

AGENDA

ONLINE EVENT OF THE "BIODIVERSITY, HUNTING, COUNTRYSIDE" INTERGROUP

What to expect from the next EU Forest Strategy?

27 October 2020, 16:30 – 18:30

Hosted by MEPs Álvaro Amaro, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Andżelika Możdżanowska

Organised in conjunction with ELO - European Landowners' Organization

Welcome

MEP Álvaro AMARO, President of the Intergroup- *5min*

Opening Speeches- *10 min*

- MEP Simone SCHMIEDTBAUER, Vice-President of the Intergroup- *5min*
- MEP Andżelika MOŹDŹANOWSKA, Vice-President of the Intergroup- *5min*

Introductory remarks: MEP Petri SARVAMAA, Member of the Intergroup and rapporteur for the EP's initiative report on the EU Forest Strategy - *5 min*

Moderator: Jurgen TACK, ELO Scientific Director

Panel discussion:

- Frédéric PETIT, NTF President (Rural owners of Wallonia)- *10min*
- Ronan UHEL, Head of Natural Capital and Ecosystems, EEA- *10min*
- Alexander HELD, Expert Pro Silva/EFI - *10min*

Concluding remarks:

- Alfonso GUTIERREZ TEIRA, DG AGRI, Team Leader on Forestry and Bioeconomy – *7 min*
- Claudia OLAZABAL, DG ENV, Head of Unit, Natural Capital- *7 min*
- Christian HOLZLEITNER, DG CLIM, Head of Unit, Land Use and Finance for Innovation- *7min*

Questions & Answers

- MEPs, Intergroup Board Members - *15 min*
- Audience - *10 min*

Closing remarks:

MEP Álvaro AMARO, President of the Intergroup - *5min*

The next EU Forest Strategy will be at the core of the EU Green Deal implementation. It is scheduled for 2021 but already forestry management is being discussed as part of the EU Biodiversity Strategy. In terms of biodiversity preservation, old-growth forests have been put forward in particular. The European Commission is aiming at implementing a closer to nature type of management to contribute to biodiversity protection. The European Parliament just adopted The European Forest Strategy - The Way Forward own-initiative report with a large majority asking it to ensure that forests can continue to play a multifunctional role. Forests are suffering: they are hot, they are thirsty, they are sick. Faced with the magnitude of this crisis, foresters are helpless. How can the EU answer the challenges ahead?

About the European Parliament's "Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside" Intergroup:

With more than 150 supporting MEPs from all major political groups, this Intergroup is an active stakeholder platform within the European Parliament, enabling open discussions between decision-makers, European Commission and experts, aiming to affirm the crucial role of rural actors and the socio-economic importance of hunting and countryside activities.