



“Biodiversity post 2010”

**Pre-Conference event organized by the European Environmental Bureau and
Ecologistas en Acción**

January 25, 2010
Madrid, Spain, Hotel Preciados
(Salón Mirador Real)
C/Preciados 37. Metro: Callao. Santo Domingo. or Sol)

Introduction

2010 is the international year of the biodiversity and the year when the EU committed to have halted the loss of biodiversity. The target has not been met and a debate on the reasons behind this failure and the preparation of what should be seen as the ultimate rescue plan is urgently needed. On January 27 and 28, the Spanish Presidency has organized a major high level biodiversity conference which will officially open the international year of biodiversity and start this debate. The input to this debate will be the Commission's Communication on a biodiversity target and vision for 2020 if this will be published in early January.

The conference will take place the day before with the purpose of supporting the momentum behind the official conference, to put into sharper focus some of the underlying drivers of biodiversity loss and propose solutions to be brought into the debate on the post 2010 biodiversity target and the underlying policy package.

Programme:

10:00	Opening of the conference	Pieter de Pous , EEB Virginia Sanz , Ecologistas en Acción Sonia Castaneda , Fundación Biodiversidad
10:30	Key note speech	Underlying drivers of biodiversity loss Joan Martínez-Alier , ecological economist, Professor of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, member of the Advisory Board of TEEB, Honorary Member of the Scientific Committee of the EEA (confirmed)
11:30	Presentation of EEB Vision Paper for Biodiversity policy post 2010 - Pieter de Pous, EEB	
12.30	Lunch	

14:00	Parallel working group sessions on solutions:	
	WG 1: Natura 2000/Green Infrastructure	Input speaker: Michael Proschek , Director Umwelt Dachverband, Austria (confirmed) Chair: Alberto Arroyo Schnell , WWF (confirmed) Rapporteur:
	WG 2: Ecosystem accounting/Economic valorization of Ecosystems	Input speaker: Pedro Lomas Huertas , Spanish Network of Ecological Economics (confirmed) Chair: Carlos Teixeira , LPN (invited) Rapporteur:
	WG 3: Reforming subsidies and funding Natura 2000	Input speaker: Andreas Baumüller , WWF EPO (confirmed) Chair: Ariel Brunner , Head of EU Policy, BirdLife (confirmed) Rapporteur:
	WG 4: Putting biodiversity at the heart of the new EU 2020	Input speaker: Yayo Herrero , Coordinator of Ecologistas en Acción (confirmed) Chair: Sonia Castaneda , Fundacion Biodiversidad Rapporteur:
16.00	Coffee Break	Pulling together of messages from the different working groups by rapporteurs from the groups.
16.30	Report back from WG's and concluding on key messages into the conference	By workshop rapporteurs or chairs and Zoltan Waliczky, EHF Chairman, RSPB
17.30	Registration to official conference	

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