



High-level Conference in Brussels 2-5 June 2020

Draft programme overview

Tuesday 2 June	
14.30 16.00	<p>Opening: high-level session</p> <p>This session will convey the urgency, opportunity and momentum to protect and restore biodiversity on Earth, and how this will help to deliver on the climate and sustainable development goals.</p> <p>It will draw on the European Green Deal, the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the EU Climate Law (due in the first 100 days of the new Commission) as well as major milestones ahead: ongoing work to develop the global biodiversity framework to be adopted later in 2020, and an EU biodiversity action plan in 2021.</p> <p>It will provide an uplifting agenda but also sober and critical perspectives on the tasks ahead, the likely difficulties, and setting the tone for the following panel discussions. It will also inspire the audience through personal stories on why saving nature & biodiversity matters.</p>
16.00-16.30 Coffee break	
16.30 18.00	<p>Moderated panel discussion: A reality check of our starting point for transformative change.</p>
18.00-20.00 Welcome cocktail	
<p>Evening events: LIFE Sparkshow</p>	

Wednesday 3 June

09.30 11.00	1.1 Preliminary results of State of Nature	1.2 Citizens Science	1.3 Financing for biodiversity	1.4 Circular economy & biodiversity
09.30-11.00 Side session 1: Restoring mines & quarries				
11.00-11.30 Coffee break				
11.30 13.00	2.1 Protecting Europe's habitats & species	2.2 Forests	2.3 Farm to Fork (TBC)	2.4 Protecting nature & biodiversity with EU funds
11.30-13.00 Side session 2: Biodiversity in the Balkans				
13.00-14.30 Lunch break				
14.30 16.00	3.1 Invasive Alien Species	3.2 Restoring water ecosystems/river continuity in the EU	3.3 Mock trial	3.4 Mainstreaming nature across urban policies through nature-based solutions
14.30-16.00 Side session 3: WeValueNature				
16.00-16.30 Coffee break				
16.30 18.00	4.1 Green infrastructure	4.2 Climate	4.3 LIFE funding - added value	4.4 Agriculture
16.30-18.00 Side session 4: Debriefing mock trials				
19.00-20.30 Networking cocktail				
Evening events: Launch of Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity				

Thursday 4 June

09.30 11.00	5.1 Can law save nature?	5.2 Deforestation & other aspects of trade and biodiversity loss	5.3 Satellite data: 1. Copernicus 2. Earth Observation Data	5.4 Soil
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09.30-11.00 Side session 5: **EU-wide assessment of ecosystems & their services**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 13.00	6.1 Connection between CBD with other conventions	6.2 Sustainable consumption & lifestyle	6.3 Marine biodiversity	6.4 Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of biological resources by the Cosmetic industry
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11.30-13.00 Side session 6: **Everything you want to know about the European Solidarity Corps**

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30 16.00	7.1 Draft global framework on biodiversity	7.2 Toward zero air pollution pressure on the ecosystems	7.3 Ecosystem restoration/future targets/nature-based solutions	7.4 Socially Inclusive Nature
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14.30-16.00 Side session 7: **Interreg cooperation – joining forces for nature protection & biodiversity**

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30 18.00	8.1 Education for sustainability & a just transition	8.2 Combining forces to enable a transformative change	8.3 Restoration (legal instrument)	8.4 Natural capital accounting
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16.30-18.00 Side session 8: **The European Biodiversity Partnership: programming & funding research to safeguard biodiversity**

19.00-20.30 Networking cocktail

**Evening event:
High-level debate (TBC)**

Friday 5 June

09.30 11.00	9.1 The planetary emergency is a business priority	9.2 Committing to biodiverse cities and regions	9.3 Protecting Iconic Habitats & Species	9.4 European Youth Call for Action
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11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 13.00	Closing session: On the road to Kunming The closing session will summarise in a panel discussion what we learned and what we can do, and what the EU action should be on the road to Kunming. The discussion on the global biodiversity agenda will continue in the European Development Days in the following week.
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13.00-14.30 Cocktail reception