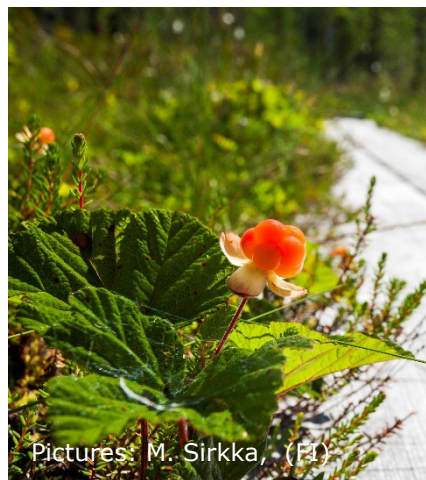


Programme of the 4th Natura 2000 Biogeographical Seminar for the Boreal Region *10th – 12th October 2023*



Nuukio Hotel, Finland





PROGRAMME

Introduction

The Biogeographical seminar for the Boreal Region will be held between 10-12th of October. It is hosted jointly by DG Environment, and the Finnish Ministry of the Environment.

The venue for the seminar is Nuuksio hotel, at Nuuksio national park, Espoo (near Helsinki), Finland.

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The latest version of the programme, the background document as well as other useful documents for the seminar can be found online, at the website:

<https://biogeoprocess.net/boreal-region-2/>

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Monday 9th October 2023:

Arrival of participants

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
17.00-19.00	Dinner (for those that registered in advance)	Restaurant
19.00-20:00	Registration of participants	Blue lounge (Sininen aula)
18.30-19.15	Pre-seminar briefing meeting for chairs	Kelohonka hall



Tuesday 10th October 2023

Time	Session, topics and speakers	Location
8:00- 9:00	Registration of participants	Blue lounge (Sininen aula)
Plenary session Chair: Mikko Kuusinen (Ministry of the Environment, Finland)		
9:00- 9:30	Official welcome & introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Kai Mykkänen, Minister of Climate and the Environment, FinlandMr. Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital in DG ENV	Conference hall: Kelohonka
9:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update from DG-ENV, the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process and the pledge process - Frank Vassen (DG-ENV)Inspiration from the previous Boreal Seminar, Hanno Zingel (Estonian Ministry of Climate)Life Program and updates – Moira Wilputte (monitor expert ELMEN)Overview of the Seminar programme, household rules – Kalev Sepp (Biogeographical Process)	
10:30- 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update on the Nature Restoration Law –Iva Obretenova (DG-ENV)Benefits of pan-European prioritisation and initial results (NaturaConnect, Piero Visconti & Louise O’Connor)Freshwater prioritization tool, with a focus on the boreal region – Julia Boverhoff (The Nature Conservancy)	Conference Hall
12:00–13:00	Lunch	



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13.00-17.30 Chair: Aveliina Helm, Ministry of Climate, Estonia / Scientific advisor to minister		
13:00- 14:00	<p>Protected area targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target – Elena Osipova (EEA, online) • Pledges and approaches, Sweden. Maano Aunapuu (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency). • Pledges and approaches, Lithuania, Agnė Jasinavičiūtė – director of State Service for protected areas. 	Conference hall: Kelohonka
14:00-14:50	<p>Conservation improvement targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – inventory, overview, distance to target – Irene Bouwma (Biogeographical Process) • Pledges and approaches. Outi Ala-Honkola, Ministry of the environment, Finland • Pledges and approaches. Herdis Fridolin, Ministry of Climate, Estonia 	Conference Hall
14:50- 15:10 Coffee break		
15:10-17:15	<p>Break-out sessions on conservation improvement status</p> <p>Break-out sessions on Protected Area status</p>	Rooms: Kelohonka, Vaahtera, Tuomi, Runko, Kanto, Joutsen
Evening		
17:30- 19:00	<p>Knowledge Market. Drinks and snacks served.</p> <p>Presentation of LIFE- and other projects.</p> <p>Opening by Moïra Wilputte (Monitoring expert LIFE – Elmen)</p>	Conference hall: Kelohonka; Tuomi, Runko, Kanto and Joutsen
19.00-20.00	Dinner	
20.00-23.00	Sauna by the lake	



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Wednesday 11th October 2023:

Time	EXCURSIONS	Location
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	
9:00- 17:00	Gathering of the participants and boarding the buses See Brochure online for detailed information about excursion sites: (1) Nuuksio National Park (2) Espoonlahti – Luomalahti Nature Protection Area Note! – Participants are kindly requested to bring waterproof shoes and clothing, in case of rain or cold weather Lunch will be provided by the organizers.	Departure of busses from Nuuksio Hotel
17.00-19.00	Back at the hotel. Sauna in the hotel	
19.00-21.00	Dinner buffet	

Thursday 12th October 2023:

Morning	Session, topics and speakers	
8.00-9.00	Breakfast NOTE: all rooms of departing participants should be vacated by 12.00 hrs	
Parallel session 1 & 2		
	Theme 1: Planning of restoration and management ROOM Kelohonka Chair: Olli Ojala Facilitator: Irene Bouwma	Theme 2: Pollinators Initiative in the Boreal context ROOM Vaahtera Chair: Petri Ahlroth, Facilitator: Kalev Sepp
9.00-9.30	Introductory presentations: The Helmi-programme, Maaret Väänänen, Ministry of the Environment, Finland Restoration experience from State Forest managed lands - Kristi Parro, State Forest Management Centre (RMK), Estonia	Introductory presentations: EU-pollinators initiative, Frank Vassen, DG-ENV National Pollinator Strategy Mikko Kuussaari, Ministry of the Environment National moth monitoring - northern aspects related to EU-pollinators. Susu Rytteri, SYKE
9.30 – 10.45	Break-out session	Break-out session
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	



Parallel session 3 &4		
	Theme 3: What are criteria for old growth forest? ROOM Kelohonka Chair: Mart Külvik Facilitator: Theo van der Sluis	Theme 4: Protected area prioritization in the context of climate change ROOM Vaahtera Chair: Santtu Kareksela Facilitator: Diana Pungar
11.15 – 11.45	Introductory presentations: Kimmo Syrjänen, Finland, The Commission guidance on primary and old growth forests - Adrian Tistan, DG-ENV	Introductory presentations: How to account for climate change and its connectivity needs in spatial prioritisation. Heini Kujala - Natural History Museum of Finland/ Un. Helsinki Building a Climate Change adaptation strategy for the protected area network in Finland. Santtu Kareksela, Nature Conservation, Parks & Wildlife Finland
11.45-13.00	Break-out session	Break-out session
13.00-14.00	Lunch break	

14.00-16.30	Plenary Session Chair: Iva Obretenova, DG ENV	
14:00– 14:20	Report on Pledge discussion groups (day 1), Kalev Sepp, Theo van der Sluis (Biogeographical Process)	
14:20-15:00	Reporting by Thematic Working Groups (Chairs of the 4 thematic groups)	
15:00- 15:10	Next steps for the pledge process & roadmap for the Boreal region - Frank Vassen – (DG ENV)	
15.10-15.30	Coffee break	
15:30- 16:00	Interaction and discussion participants	
16:00-16:10	Short evaluation, Mentimeter	
16:10- 16:30	Vote of thanks: The host, Mikko Kuusinen (Ministry for the Environment, Finland) The European Commission, Frank Vassen	
16.30	Closure of the seminar	