side of land efficiency?	María del Carmen García Bueno, Sindicato de Obreros del Campo (SOC), Andalucía, Spain
16.50-17.00	Urban policies and increasing land take – a reflection from an urban expert	Simone Ombuen, Dipartimento di Architettura, Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy
17.10-17.20	Land multifunctionality and the role of landowners	Thierry de l'Escaille, Secretary-General, European Landowners' Organisation (ELO), Brussels
17.20-17.30	Increasing agricultural land prices and urban land competition – what should be the EU's answer?	Pekka Pesonen, Secretary-General, COPA-COGECA, Brussels
17.30-17.40	How to reconcile land management and the environment	Ariel Brunner, Head of EU Policy, BirdLife International, Brussels
17.40-18.45	Panel discussion Land as a resource: the role of EU's policies	Chair: Karl Falkenberg Participants: All speakers in Session 3
18.45-19.00	Closing remarks	Karl Falkenberg, Director-General, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
19.00-19.45	Cocktail reception	