

## **Biodiversity proofing and seeking for biodiversity criteria in EU funding – roles and opportunities**

### **Conference and Workshop**

EU funds (Structural and Cohesion Funds) already require indicators showing that projects consider sustainability and social aspects. However, there are still no system of criteria for biodiversity and ecosystem services consideration, which allow projects having negative impacts on these assets. As developing program supplement documents and call for proposals of the Operational Programmes (OPs) 2014-2020 are still being formulated in 2014 and next years, Member States should be alerted to include these aspects in EU funding schemes and enable funding for those projects only, which have no or limited negative impacts on the environment. With the aim to work out such criteria hand in hand with an advocacy strategy to lobby for its implementation, CEEweb for Biodiversity with contribution of Friends of the Earth Hungary organise a conference and workshop.

### **Conference**

**3 November 2014, Budapest**

**The Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights**

**H-1051 Budapest, Nádor u 22.**

12:00 – 13:00 *Registration, Buffet lunch*

13:00 – 13:20 **Opening**

Marcel Szabó – Deputy Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary  
Ágnes Zólyomi – Secretary General, CEEweb for Biodiversity

13:20 – 14:40

**Biodiversity proofing in Structural and Cohesion Funds - lessons learnt, goals and tools for 2014-2020 period**

Presentation of European Commission, DG Environment – Strahil Christov

**CEEweb guidelines for biodiversity proofing**

Presentation of the Ecological Institute – Iván Gyulai

14:40 – 15:00 *Coffee Break*

15:00-17:00 **Panel discussion on possibilities, good and bad examples on biodiversity proofing**

Strahil Christov – DG Environment, European Commission; Gyöngyvér Gyene – Prime Ministership; Attila Pánovics – The Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights; Iván Gyulai – Ecological Institute; Elin Soomets – Estonian Fund For Nature

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**NGO workshop on biodiversity proofing  
4 November 2014, Budapest  
MTVSZ office, H-1091 Budapest, Üllői út 91/b.**

**9:00 – 10:30 CEEweb guidelines for biodiversity proofing**  
Presentation of Iván Gyulai, Ecological Institute

Further discussion on the guidelines and bringing in national experience

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*

10:50 – 12:30 **National level advocacy**

Discussion on advocacy work at national level and NGOs tools and opportunities  
moderated by István Farkas, FoE Hungary

12:30 – *Lunch*

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