



Conference on Natural and Cultural Capital: the Future of Europe

Botanical Garden of Rome, Italy - 24 November 2014

Organised by:

The Italian Botanical Society - University of Rome Sapienza

The Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea

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Agenda

- 12:30 – 14:00 ***Registration, short visit of the Botanical Garden, welcome drink & buffet***
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
- Carlo Blasi, Honorary President of the Italian Botanical Society and Director of the Botanical Garden, University of Rome Sapienza, Italy
 - Pia Bucella, Director of Directorate B Natural Capital (ENV B), European Commission
 - Renato Grimaldi, Director, Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- 14:30 – 16:15 Chair: Marco Marchetti, University of Molise
- 1) Improve the knowledge of Natural Capital**
- Eeva Furman, Director, Centre for Environmental Policy-SYKE, Finland
 - Ronan Uhel, Head of Programme Natural Systems and Vulnerability, European Environmental Agency, EEA
 - Martijn Thijssen, Atlas of Natural Capital, The Netherlands
 - Giulia Capotorti, University of Rome Sapienza, Italy
- 2) Invest in Natural Capital**
- Shirley Trundle, Nature Director, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - DEFRA, United Kingdom
 - Eva Mayerhofer, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
 - Domenico Mauriello, Unioncamere, Italy

3) Secure the functionality of natural and healthy ecosystems

- Miguel Aymerich Huyghues-Despointes, Vice-Director of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

4) Link Natural and Cultural Capitals

- Laurent Roy, Director of Water and Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecology, France
- Birgit de Boissezon, Head of Unit, Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, European Commission DG Research and Innovation
- Constantinos Cartalis, University of Athens, Scientific Advisor Piraeus Bank Group - Cultural Foundation, Greece
- Fabio Attorre, University of Rome Sapienza, and Giovanna Del Gobbo, University of Florence, Transdisciplinary Chair on Human Development and Culture of Peace, Italy

5) Create synergies among green infrastructure, urban and rural areas

- Maria Betti, Director, European Commission Joint Research Centre
- Carlo Blasi, Honorary President of the Italian Botanical Society and Director of the Botanical Garden, University of Rome Sapienza, Italy

Next steps and closing remarks

- Marco Marchetti, University of Molise, Italy
- Daiga Vilkašte, Director, Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
- Maria Carmela Giarratano, Head of Unit, Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
- Barbara Degani, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy

19:15 *Dinner at the Botanical Garden*

20:30 *Transfer to Cicerone Hotel*

EU Biodiversity and Nature Directors meeting
25th-26th November, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Rome

Agenda

Tuesday 25th November

08:00	<i>Departure from Hotel Cicerone</i>
09:00 – 12:00	Visit of Tenuta di Castelporziano (Estate of the President of the Italian Republic)
13:00 – 13:30	<i>Arrival at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Registration</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch with EU Water and Marine Directors</i>
OPEN SESSION	
15:00 – 15:30	<u>Welcome and opening speeches</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Renato Grimaldi, Director of Nature Protection Directorate, Ministry for the Environment, Italy- Pia Bucella, Director of Directorate B Natural Capital (ENV B), European Commission
15:30 – 16:30	<u>Raising the policy profile of nature and biodiversity issues</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Commission outlook: general exchange on challenges and opportunities. Introduction by European Commission- Charter of Rome. Presentation by Renato Grimaldi, Director of Nature Protection Directorate, Ministry for the Environment, Italy
16:45 – 17:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:15 – 18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Raising the policy of nature and biodiversity: NGOs view. Presentation by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, European Habitats Forum (EHF)- 'The Natural Way Forward' the Dutch National Vision on Nature. Presentation by Rob van Brouwershaven, Nature and Biodiversity Department, Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs
19:00	<i>Transfer to Cicerone Hotel</i>
20:00 – 23:00	<i>Gala dinner at Villa Miani</i>

Wednesday 26th November

OPEN SESSION

08:30	<i>Departure from Hotel Cicerone</i>
09:00 – 11:00	<u>Implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Target 1 developments: Fitness Check. Presentation by European Commission- Target 2 developments: Restoration. Presentation by Jussi Päivinen, Natural Heritage Services, Finland- Target 5 developments: Implementation phase of the Invasive Alien Species Regulation. Presentation by Piero Genovesi, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), Italy
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<u>Mid-term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- State of play. Introduction by European Commission
12:30 – 13:30	<u>Financing.</u> Presentation by European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Target 3 and 4 developments- Integration progress in the financial instruments (OPs, RdPs and EMFF)- European Court of Auditors Report "Is the ERDF effective in funding projects that directly promote biodiversity under the EU biodiversity strategy to 2020?"
	Any other Business
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Light lunch</i>

CLOSED SESSION

14:30 – 16:00	Discussion and outcomes on the basis of issues raised in the open session
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30 – 17:45	Discussion and outcomes on the basis of issues raised in the open session
17:45 – 18:00	Closure of the meeting Barbara Degani, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy
19:00	<i>Transfer to Cicerone Hotel</i>
19.30 – 21.30	<i>Buffet dinner at Hotel Cicerone</i>