



European Parliament Intergroup

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

MID-TERM REVIEW

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FOREWORD

With more than 50 events organised since its re-establishment for its 5th term, the European Parliament Intergroup on “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development” has again been the most active one in the European Parliament.

We jointly would like to thank all MEPs involved within the Intergroup for their high level of commitment to make it a successful, broadly recognised forum for debate. By creating strong linkages between our working groups, we have been able to openly discuss and exchange with experts, scientists, NGOs, industry and civil society on pressing issues resulted from today’s environmental challenges.

As can be seen from this review of the first half of our mandate, the scope of topics covered is both diverse and extensive and many new ideas for debates are in the pipeline, as the upcoming years will mark a turning point for future generations. Do we put words into action, by reaching the ambitious targets set by the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, the Energy Union as well as the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, to name only a few of the challenges ahead of us? Let us use the Intergroup for continued rich debates on the way ahead.

Please join us in looking forward to exciting events and fruitful discussions in the second half of our term.

Pavel POC, MEP
Chair of the Intergroup 2014-2019

Despina SYMONS
Director of EBCD

ABOUT

The European Parliament (EP) Intergroup on “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development” was established in 1994 with the support of the European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This Intergroup constitutes a cross-party, cross-committee and cross-sector platform of discussion for Members of the European Parliament to learn, discuss and create policies geared towards finding solutions to today’s and tomorrow’s environmental and socio-economic challenges. It is to date the most active Intergroup in the European Parliament and has been acknowledged for making the science-policy-stakeholder-society interface a reality. The Secretariat of the Intergroup is provided by EBCD.

IN PRACTICE

The Working Groups & Vice-Chairs
interact with each other in a cross-cutting way.

The Bureau of the Intergroup
is formed by the Chair and the Vice-Chairs who have top decision-making powers.

The Advisory Group
represented by Intergroup's stakeholders advises the secretariat and the bureau.

The Secretariat of the Intergroup
deals with logistical issues and acts as liaison between the MEPs and the stakeholders.



INTERGROUP/CROSS-SECTOR

Pavel Poc

- 2017 🌐 A different kind of growth > Europe taking the lead?
- 2016 🌐 Sustainable Forest Biomass in light of COP21 Paris.
- 2016 🌐 The Value of Biodiversity in the Agri-Food Chain.
 - with **Angelique Delahaye** from **Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services**
- 2016 🌐 Poachers or Protectors? > Local Communities at the Frontline of Conservation.
 - > What really drives wildlife trade, hunting and trafficking?
- 2015 🌐 Redefining Integrated Pest Management.
- 2015 🌐 Banking Nature > Will putting a price on nature protect it? (chaired byø Sirpa Pietikainen / Benedek Javor / Paul Brannen)
- 2015 🌐 Beyond Enforcement > The Role of Communities in Tackling Illegal Wildlife Trade.
- 2015 🌐 EIB Climate Action Review
 - > Formulating strategic orientations and priorities for the future.



AGRICULTURE & WATER MANAGEMENT

Michel Dantin

- 2017 ● Solidarity in water : SDG6 on water & sanitation > How can Europe make a difference in third countries?
- 2017 ● Implementation of the agri-environment-climate measures.
 - > How is the CAP enhancing a sustainable agri-food sector?
 - with **Angelique Delahaye** for **Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services**
- 2017 ● Sustainable Management of Water in Agriculture.
 - > Addressing pressure from agriculture to achieve the goals of the WFD.
- 2017 ● Water Governance across Europe In light of the review of the EU Water Framework directive.
- 2016 ● Post COP21 > Challenges and Chances for Renewable Energy and Bioenergy.
 - with **Elisabeth Köstinger** for **Sustainable Forest Management**
- 2016 ● The Need for Long-Term Investments in the Water Sector.
 - > How to ensure high quality water services to future generations.
- 2015 ● The contribution of Water to Circular Economy > Practices of water reuse across Europe.
- 2015 ● Micropollutants in Water > The European approach to an emerging environmental challenge.
- 2015 ● Access to Water > A public good and a human right.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Nils Torvalds

- 2017 ● UNFCCC COP22 > Debrief and Next Steps
 - with **Julie Girling** for **Research & Innovation**
- 2016 ● Managing European Forests Responsibly > For People, Climate and Nature



APICULTURE & BEE HEALTH

Mariya Gabriel (until July 2017)

- 2017 ● Bees & Beeodiversity > New cooperations.
- 2017 ● Apiculture and Bee Health > Presentation of the 2017 Bee Week.
- 2016 ● Bees caring for Europeans > Europeans caring for Bees?
- 2016 ● Apiculture and Bee Health > State of bee health and the beekeeping sector in Europe.
- 2016 ● Apiculture and Bee Health > Presentation of the 2016 Bee Week.
- 2015 ● New Challenges for Bees > The Way Forward.
- 2015 ● Kick-off meeting Apiculture and Bee Health WG.



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Julie Girling
Paul Rübiger

- 2017 ● UNFCCC COP 22 > Debrief and Next Steps.
- 2016 ● Innovating Europe's Energy Future > The Role of Natural Gas.
- 2015 ● Integrating CO² in the Value Chain > The role of chemistry.
- 2015 ● Positioning Europe in Global Science > Priorities for research to achieve sustainable solutions.



BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Angélique Delahaye
Ricardo Serrão Santos

- 2017 ● Pulse gear > A more sustainable alternative for traditional beam trawling ?
- 2017 ● Supporting the Implementation of SDG 14 > State of play on the UN Ocean Conference.
 - with **Alain Cadec** for **Fisheries, Aquaculture & Integrated Maritime Policy**
- 2017 ● Implementation of the agri-environment-climate measures.
 - > How is the CAP enhancing a sustainable agri-food sector?
 - with **Michel Dantin** for **Agriculture & Water Management**
- 2016 ● The Value of Biodiversity in the Agri-Food Chain.
 - with **Pavel Poc** for **Intergroup/cross-sector**
- 2016 ● The Value of Biodiversity for Agriculture.
 - > How to both promote biodiversity and support the agricultural sector?
- 2016 ● Boosting Biodiversity Research Cooperation.
 - > A NetBiome Roadmap for European (sub)Tropical Overseas.
 - with **Maurice Ponga** for **Islands & Overseas Entities**
- 2015 ● Sea for Society > Improving human-Ocean dynamics by building a "Blue Society".
- 2015 ● Impact of Marine Debris on Oceans and Marine Life > Problems and Solutions.
- 2015 ● Green Infrastructure > A European success story.



FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE & INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY

Alain Cadec
Isabelle Thomas

- 2017 ● Supporting the Implementation of SDG 14
 - > State of play on the UN Ocean Conference.
 - with **Ricardo Serrão Santos** for **Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services**
- 2016 ● What future for Fisheries in the European Outermost Regions?
 - with **Maurice Ponga** for **Islands & Overseas Entities**
- 2016 ● MPAs: Between the MSFD and the CFP > How to strike the right balance?
- 2016 ● How Can Industry Innovation meet the Challenges of the CFP Landing Obligation.
- 2015 ● MPAs and Fisheries Management.
- 2015 ● Fisheries Governance & Biodiversity Conservation.



SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Elisabeth Köstinger

- 2017 ● Forests & Climate
 - > The impact of forests and forestry on the EU Climate and Energy policy.
- 2016 ● Post COP21 > Challenges and Chances for Renewable Energy and Bioenergy.
 - with **Michel Dantin** for **Agriculture & Water Management**
- 2016 ● Managing Forests for Sustainable Wood.
 - with **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri** for **Bioeconomy**
- 2015 ● Europe's forests in the sustainability spotlight.



CIRCULAR ECONOMY & RAW MATERIALS

Miriam Dalli (until March 2017)
Fredrick Federley (as of July 2017)

- 2017 ● The role of Bioeconomy in the Circular Economy > Taking circularity beyond waste.
 - with **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri** for **Bioeconomy**
- 2016 ● Recycling in the Circular Economy > Roles, Opportunities & Challenges. (chaired by Inés Ayala Sender)
- 2016 ● New Tools for Farming in the Circular Economy
 - > Creating a Single Market for the Fertilising Products that Farmers Need? (chaired by Jan Huitema)
- 2016 ● The Future of Plastic Materials in the European Circular Economy.
- 2015 ● The Role of Biowaste in the Emerging Circular Economy.
 - > Creating new jobs from managing biowaste.
- 2015 ● Ensuring a Non-Toxic Circular Economy. (chaired by Linnéa Engström)
- 2015 ● Circular Economy and Packaging. (chaired by Sirpa Pietikäinen)



BIOECONOMY

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

- 2017 ● Forest-based Bioeconomy & EU's Bioeconomy Strategy
- 2017 ● The role of Bioeconomy in the Circular Economy > Taking circularity beyond waste.
 - with **Miriam Dalli** for **Circular Economy**
- 2016 ● Building the Circular Economy with Bio-Based Materials and Products.
- 2016 ● Managing Forests for Sustainable Wood.
 - with **Elisabeth Köstinger** for **Sustainable Forest Management**
- 2016 ● The 21st century is Bioeconomy > Will Europe lead?
- 2015 ● The Role of Bioeconomy in Climate Change Mitigation.
- 2015 ● Where's the Bioeconomy? > Update your knowledge.



TRANSPORT & THE ARCTIC

Dieter-Lebrecht Koch & Christel Schaldemose
As of March 2017, this working group has split respectively into

TRANSPORT AND POLAR REGIONS

- 2016 ● The European Arctic Policy > International Cooperation towards Sustainable Development.
- 2016 ● Climate Change and the Arctic > The implications of the Paris Agreement for the Arctic Region.
- 2015 ● Sustainable Management & Trade of Seal Products.



ISLANDS & OVERSEAS ENTITIES

Maurice Ponga

- 2016 ● What future for Fisheries in the European Outermost Regions?
 - with **Alain Cadec** for **Fisheries, Aquaculture & Integrated Maritime Policy**
- 2016 ● Boosting Biodiversity Research Cooperation > A NetBiome Roadmap for European (sub)Tropical
 - with **Ricardo Serrão Santos** for **Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services**
- 2015 ● Promoting partnerships in the European Overseas
 - > From the "Guadeloupe Roadmap" to the UNFCCC COP 21



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