



DRAFT PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00 – 9:30 Opening

Welcome remarks: Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, EEB

Keynote address: Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for the Environment and Oceans

9:30 – 10:00 Setting the scene

9:30 – 9:45 **Urgent need for scaling up and speeding up change to reverse nature degradation**, Ronan Uhel, European Environmental Agency

9:45 – 10:00 **Lessons learned from current biodiversity policy: what worked and not for nature**, Sabien Leemans, WWF

10:00 – 11:30 Panel discussion: Putting nature at the heart of the Green Deal – targets, actions and priorities for the EU's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy

Discussion and Q&A – moderated by Patrick ten Brink, EEB

- Delara Burkhardt, S&D, European Parliament
- Aljoša Duplic, Institute for Environment and Nature Conservation (Croatian Presidency)
- Barbara Herrero, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia
- Stefan Leiner, DG ENV, European Commission
- Melina Sakiyama, Youth Biodiversity Network
- Ronan Uhel, European Environmental Agency

11:30 - 12:00 The need for transformative change and introduction to break out groups

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Breakout discussion on targets and enablers for transformative change in the EU's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy

Breakout groups:

1. Protect nature;
2. Restore vital ecosystems;
3. Promote sustainable use and mainstream biodiversity into other EU policies;
4. Implement and enforce environmental laws;
5. Address EU's impact on global biodiversity.

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Reporting back from roundtables

16:30 – 17:00 Closing remarks

17:00 – 18:00 Cocktail reception