

THE EUROPEAN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

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“Sustainable Agriculture supporting European Biodiversity”

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ALTIERO SPINELLI- ROOM A3-E2

PROGRAMME

14.00 Participant's arrival and registration

14.15 **Opening of the conference**

Paolo de CASTRO, President of Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)
Véronique MATHIEU, President of the Intergroup Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity, Countryside Activities, Agriculture and Forestry
Thierry de l'ESCAILLE, Secretary General of ELO

14.45 **FIRST SESSION** *Where does EU's Biodiversity currently stand?*

Chair: **Corrado PIRZIO-BIROLI**, RISE Foundation

- *Commission Update and Roadmap*, EC Director Nature unit, **Ladislav MIKO**,
- *Belgian Presidency Perspective*, **Els MARTENS** (tbc)
- *European Parliament Perspective*, MEP, **Mairead Mc GUINNESS**

15.30 **SECOND SESSION** *Soil Biodiversity and Agriculture*

Chair: **Axel DINTER**, DuPont

- *Presentation of “Soil Biodiversity and Agriculture”*, ECPA, **Christoph KÜNAST**
- *Reaction to report*, European Environmental Bureau, **Pieter DE POUS**
- *Commission Perspective*, Cabinet Commissioner Potocnik, **Vesna VALANT**

16.15 **THIRD SESSION** *Sustainability in Agriculture*

Chair: **Thierry de l'ESCAILLE**, European Landowners' Organization (ELO)

- *How to measure sustainability in agriculture*, BASF, **Ralf-Michael SCHMIDT**
- *The role of field margins in enhancing biodiversity and the importance of the management of multifunctional landscapes*, Director of OPERA Research, **Ettore CAPRI**
- *Reaction BirdLife International*, **Ariel BRUNNER**
- *Plant breeding and sustainable agriculture*, Dutch seed association, **Anke VAN DEN HURK**

17.15 FOURTH SESSION Forestry/Water

Chair: Friedrich BARTH, Vice- Chair of EWP

- *Ecosystem services from the cork oak montado* - case study João FERREIRA
- *Influence of forest management on water resources*- WWF, Sergey MOROZ
- *Water management and biodiversity*, Salins du Midi Company, Sonia SEJOURNE

17.55 THE BELLEUOPA AWARD

18.00 Conclusion: Initiatives and Perspectives

Concluding remarks by Veronique MATHIEU

18.05 End of Conference

18.10 Cocktail

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