

## EU Biodiversity and Nature Directors meeting Invitation

Rome, 10-10-2014

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Italian Presidency I am pleased to invite you to the next EU Biodiversity and Nature Directors meeting, which will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

You all are also invited to the Conference "The Natural and Cultural Capital: the Future of Europe" that will be held at the Botanical Garden of Rome on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Conference will give the opportunity to discuss the value of the Natural and Cultural Capital and present the main points of the "Charter of Rome" that is in the Agenda of the Biodiversity and Nature Directors meeting.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> morning we will visit the Tenuta di Castelporziano (property of the President of the Italian Republic) where we will have a guided tour.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> morning there will be at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs an open session for Biodiversity and Nature Directors, the Commission and stakeholders. On Wednesday afternoon we will have a closed session discussing the outcomes of our work.

Main topics of the meeting will concern:

- Raising the policy profile of nature and biodiversity issues in the context of the new Commission and EP legislature, with special reference to the New Commission's work program and priorities and to the Charter of Rome on Natural and Cultural Capital;
- Implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy;
- Mid-term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy;
- Financing.

The detailed agenda of the meeting will be sent to you soon with practical information and specific details on the organization of the meeting and registration procedure.

For organization reasons we would suggest delegations not to exceed the number of two persons per delegation.

Looking forward to see you in Rome  
Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Renato Grimaldi  
Director General of Nature Protection

