CEEweb Academy on Preserving Europe’s Ecosystems and Natural Capital – Tools and Processes in Theory and Practice

**Agenda**

7-8 October 2013, Alfa Art Hotel, Budapest, Hungary

**Mapping and Assessing our Ecosystems and Their Services**

7 October 2013

12:00-13:00 – **Buffet lunch and registration**

13:00-13:15 – **Opening of CEEweb Academy** – CEEweb’s General Secretary

13:15-14:00 – **Mapping and assessing ecosystems and their services** – Where do we stand with mapping ecosystem services from a technical and policy angle at EU and MS levels and how these services are planned to be integrated into national accounting systems? – Patrick Murphy, DG Environment, European Commission

**Questions and answers**

**Mapping Ecosystems and Their Services**

14:00-14:30 – **Approaches for mapping and assessing ecosystems and their services** – Leon Braat, Alterra Wageningen UR

14:30-15:00 – **Coffee Break**

15:00-16:00 – **Experiences and methods on mapping ecosystems and ecosystem services**

- **Experience on mapping ecosystem services in the UK** – Matt Smith, Joint Nature Conservation Committee
- **Experiences from small scale ecosystem mapping and valuation exercises from Lithuania** – Vytautas Narusevicius, Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency
- **Open questions on ecosystem service indicators** – Bálint Czúcz, Centre for Ecological Research - Institute of Ecology and Botany, Hungary

**Questions and answers**

16:00-17:00 – **Small group discussion on how to improve mapping ecosystem approaches and how NGOs can contribute to these exercises**

*Report back from the small groups*

17:00-17:30 – **Coffee Break**

**Practical Utilization of Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services Assessment**

17:30-18:45 - **How to account for our Natural Capital and to consider its limitations** – International experiences

- **The Natural Capital Declaration and Roadmap** – Ivo Mulder, UNEP FI
The Natural Capital Project – Where should we invest to get the most cost-effective returns for nature and people? - Andras Krolopp, The Nature Conservancy

Limitations of ecosystems services evaluation and ways to improve it – Luuk Knippenberg, Radboud University Nijmegen

18:45-19:30 – Round table discussion with the presenters on options and tools on accomplishing ecosystem services accounting – Facilitator - Alberto Arroyo Schnell, WWF Europe, Panelists – Patrick Murphy, European Commission; Matt Smith, JNCC; Ivo Mulder, UNEP FI and Luuk Knippenberg, Radboud University Nijmegen

19:30- Dinner

Restoring Ecosystems and Offsetting Ecosystems Loss
8 October 2013

8:00-9:00 – Breakfast

Restoring Ecosystems and their Services

9:00-9:45 – Restoring Europe’s ecosystems – Concepts, priorities and implementation – Patrick Murphy, DG Environment, European Commission

9:45-11:00 - Implementation of the restoration targets at the national level and examples on restoring ecosystems in the CEE
- Restoring grassland habitats in Romania – Razvan Popa, ADEPT Foundation
- Habitat restoration through stakeholder cooperation in Slovakia – Lubomira Vavrova, BROZ
- The habitat restoration concept and concrete case studies from Duna-Ipoly National Park, Hungary – Katalin Sipos, Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate

Questions and answers

11:00-11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 – Small group discussion on how NGOs can contribute to reach the national restoration targets with special focus on priority settings and support mechanisms
Report back from the groups

13:00-14:00 – Lunch with poster presentation on the role of agriculture and forestry in climate change mitigation and the status of national LULUCF action plans

Financing the Restoration Targets and Offsetting Ecosystems Loss

14:00-14:30 – Using Innovative Financing Mechanisms to implement the restoration targets – Ian Dickie, eftec
14:30-15:30 – Experiences on using Innovative Financing Mechanisms for biodiversity financing in the CEE
- Building partnerships with companies – an example from Slovakia on bat species conservation – Lubomira Vavrova, BROZ
- Payments for Ecosystem Services in the Danube Basin – Alberto Arroyo Schnell, WWF Europe
- Bulgarian Enterprise for Management of Environmental Protection Activities – using taxes for conservation – Stefan Avramov, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation

Questions and answers

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:30 – A Potential tool to achieve 'No Net Loss' – offsetting and the No Net Loss Initiative – Patrick Murphy, DG Environment, European Commission

16:30-17:30 – Offsetting mechanisms in practice
- Examples of offsetting schemes and their functioning in practice - Hannah Mowat, FERN
- Offsetting case studies in Germany – Friedrich Wulf, Friends of the Earth Europe

17:30-18:30 – Roundtable discussion on the No Net Loss, offsetting and other potential financing tools – Challenges and safeguards Facilitator - Friedrich Wulf, Friends of the Earth Europe, Panelists: Patrick Murphy, European Commission; Ian Dickie, eftec; and Hannah Mowat, FERN.

18:30-19:00 – Closing of the Academy – CEEweb’s General Secretary

19:00 – Dinner

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