

List of speakers

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Protection of the environment is one of the major challenges Europe is facing. Environmental action by the European Community has been based since the First Environmental Action Plan in 1972 on a vertical and sectoral approach to ecological problems. Community action developed over the years until the Treaty on European Union conferred on it the status of a policy. A further step was taken with the Treaty of Amsterdam, which enshrines the principle of sustainable development as one of the Community's aims and makes a high degree of environmental protection one of its absolute priorities. To set about achieving this as effectively as possible, the Fifth Community Action Programme on the Environment marked the beginning of a "horizontal" Community approach taking account of all the causes of pollution.

The seminar will not only address the development of EC environmental law and the treaty provisions laying down the framework of EC environmental policy, but also analyse in detail its instruments and application.

A specific focus will be on the areas of nature protection and biodiversity. Both have long been aims of EC environmental policy. The foundations are the Birds Directive (1979) and the Habitat Directive (1992). On the basis of both Directives, the EU has created a vast network of protected sites - the "Natura 2000" network - in order to protect biodiversity and prevent the extinction of animal and plant species. In addition, the Community is party to a number of conventions, including the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Cites), the Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species and the Rio Convention on Biological Diversity.



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Tuesday, 6th February 2007

08:30 Arrival and Registration of Participants

09:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Beate Korbmacher
Dr. Wolfgang Heusel

Chairman: Lucas Bergkamp

Part I: Introduction

09:15 **Overview on EC Environmental Policy and Law**

- Development
- Treaty provisions

Jens Hamer

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee Break

Part II: Nature Protection at EC Level

11:15 **Nature Protection (Natura 2000) in the Birds Directive and the Habitat Directive**

- Introduction and scope of the Directives
- General scope and principles
- Special areas of conservation (with reference to Natura 2000)
- Special conservation measures
- Species protection measures

Geert Van Hoorick

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Chairman: Tomasz Kramer

14:30 **Natura 2000: Related legislative tools for nature protection**

- Water Policy, especially Water Framework Directive
- Environmental Liability Directive
- (Marine Strategy, Fisheries Policy, CAP)

Lucas Bergkamp

15:00 Discussion

15:15 **The Natura 2000 network: Managing of sites**

- Managing sites: Art. 6 of Directive 92/43
- The assessment of Plans and Projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites

An Cliquet

16:00 Discussion

16:15 Coffee Break

16:45 **Recent ECJ Jurisprudence on Natura 2000**

Christoph Sobotta

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of the first conference day

Wednesday, 7th February 2007

Chairman: Leonardo Massai

09:30 **Financing Nature Conservation**

- Introduction to LIFE Plus
- Other Financing Instruments
- Management
- Monitoring

Peter Torkler

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Assessing the value of the environment and its protection**

- Necessary conservation measures (Art. 6 of Directive 92/43)
- Compensation measures within Art. 6 of Directive 92/43
- Environmental damage in the meaning of the Environmental Liability Directive

Annelies A. Freriks

13:00 Lunch Break

Chairman: Dr. Pilar Núñez-Ruiz

14:30 **Current EC Biodiversity Policy**

- Biodiversity Strategy
- Biodiversity Communication of 2006
- Biodiversity Monitoring

Leonardo Massai

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Closing of the seminar

Pilar Núñez-Ruiz

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