



One day seminar on the

## **‘Challenges of financing Natura 2000’**

Organized by the EEB with support of the ‘Fundacion Biodiversidad’, Spain

**Venue:** Brussels, Goethe Institut, Rue Belliard 58

**Language:** The seminar languages will be English, French and Spanish

**Date:** May 23, 2005, from 10.00 till 18.30

**Key questions to address during this seminar:**

- How realistic are the Commission’s official estimates for the costs of Natura 2000?
- What are the practical implications of integrating the financing into the European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), Structural Funds (SF) and the European Fisheries Funds (EFF)?
- What are the likely obstacles for successful integration and how can these best be addressed?
- What are the mechanisms that will ensure that Member States will make use of the financing possibilities?
- What are the consequences of EU’s commitments and obligations towards its biodiversity for the conclusions of the June Summit on Financial Perspectives?

## Agenda:

### Morning session (10.00 – 13.00): WHAT ARE THE FUNDING NEEDS AND HOW COULD THEY BE MET? Chaired by Arjan Berkhuisen

10.00 – 10.15	Opening address by <b>Miguel Castroviejo</b> , Environmental Attaché, Spanish permanent representation
10.15 - 10.40	EU wide cost calculations on Financing Natura 2000, <b>Aniol Esteban</b> from BirdLife
10.40 – 11.10	Case study from Spain: pilot management plans, cost estimates and plans to finance these, by <b>Santiago Garcia</b> , Navarra/Spain
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.00	Case study from Czech Republic: integrating RDP with N2000 by <b>Eva Havlinova</b> , Czech Ministry of the Environment
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Stephanie Lang</b> , WWF EPO, options for sustainable structural funds use for Natura 2000.

### 14.00 – 18.00 afternoon session: HOW CAN THE EU ENSURE THAT NATURA 2000 GETS FINANCED IN PRACTICE? (Chaired by Ralph Hallo)

14.00 – 15.30	Word of welcome by <b>Ralph Hallo</b> , EEB president.  Introductions by key speakers on funding options for Natura 2000
	1. <b>José Luis Herranz</b> , Director General for Biodiversity, Ministry of the Environment, Spain.  2. <b>Nick Hanley</b> , DG Environment, Head of Nature and Biodiversity, on the Commission's proposals for financing Natura 2000.  3. <b>Clairie Papazoglou</b> , Head of EU Policy, BirdLife International: Environmental

	organisations' views on Financing Natura 2000.
15.30 – 16.30	Discussion amongst and with the four panelists
16.30 – 16.45	Short break
16.45 – 17.30	Introductions by key speakers Natura 2000 and the Financial Perspective: Will the EU provide the funds necessary to comply with its obligations and needs with regards to biodiversity?
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Evelyne Huytebroeck</b>, Environment Minister of Brussels Capital District</li> <li>2. <b>Reimer Böge</b>, rapporteur of the Temporary Committee on the Policy Challenges and budgetary means for the enlarged EU, 2007 - 2013</li> <li>3. <b>Claude Franck</b>, Advisor to the Luxembourg Minister for Environment and Transport</li> </ol>
17.30 – 18.15	Discussion amongst and with the three speakers
18.15 – 18.30	Closing remarks by the chair, <b>Ralph Hallo</b>

**Participants:**

Representatives from the Commission  
Representatives from the Permanent Representations  
Members of European Parliament  
Representatives from civil society

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