

# **THE 2005 SPRING SUMMIT AND EUROPE'S ENVIRONMENT**

**Conference** organised by European Environmental Bureau and Natura under patronage of Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister Luxembourg With support from the Luxembourg and Dutch Environment Ministries and the European Commission.

25 February, Luxembourg, Commission Building Room M6, Kirchberg
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*In French and English*

Purposes:

- *Respond to calls to prioritise economic growth at the expense of environmental policies;*
- *Discuss proposals from the European Commission for the strengthening of the Lisbon Process, particularly in relation to the environment;*
- *Present a clear message from the environmental movement to the Spring Council with regards to the Commission proposals;*
- *Discuss strategies to mobilise the public and decision makers across the European Union towards economic policies that concretely contribute to Sustainable Development.*

## **PROGRAMME**

**9.00** Registration

**9.15** Opening: **Ralph Hallo**, President of the EEB and **Franz Müller**, President of Natura

### **9.30 KEY-NOTE SPEECH**

**Lorents G. Lorentsen**, Director, OECD Environment Directorate.  
*"Is economic growth a prerequisite for environmental policies?"*

10.00 Questions to speaker

**10.30** Coffee

### **11.00 PROMOTING ECO-INNOVATION**

Contributions from:

- **Svante Axelsson**, SSNC/EEB Fiscal Reform Working Group:  
*"Environmental tax reform - does it drive consumption and production in the right direction?"*
- **Matthias Seiche**, BUND/EEB Fiscal Reform Working Group  
*"The negative impact of Environmental Hazardous Subsidies"*
- **Vivien Führ**, Project Co-ordinator, ICLEI (International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives)  
*"ICLEI's Sustainable Procurement Campaign, Procura+"*

11.45 Discussion with the three speakers

**12.45 LUNCH**

**14.45** Speech by **Nicolas Schmit**, Delegated Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the Luxembourg Government

*“The European Model: what place for environment and quality of life”*

**15.00 ENVIRONMENT ON THE SPRING SUMMIT AGENDA**

Presentation by Commissioner **Stavros Dimas** on the *Commission’s analysis and proposals for the Lisbon Strategy*.

**15.25** Presentation by Minister **Lucien Lux** on the *plans of the Luxembourg Presidency*

**15.50** Responses from:

- **Robert Goebbels**, MEP, Luxembourg
- **Claude Turmes**, MEP, Luxembourg
- **John Hontelez**, Secretary General, EEB

16.20 Discussion with the four speakers

**17.00** Conclusions by EEB Chair

*A Reception, hosted by Mr Paul Helminger, Mayor of Luxembourg, to which you are warmly invited, will be held in the same building, immediately following the Conference.*