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### **CGBN**

**Co-ordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature**

**23<sup>rd</sup> meeting – 14-15 September 2017**



## **23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE CO-ORDINATION GROUP FOR BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE (CGBN)**

**Thursday, 14 September 2017 (9:30-17:30), and**

**JOINT SESSION OF THE CGBN AND THE STANDING FORESTRY COMMITTEE (SFC)**

**Friday, 15 September 2017 (9:15-14:30)**

**Place:** European Commission Conference Centre "**Albert Borschette**" – **Room 0/D**  
36, rue Froissart - B-1040 Brussels (Schuman metro station)

**Chairs:** Co-chaired by:  
Ms Claudia Olazabal, Head of Unit ENV.D1 Land Use & Management  
Mr Stefan Leiner, Head of Unit ENV.D.2 Biodiversity  
Mr Nicola Notaro, Head of Unit ENV.D.3 Nature Protection  
Mr Valeri Georgiev (triple Presidency representative)

**Documents:** See CIRCABC internet site:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/74e14d7c-8966-4a6f-9fe6-f1c6c2ab8c9d>  
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**THURSDAY 14 September 2017 (9:30 – 17:30)**  
**Borschette, room 0/D**

**Morning session 09:30 until 13.00**

**9:00-9:30      1. REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

**9:30-10:00    2. INTRODUCTORY SESSION**

2.1. Adoption of draft agenda and minutes of the last meeting

2.3. Feedback from the last NDM in Malta (29-30 May 2017, St-Julien's) by the Maltese representative

2.3. Update on the plans for the next NDM in Estonia (27-29 September 2017, Tallinn) by the Estonian representative

**10:00-11:15    3. ACTION PLAN FOR NATURE, PEOPLE AND THE ECONOMY AND CGBN ROADMAP**

***Discussion Point***

Introduction by the Commission on the status of implementation of the Action Plan and its integration into/relevance for the CGBN Roadmap for enhanced implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy to 2020

Q&A and discussion:

- *a draft updated CGBN Roadmap integrating relevant actions from the Action Plan for nature, people and the economy*
- *an information note on progress in implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020*

Presentation of the Peer to Peer mechanism developed under the EIR and its relevance for the Nature Directives Action Plan

**11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 12:00 4. FINAL REVIEW OF THE EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY TO 2020**

***Discussion Point***

Introduction by Commission on status of preparations

Q&A and discussion

**12:00 – 13:00 5. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY TO 2020**

***Discussion Point***

Introduction by Commission on status of preparations

Q&A and discussion

**13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH BREAK**

*Thursday 14 September (14:30 – 17:30)*  
*Borschette, room 0/D*

*Afternoon session 14:30 until 17:30*

**14:30-16:00 6. COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY: IMPLEMENTATION, EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

*Discussion Point*

Introduction by the Commission also linking the discussion to the recently adopted [Reflection Paper on the future of EU finances](#)

Q&A and discussion

Short introduction of agenda and expectations from joint CGBN/SFC meeting on 15 September

**16:00 – 17:00 7. MS AND EU LEVEL COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS RAISING ON BIODIVERSITY**

**7.1.** Introduction by the Commission of relevant EU level activities and plans (including in the framework of the Action Plan for nature, people and the economy, the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage etc.)

**7.2.** Contributions from the CGBN

**7.3.** Discussion on cooperation opportunities

**17:00 - 17:30 8. AOB**

***FRIDAY 15 September 2017 (9:15 – 14:30)***  
***Borschette, room 0/D***

**JOINT MEETING COORDINATION GROUP FOR BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE (CGBN) AND  
STANDING FORESTRY COMMITTEE (SFC)**

**AGENDA**

**8:45-9:15     1. WELCOME COFFEE**

**9:15-9:45     2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1. Welcoming words, Meeting objectives
- 2.2. Adoption of the agenda

**Points for discussion**

**9:45-11:00     3. NATURE DIRECTIVES AND EU FORESTS**

- 3.1. An Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy: actions relevant to forests
- 3.2. WG on nature and forests: continuation

**11:00-11:15     Coffee break**

**11:15-12:30     4. INVESTING IN NATURA 2000 IN FORESTS, AND EU FUNDING**

- 4.1. Forestry measures under CAP Rural Development supporting Nature Directives objectives
- 4.2. Introduction on status of evaluation and discussion with the CGBN / SFC
- 4.3. LIFE & the Natural Capital Financial Facility (NCFF)

**12:30-13:00     5. INITIATIVES ON FOREST ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY**

- 5.1. MAES Forest Pilot and work to define forest ecosystem condition
- 5.2. Initiatives to better integrate biodiversity objectives in forest management:
  - Integrate network
  - (*options for MS to present initiatives*).

**13:00-13:15     6. CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- 6.1. Feedback from participants on the joint meeting
- 6.2. Possible follow-up

**13.15 – 14.30 – Networking Buffet Lunch**