

Initial reactions by key stakeholders to the Farm-to-Fork & EU Biodiversity Strategies



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**Co-hosted by MEPs:
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On 22 May 2020, the European Commission adopted the [Biodiversity Strategy](#) and [Farm to Fork Strategy](#), as part of the [European Green Deal](#). While the EU Biodiversity Strategy focuses on the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of ecosystems with concrete steps to undertake by 2030, the Farm to Fork Strategy aims at improving the EU food system through the sustainable transformation of the EU food-supply chain, enhanced consumer information and the promotion of healthier diets.

Following the release of both strategies, many organizations reacted to them welcoming or criticizing the European Commission's communications. Among others, open questions on whether they have the right level of ambition, their practical implementation, or the resources needed to ensure they function properly are still open questions for the main actors involved. As a result, this event aims at fostering dialogue between key stakeholders impacted by the strategies, including the agricultural, fisheries & aquaculture, and forestry sectors.

DRAFT AGENDA

14:00-14:10 – Welcome by MEP Petros Kokkalis

14:10-14:20 – Opening remarks by Luc Bas, Director European Regional Office, IUCN

14:20-14:35 – Keynote address by Carmen Preising, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Cabinet of European Commissioner on Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Panel discussion moderated by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Manager, IUCN Europe Regional Office

14:35-14:55 – Reactions by stakeholders:

- Piotr Borkowski, Executive Director, EUSTAFOR
- Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca
- Daniel Voces de Onaindi, Managing Director, Europêche
- Javier Ojeda, Interim Secretary General, FEAP

14:55-15:25 – Reactions by:

- MEP Isabel Carvalhais, S&D
- MEP Simone Schmiedtbauer, EPP
- MEP Petros Kokkalis, GUE/NGL

15:25-15:50 – Q&As moderated by moderated by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Manager, IUCN Europe Regional Office

15:50-16:00 – Closing remarks by MEP Simone Schmiedtbauer