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“Rethinking the biodiversity strategy: Where do private land managers fit in?”

Agenda

4 December 2018- 14h00-17h00
Residence Palace
Rue de la Loi 155 | 1040 Bruxelles

14h30 Opening speeches

- Karl-Heinz FLORENZ, MEP and Chair of the conference
- Thierry de L’ESCAILLE, ELO Secretary General

14h45-15h00 Introductory remarks: Jurgen TACK, ELO Scientific Director, Vision on post 2020 Biodiversity Strategy

15h00-16h00 Presentations & Panel discussions

- Luc BAS, Director Europe at IUCN and Climate Ambassador - Privately protected areas and the post 2020 Biodiversity debate
- Sue COLLINS, Advisor, Butterfly Conservation Europe- Collect of Data from private owners
- Romain LASSEUR, Expert in Exotic and Alien Species, IZIGroup SAS, Invasive Alien Species management
- Katrina MARENDE, EU Large Carnivore Platform Secretariat / adelphi Rural development tools for the management of large carnivores

16h00-16h30 Questions and Answers

16h30-16h45 Closing keynote address: Daniel CALLEJA CRESPO, Director General of DG Environment, European Commission

16h45 Introduction BELLEUROPA CEREMONY
Closing keynote address

Daniel CALLEJA is currently Director General of DG Environment. Before joining DG ENV on 1st September 2015, Mr. Calleja was Director General of DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. Previously, he was the Deputy Director General of DG Enterprise and Industry, and Special Envoy for SMEs. Mr Calleja was Director for Air Transport at the European Commission from November 2004 to February 2011. He has successfully negotiated, on behalf of the E.U., the EU-US Open Skies Agreement. From 1993 to 2004 he worked in different positions in the cabinets of several Commissioners, including the President of the European Commission. Mr. Calleja was the Head of Cabinet for Commissioner Marcelino Oreja, responsible for institutional affairs, and for the Amsterdam Treaty negotiations. He was also the Head of Cabinet of the Vice-president of the European Commission, Mrs. Loyola de Palacio, in charge of Transport and Energy between 1999 and 2004.

MEP and Chair of the conference

Karl-Heinz FLORENZ is a German MEP and the President of the Intergroup Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside. He is an economist and agricultural master. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1989. He is a Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and was Chairman of this Committee from 2004 to 2007. He is also a substitute Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and a Member of the former Temporary Committee on Climate Change.

Introductory Remarks

Jurgen TACK is Director at Landelijk Vlaanderen and ELO Scientific Director. He has a PhD in tropical marine sciences and a Master in Business Administration. He has worked as a scientific advisor for the Kenyan Government, the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO), and the European Commission. From 1989 to 2000 he was CEO of Coastal Farms Kenya, an international aquaculture company based in Kenya. From 2000 to 2007, he was a science policy advisor for the Belgian Science Policy Office and from 2007-2015 CEO of the Research Institute for Nature and Forest, a scientific institute of the Flemish Government in Belgium.
Biography of the Panelists

Luc BAS is the Director of the IUCN European Regional Office in Brussels, representing IUCN towards the EU Institutions. Prior to this, Luc was European Director of The Climate Group, working with business and government to reach more ambitious EU climate policies and prepare for a true energy transition. As International Director of The Climate Group’s States and Regions Alliance, he established one of the most significant networks of sub-national governments leading on tackling climate change. Luc worked as adviser on international sustainable development policies for both the Belgian Federal and Flemish Governments, representing them at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (SD), the OECD national SD expert panel, the Belgium Federal Council on SD. Luc holds a Master’s degree in industrial engineering and postgraduate degrees in both environmental science and international politics.

Sue COLLINS has been European Environmental Policy Advisor to the NGO, Butterfly Conservation Europe, (BCE) since 2006. BCE’s Mission is to work with others to conserve butterflies, moths and their habitats across Europe. Sue is Vice Chair of the European Habitats Forum, which has 23 Member networks who share the aim of improving nature conservation and environmental sustainability. EHF and its members work regularly with European partners to support environmentally positive policies. From 1991 till 2006 she was Director of Policy at English Nature, (EN), which worked with 23,000 owners and occupiers of land in England to help ensure positive management for biodiversity and ecosystem services. Sue was responsible for advising UK Government, UK Parliament and European institutions on policies for or affecting nature conservation. These include Agriculture, Biodiversity, Climate and Nature policies.

Dr. Romain LASSEUR has a basic science education in animal and human toxicology. He spent 4 years as R&D director in multinational AgroChemistry Company based in France (development of products to control rodents and insects in non-crop area). After reaching the National Veterinary Medicine School of Lyon as an associate director (2010), Romain received the diploma to lead national research program and an MBA from the EM Lyon (Business School of Lyon and Shanghai). Romain (and Marc Pondaven, IZIGroup CEO) decided to launch IZIGroup in 2017 to drive 5 different companies that bring support to companies implicated in management of alien and invasive species with experimental test, pesticides analysis, education programs for farmers and pest control operators, application protocols in the field, innovation for multinational companies in biocontrol and new ways to control such species. IZIGroup presents now one of the highest scientific and technical level of expertise in alien and invasive species in Europe.

Katrina MARSDEN is Senior Project Manager at adelphi, a leading environmental consultancy and research institute in Germany. Katrina has worked for adelphi for five years, leading projects, client relations and project acquisition in the area of biodiversity and nature protection. She works on the cross-over between land use and nature policy. Her focus area for few years now has been on stakeholder relations surrounding the presence of large carnivores in Europe. As part of this topic area, Katrina manages the European-Commission-funded secretariat supporting the EU Platform on Coexistence between People and Large Carnivores. Prior to working at adelphi, Katrina was based in her home country, Scotland where she worked as Senior Researcher in Agriculture and Rural Affairs at the Scottish Parliament. Before this, she worked as Agriculture Policy Officer at RSPB Scotland (BirdLife) focusing on Rural Development support and High Nature Value farming.