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BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION – BEYOND 2010
Priorities and options for future EU Policy

Athens
26-27-28 April 2009
Hotel Athenaeum Intercontinental

PROGRAMME



26 April 2009

19:30 Welcome Reception at Hotel Athenaeum Intercontinental, including presentation to Ms Niki Goulandris in recognition of her lifetime work towards biodiversity protection

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CONFERENCE WORKING LANGUAGE WILL BE ENGLISH WITH INTERPRETATION TO AND FROM GREEK FOR THE PLENARY SESSIONS

8:00 – 9:15 Registration

LEVEL -1

9:30 – 11:00 OPENING SESSION

BALLROOM I & II (LEVEL -2)

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC HIS EXCELLENCY KAROLOS PAPOULIAS

✚ Welcome by Commissioner STAVROS DIMAS
✚ Opening Speech by the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic His Excellency KOSTAS KARAMANLIS
✚ Opening Speech by the President of the European Commission JOSE MANUEL BARROSO
✚ Opening Speech by the President of the Parliament of the Hellenic Republic DIMITRIOS SIOUFAS
✚ Statement on behalf of the EU Presidency by JAN DUSÍK , Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
✚ Opening Speech by GEORGIOS SOUFLIAS , Minister for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, Greece
✚ Opening Speech by JIM LEAPE , Director General WWF

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 SETTING THE SCENE – PLENARY SESSION

BALLROOM I & II (LEVEL -2)

Chair: SPYROS KOUVELIS, Member of the Hellenic Parliament

Rapporteurs: ANGELIKA RUBIN AND JÖRG ROOS (DG ENV)

✚ The Status of European Biodiversity – JACQUELINE MCGLADE, Executive Director, European Environment Agency

✚ The Status of Global Biodiversity – JON HUTTON, Director, UNEP/WCMC

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

YPSILON (LEVEL -1)

15:00 – 17:15 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS – BLOCK 1

	A) <u>The EU Biodiversity Action Plan</u>	B) <u>Biodiversity and Climate Change</u>	C) <u>Integration of Biodiversity Protection and Business</u>
Room	BALLROOM I & II (LEVEL -2)	VIP+LAMDA (LEVEL -2)	OMEGA (LEVEL -2)
Chair	LADISLAV MIKO , Director, DG ENV	ÅSA NORRMAN , Nature Director, Sweden	ROB WOLTERS , Executive Director, ECNC
Rapporteur	MICHEAL O'BRIAIN (DG ENV)	KARIN ZAUNBERGER (DG ENV) and CAROLINE COWAN (Natural England)	SZILVIA BŐSZE (DG ENV) and AYSEGUL CIL (ECNC)
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The EU BAP-Mid Term Report – MICHEAL O'BRIAIN (DG ENV) ✚ The IUCN Readiness Assessment – TAMAS MARGHESCU, IUCN (RoFE) ✚ The NGO Perspective – TONY LONG, Director WWF Brussels Office ✚ The view of the European Parliament – CHRIS DAVIES, member of the Env Committee of the EP ✚ The EU's Biodiversity Footprint in Developing Countries – ALFRED OTENG YEBOAH, Department of Botany, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Effects of Climate Change on European Birds – CLAIRIE PAPAZOGLU, Director, Bird Life International, Brussels Office ✚ Mitigation and Adaptation: Opportunity and Threats to Biodiversity – PAM BERRY, University of Oxford ✚ Findings of the CBD AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change – BOB WATSON, AHTEC chair ✚ The Climate Change - Biodiversity nexus: findings of the ALARM project – JOSEF SETTELE, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, UFZ ✚ Biodiversity and Climate Change – potential for co-benefits – JAN PLESNIK, Adviser to Director, Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Czech Republic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Opportunities in biodiversity for the Financial Sector – PAUL CLEMENTS-HUNT, UNEP Finance Initiative ✚ Mainstreaming business and biodiversity into development and poverty eradication planning – RAVI SHARMA, Director, Implementation and Technical Support, CBD ✚ Building biodiversity business: experience to-date and future prospects – JOSHUA BISHOP, Chief Economist, IUCN ✚ Partnerships across the public, private and non-governmental sectors (the BTAU project) – JOANNA MAĆKOWIAK-PANDERA, Head of Political Cabinet, Polish Ministry of Environment ✚ The view from the private sector – ELIZABETH JASKULKE (GDF Suez) on behalf of BUSINESS EUROPE

17:15 – 17:45 *Coffee break*

17:45 – 19:00 PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS – BLOCK 2

	A) <u>Natura 2000 - Does it Work and How to Make it Better</u>	B) <u>Economics and Finance</u>	C) <u>Objectives for Biodiversity Protection beyond 2010</u>
Room	VIP+LAMDA (LEVEL -2)	OMEGA (LEVEL -2)	BALLROOM I & II (LEVEL -2)
Chair	LADISLAV MIKO , Director DG ENV	ANDERS WIJKMAN MEP	JOCHEN FLASBARTH , Nature Director Federal Republic of Germany
Rapporteur	STEFAN LEINER (DG ENV)	AUDE NEUVILLE (DG ENV)	ANNE TELLER and JÖRG ROOS (DG ENV)
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is the EU Legislation and the Natura 2000 network effective? – PATRICK MURPHY, DG ENV ■ Implementing Natura 2000 in a German Land - Lessons to be Learnt – DR ALEXANDER SCHINK, State Secretary for Environment, North Rhine Westphalia ■ The View of European Landowners – THIERRY D'ESCAILLE, Secretary General ELO ■ The view of the hunters – YVES LECOQ, FACE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Biodiversity measurement and valuation and economic instruments for managing biodiversity in ecosystems – ANASTASIOS XEPAPADEAS, Professor of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business ■ The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) – PAVAN SUKHDEV, TEEB Study Leader ■ The costs of protecting nature – PATRICK TEN BRINK, IEEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The vision of the present (CZ) presidency – PETR ROTH, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic ■ An NGO perspective – JOHN HONTELEZ, Director, European Environment Bureau ■ Conservation beyond 2010: future perspectives of area-based interventions – PROFESSOR ANDREW BALMFORD, University of Cambridge

19:00 End of First Day Sessions

20:00 Leaving with busses from Hotel Athenaeum Intercontinental to conference dinner venue

20:30 – Conference Dinner at Zappeion Exhibition Hall

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9:00 – 10:00 CONTINUATION OF PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS – BLOCK 2

	A) <u>Natura 2000 - Does it Work and How to Make it Better</u>	B) <u>Economics and Finance</u>	C) <u>Objectives for Biodiversity Protection beyond 2010</u>
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Speakers	<p>✚ The View of European Farmers – NIKOS LAPPAS, (GESASE, the General Confederation of Greek Agrarian Associations) on behalf of Copa-Cogeca</p> <p>✚ The view from business sector – MICHALIS STEFANAKIS (S&B Industrial Minerals) on behalf of BUSINESS EUROPE</p> <p>✚ NGO perspective – ZOLTAN WALICZKY, on behalf of European Habitats Forum</p>	<p>✚ Financing for the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems (the role of the EIB) – PETER CARTER, Head of Sustainable Development Unit, EIB</p> <p>✚ Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD): an example of a key tool for capturing biodiversity and ecosystem values – SHEILA WERTZ-KANOUNNIKOFF, Senior Scientist for Climate Change, CIFOR</p>	<p>✚ International Perspectives or How to avoid Canuteism, Philately and Neroism – PETER BRIDGEWATER, Chair UK-JNCC</p> <p>✚ Down to earth global perspective to the future debate- JEFFREY A. MCNEELY, Chief Scientist, IUCN, The World Conservation Union</p> <p>✚ Towards a post-2010 Strategic Plan – DAVID COOPER, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</p>

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 REPORTS AND ROUND TABLE

BALLROOM I (LEVEL -2)

Chair: LADISLAV MIKO, Director DG ENV
Rapporteurs: PAPOULIAS FOTIOS (DG ENV)

Purpose of the session is to bring back to the plenary the key messages from the parallel sessions and to distil the elements to be incorporated into the final message from the conference.

10:30 – 11:30 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS TO PLENARY

10:30 – 10:40	Report from WG A) Block 1 – The EU Biodiversity Action Plan
10:40 – 10:50	Report from WG B) Block 1 – Biodiversity and Climate Change
10:50 – 11:00	Report from WG C) Block 1 – Integration of Biodiversity Protection and Business
11:00 – 11:10	Report from WG A) Block 2 – Natura 2000 - Does it Work and How to Make it Better
11:10 – 11:20	Report from WG B) Block 2 – Economics and Finance
11:20 – 11:30	Report from WG C) Block 2 – Objectives for Biodiversity Protection beyond 2010

11:30 – 12:30 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH GROUP CHAIRS

12:30 Lunch

YPSILON (LEVEL -1)

14:00 – 16:00 FINAL PLENARY – "THE MESSAGE FROM ATHENS"

BALLROOM I (LEVEL -2)

Hosted by STAVROS DIMAS, Commissioner for Environment
Chaired by MARTIJN QUINN, Deputy Head of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for Environment

Key elements of the G8 Environment on biodiversity Summit by ROBERTO MENIA, Vice Minister for Environment Land and Sea of the Government of Italy

Presentation BY ANDREAS PAPACONSTANTINOU, Member of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for Environment

16:00: End of Conference