



European Economic and Social Committee



Conference co-organised by the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR), in cooperation with the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Development and the Urban Intergroup at the European Parliament

Tuesday 5 May 2015

EESC/CoR, Jacques Delors Building, Room JDE 62
Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels

14:00 **Registration**

14:30 **Welcome**

Dilyana Slavova, President of EESC NAT Section

14:40 **Europe promoting investments in Green Infrastructure**

Moderator:

Annabelle Jaeger, CoR rapporteur on Green Infrastructure, Member of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regional Council

Key-note speaker:

Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Angélique Delahaye, MEP, Vice-chair of the EP Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Development

Kaspars Gerhards, Latvian Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development on behalf of the Latvian Presidency

Adalbert Kienle, EESC rapporteur on Green Infrastructure, German Farmers' Association

Debate

16:00 **Highlighting successes of Green Infrastructure in Europe and worldwide**

Moderator:

Brendan Burns, EESC member

Promoting Green Infrastructure in a European Macro-region: The Alps

Markus Reiterer, Secretary General Alpine Convention

The Natural Capital Financing Facility NCFE and other financial tools to promote Green Infrastructure

James Ranaivoson, Managerial Advisor at the European Investment Bank

Green infrastructure in the Ruhr region

Dagmar Mühlenfeld, CoR Member, Lord Mayor of Mülheim an der Ruhr

Stakeholder involvement as a pre-condition for success

Agnes Zolyomi, General Secretary CEEweb

Debate, including **Karima Delli**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Urban intergroup (tbc)

17:20 **Closing**

Sirpa Hertell, Vice-Chair CoR ENVE Commission, City Councillor of Espoo

17:30 **End of the conference**

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and German.

Posters and videos on Green Infrastructure will be shown in the foyer.

The event will be followed by a Networking cocktail