

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

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

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

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