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## Europe's biodiversity beyond 2020 - Tackling the challenges to achieve targets

PROGRAMME



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### Welcome

**Monday 24 September** *Location: Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel (Dayka Gábor u. 3, 1118 Budapest, Hungary)*

Arrival of participants

18.30 - 20.30 Eurosites Joint Board and Council meeting

19.00 Optional dinner (Eurosites Board and Council will have a late dinner)

### Learning from each other

#### Tuesday 25 September

*Location: Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel (Dayka Gábor u. 3, 1118 Budapest, Hungary)*

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 09.15 Welcome and opening  
*Stefan Versweyveld, Eurosites President*  
*Csaba Mezei, CEEweb General Secretary*  
*Eszter Kelemen, Environmental Social Science Research Group*

09.15 - 09.35 EKLIPSE - intersection of science, policy and practice in nature-based solutions  
*Eszter Kelemen, Environmental Social Science Research Group*

09.40 - 10.00 POLICY - How EU policy supports wetland conservations and restoration  
*Monika Kotulak, CEEweb for Biodiversity*

10.05 - 10.25 POLICY AND PRACTICE - EU funding supporting nature-based solutions projects  
*Laura Palomo - Rios, Executive Agency for SMEs*

10.30 - 10.50 PRACTICE - Implementing practical restoration work to strengthen wetlands' capacity to adapt to and mitigate climate change  
*Eef Silver, Wetlands International*

10.55 - 11.15 SCIENCE - Scientific evidence of wetlands' benefits for nature  
*Marjolein Sterk, Wageningen University*

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee Break

11.45 - 13.15 Working groups, round 1 (please find more information on the next page)

13.15 - 14.15 Lunch

14.15 - 15.30 Afternoon session

14.15 - 14.35 An introduction to the concept and development of privately protected areas  
*Sue Stolton, IUCN WCPA Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship Specialist Group*



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- 14.40 - 15.00 Fostering Private Land Conservation in Europe (LIFE-ELCN)  
*Kristijan Čivić, Network Development Manager ELCN & Eurosites*
- 15.05 - 15.25 Adaptive approaches to Natura 2000 management - roles of expert and NGO networks in the exchange of good practice  
*Frank Vassen, Policy Officer Nature Protection Unit, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission*
- 15.30 - 15.50 Farmer's Pride - Developing a network to protect Europe's Crop Wild Relatives  
*Prof. Nigel Maxted, University of Birmingham*
- 15.50 - 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15 - 17.45 Working groups, round 2 (please find more information below)
- (17.45 - 18.30 *Working group rapporteurs to provide a short summary to organisers*)
- 18.00 - 19.15 Wetlands and Climate Change Working Group meeting (Opál meeting room)
- 20.00 - 23.00 EuroCocktail and light dinner at Korona Pension (Address: Budapest, Sasadi út 123., 1112)

## Working group topics

1. Different global and EU policies and directives supporting wetlands restoration and conservation - how are they translated to national and regional level? Facilitated by Klára Hajdu
2. Practices of implementation of Natural Water Retention Measures and Nature-Based Solutions in Natura 2000 and water management on national and regional level. Facilitated by Eef Silver
3. The key items for management planning guidance - feedback to the Eurosites Management Planning Expert Group. Facilitated by Henk Zingstra and Clive Hurford
4. The use of scientific modelling in management plans & Management in relation to changes in ecosystem services. Facilitated by Paul Leadbitter
5. Fostering Private Land Conservation in Europe ([www.elcn.eu](http://www.elcn.eu)) - Facilitated by Sue Stolton
6. Risk based decision making - This crash course deals with risk-based and robust decision making. It discusses how these tools can help identify the levels of exposure and vulnerability within a system, the potential impact of losses from change or a hazardous event, and how these can then be used to develop adaptation actions. Additionally it deals with the potential mapping of software for public collaboration in the tracking of changes in the environment. The course will be given by Mark Burgman, author of *Risks and Decisions for Conservation and Environmental Management*.

## Field Trip: Kiskunság National Park

### Wednesday 26 September

- 07.00 - 07.30 All participants to arrive at Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel before 07.30 hrs  
(Address: Dayka Gábor u. 3, 1118 Budapest, Hungary).
- 07.30 Bus departs from Rubin hotel at 07.30 hrs sharp.



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| 09.15 - 09.30 | Arriving in Kecskemét (House of Nature, Headquarters of the Kiskunság National Park, Kecskemét, Liszt F. u. 19.) and welcome by the host.               |
| 09.30 - 11.30 | Financing Nature-Based Solutions for long-term water management<br>Presentation by Evelyn Underwood, IEEP, followed by case studies from participants   |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | Lunch in the Három Gúnár Rendezvényház, Kecskemét   |
| 13.00 - 13.45 | Travel to the field   |
| 13.45 - 14.30 | Presentation: Diapering of natron lakes and groundwater decline in the Kiskunság region.<br>Location: Lake Kondor. Presenter: Ferenc Pál Szabó, ranger. |
| 14.45 - 15.30 | Travel to lake Böddi (natron lake). Current LIFE project of the lake: <a href="http://www.sodicwetlands.com">www.sodicwetlands.com</a>                  |
| 15.30 - 16.00 | Presentation on natron lakes and the LIFE project. Presenter: Andras Bankovics, project manager.  |
| 17.00         | Travel to Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel, Budapest, for evening programme  |
| 20.00         | Dinner and evening programme: Twinning & knowledge market and networking  |

## Final recommendations and Annual General meetings CEEweb & Eurosites members

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### Thursday 27 September

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| 09.00 - 10.30 | Final recommendations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- how to evolve decision-making strategies into long-term sustainable strategies;</li><li>- the incorporation of ecosystem services and Nature-Based Solutions in regional policies and practice - including the management of land.</li></ul> |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Final remarks  |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Coffee break   |
| 11.30 - 14.00 | Annual General Meetings of Eurosites and CEEweb for Biodiversity (members only)  |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | Lunch  |
| 15.00         | Goodbye  |



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