



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</p> <p>LIFE Sparkshow – Conservationists pitch to the media</p>	

Wednesday 3 June

09.30 11.00	1.1 How healthy is nature? Insights from the upcoming State of Nature Report	1.2 Citizen Science for environmental policy	1.3 Financing for biodiversity	1.4 Protecting biodiversity and nature through a circular economy
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09.30-11.00 Side session 1: **Biodiversity management and temporary nature in extractive industries**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 13.00	2.1 The role of protected areas	2.2 Forests	2.3 Helping consumers choose healthy diets from sustainable food systems	2.4 Business as (un)usual? Financing nature with cohesion funds beyond 2020
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11.30-13.00 Side session 2: **Where the rivers are still running wild (Biodiversity in the Western Balkans)**

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30 16.00	3.1 How to minimise the rate of introduction of invasive alien species	3.2 Working together to restore river continuity in Europe	3.3 Mock trial on environmental issues	3.4 Mainstreaming nature across urban policies through nature-based solutions
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14.30-16.00 Side session 3: **WeValueNature training – building capacity to value nature in business decision-making**

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30 18.00	4.1 Green infrastructure	4.2 Nature restoration: a win-win for biodiversity and climate	4.3 LIFE makes a difference	4.4 Agriculture
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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 New measures to fight deforestation associated with the EU's footprint	5.3 Earth Observation to protect the planet and people	5.4 Soil session
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09.30-11.00 Side session 5: **EU-wide ecosystem assessment: how to improve the condition of Europe's ecosystems?**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 13.00	6.1 Youth up biodiversity!	6.2 A nature-based anatomy of action. How can people live better and lighter through daily lifestyle decisions?	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 Connecting and restoring ecosystems: targets, tools and funding	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 development	8.2 Combining forces to enable a transformative change	8.3 Legal approaches to ecosystem restoration	8.4 Incorporating nature in the heart of business decision-making and disclosure
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
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.			
13.00-14.30 Cocktail reception				