



## Strictly protected areas in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

12-13 November

Venue: The European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

**Day 1: Tuesday, 12 November (hybrid)**

Time	Activity
13:00	<p>Introduction and welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roby Biwer, The European Committee of the Regions (CoR)</li><li>• Andrea Vettori, Head of Unit, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment, European Commission</li></ul>
	<p>Setting the scene – Strict protection target and EC Guidance – Iva Obretenova, DG Environment, European Commission</p>
13:45	<p>Presentations by Member States, including at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Denmark - Stine Wahlberg Nauta, Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality</li><li>• Romania - Ramona Zotta Cherăscu, Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests</li><li>• Sweden - Maano Aunapuu, Naturvårdsverket</li></ul>
14:45	<p>Questions by the audience and discussion</p>
15:00	<p><i>Coffee and tea break</i></p>
15:30	<p>Commission feedback on questions received and discussion</p>
17:00	<p>End of Day 1</p>
17:00	<p>Networking reception</p>

## Day 2: Wednesday, 13 November

(in person only)

Time	Activity
9:00	Quick overview of Day 1 and opening of Day 2
<b>Session 1 – Activities that would be acceptable in strictly protected areas</b>	
9:15	Introductory presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Henrik Janson, Director of Metsähallitus (Finland)</li><li>• Perspective of the hunting and fishing community - Alexander Griffin, European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)</li></ul>
	Discussion in breakout groups
	Reporting to plenary
11:15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
<b>Session 2 - Strict protection and active management – where's the limit?</b>	
11:30	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strict protection: the new tool in the EU biodiversity policies – Piero Visconti, Nestor Fernandez, Jutta Beher &amp; Henrique Pereira, NaturaConnect</li><li>• Strictly Protected Areas: the view of Protected Area Managers - Michael Hošek, EUROPARC Federation</li></ul>
	Discussion in breakout groups
	Reporting to plenary
13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>Session 3 – Contribution from stakeholders to setting aside areas for strict protection</b>	
14:30	Introductory presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kristi Parro, Estonian State Forest Management Centre (RMK)</li><li>• Private landowners view on strictly protected areas – Delphine Dupeux (ELO)</li></ul>
	Discussion in breakout groups
	Reporting to plenary
16:30	Final conclusions
16:45	Closure, departure