

October 16th, 2012



European Parliament, ROOM - P4B001 9.00 - 18.00

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Greening Partnership Day

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PART I: Greening in best practice (ROOM - P4B001)

Don't forget to pick-up your badge

lobby of the Altiero Spinelli Building on the side of Place du Luxembourg

9.00 - 9.10

Introduction by the host:

Mairead McGuinness

9.10 - 9.50

Practices in biodiversity management

 How to enhance biodiversity alongside productive agriculture. Multi-functional field margins and the science behind it.

Dr Ben Woodcock

Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, National Environment Research Council, UK

 Case study - Multi-functional field margins in practice: the case of Pollinator Network initiative.

Romano De Vivo

Head of Sustainable Agriculture & Stewardship, Europe Africa and Middle East - Syngenta

Questions & answers

9.50 - 10.25

Soil management practices in Europe

 How to enhance soil biodiversity: best management practices.

Pier Cocconcelli

Professor of the faculty of Microbiology of the Catholic University of Italy

 Case study - Additional practices that can support soil formation and nutrient cycling.

Gilberto Garuti

Neorurale

Questions & answers

10.25 - 10.55

Water management

 Partnerships between farms, water suppliers and industry

Friedrich Barth

Vice Chairman of the European Water Partnership

How feasible are the greening solutions?
 The farmers perspective

Max Hardegg

Austrian Landowners' Association

Questions & answers

10.55 - 11.00 Concluding remarks

Mairead McGuinness

11.30 - 14.00

Exhibition: Virtual Farm Tour

Distribution Area (3rd Floor - Main corridor)

- Opening
- A short tour of the stands (ELO, OPERA, SYN Field Margins)
- Projection of a movie on Operation Pollinator
- Testimony of a farmer participating to the Belgian Pollinator Program
- Lunch provided



















PART II: The European Biodiversity Conference (ROOM - P4B001)

Towards a green economy: managing Europe's natural resources efficiently

14.00

Registration and welcome the participants

14.30 - 14.40 Introduction by the host:

Véronique Mathieu

MEP, President of the Intergroup "Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity, Countryside Activities, Agriculture and Forestry"

Thierry de l'Escaille

Secretary General of the European Landowners' Organization

14.40 - 15.40

The importance of moving towards a green economy

Strategic perspective of resource efficiency and green economy

William Neale

Member of Cabinet of EU Commissioner for Environment, Janez Potocnik, European Commission

The European Parliament perspective

Gaston Franco

Member, Environment Committee, European Parliament

An international economic approach

Eric Peters

Adviser at the Bureau of European Policy, Adviser to the President of the European Commission

Climate change and economic growth

Christine Moeller

Policy Officer - Economic assessment of climate policies, DG Climate Action, European Commission

Questions & answers

15.40 - 16.40

Innovation and new technologies in agriculture: for a green economy

Innovation in farming: the research perspective
 Martin Parry

Head of Plant science, Rothamsted Research Institute

Innovative crop protection

Euros Jones

Director of regulatory affairs, ECPA

 Interaction between urban & rural areas: how to close the nutrition loop?

Bart Vercoutere

Senior project manager soil, water & ecology, I-Cleantech Vlaandern

Ecological basis for future agriculture
 Jennifer Emond

UNEP

Questions & answers

Roundtable

16.40 - 17.40

How to achieve smart and sustainable growth through private initiative?

Moderator:

Claudia Olazabal

Deputy Head of Bio-diversity Unit, DG ENV

Enhancing private sector finance of Biodiversity
 Ian Dickie

Director, EFTEC

· Land manager and resource efficiency

Carole Zakine

SAF - Agriculteurs de France

• The Sustainable Intensive Agriculture Network

Alexandru Marchis

Policy Coordinator, OPERA

Questions & answers

17.45

Belleuropa AWARDS - Wildlife Estates LABEL

18.00

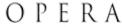
Conclusion: Initiatives and Perspectives

Concluding remarks by Véronique Mathieu, MEP

18.15

Cocktail in the Exhibition hall

3rd Floor - Distribution hall





OPERA Research Center

Place du Champ de Mars 2 B - 1050 Bruxelles - Belgium Web: www.operaresearch.eu Email: info@operaresearch.eu **OPERA** is a young, growing think tank and a research centre of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, a major European private university. It is an indipendent, non-profic scientific organization, committed in supporting sustainable agriculture in EU through successful implementation of the agri-environmental policies within the European legislation. The fundamental contribution of OPERA is to use the potential of existing scientific research as well as the existing expertise and knowledge to support the stakeholders in their political and technical decisions concerning agriculture. One objective is to provide a series of pragmatic recommendations to policy makers to bridge the interest and objectives of agriculture and environment as well as to ensure efficient implementation of the agriculture related policies in the EU.



European Landowners Organization

67 rue de Trèves B - 1040 Bruxelles - Belgium Web: www.elo.org Email: secretariat@elo.org Tel.: +32 (0)2 234 30 00 **ELO** is a European organization representing more than 54 national organizations across 27 European countries. It is a non-profit organization committed to promoting a sustainable and prosperous countryside and to increase awareness relating to environmental and agricultural issues. By engaging various stakeholders, ELO develops policy recommendations and programmes of action targeted to European policy makers. The ELO organizes interdisciplinary meetings gathering together key actors from the rural sector and policy makers at local, regional, national and European level. Its ability to carry out a variety of activities while maintaining high visibility assures ELO a unique position among the think tanks engaged on agricultural, environmental and rural issues. Having understood the ecological and economic benefits related to the synergy between pollinators and agriculture, the ELO is working to bridge various stakeholders in order to find practical and effective solutions for the preservation and enhancement of pollinating species and their habitats.



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Corporate Affairs EAME Schwarzwaldallee 215 P.O. Box CH-4002 Basel - Switzerland Web: www.syngenta.com Email: info.sia@syngenta.com **Syngenta** is one of the world's leading companies with more than 26,000 employees in over 90 countries dedicated to our purpose: bringing plant potential to life. Through world-class science, global reach and commitment to our customers we help to increase crop productivity, protect the environment and improve health and quality of life.

Syngenta believes that farmers can produce enough to meet the world's needs for food, fuel and fiber and safeguard the only planet we have for future generations — if we take a system-wide approach that links technology, land and people. These three elements build the foundation for a sustainable production system in which technology enables better solutions for farmers to increase productivity and profitability, to improve resource efficiency, and contribute to food security. Agriculture depends on biodiversity, which is necessary for productive farming basics such as pollination, healthy soil structures, and a broad range of crop varieties.

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