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 – Panel 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
- **European River Restoration: Past trends and Future ambitions** - Chris Baker, Wetlands International
- **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 from Germany and Switzerland – Friedrich Wulf, Friends of the Earth Europe

17:30-18:30 – Panel 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; Francois LaViolette, Department of Nature and Forests within the DG Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment (Walloon Region) and Hannah Mowat, FERN.

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

19:00 – Dinner

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