



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)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212145547>

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

Day 2: Wednesday, 13 November

(in person only)

Time	Activity
9:00	Quick overview of Day 1 and opening of Day 2
Session 1 – Activities that would be acceptable in strictly protected areas	
9:15	Introductory presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henrik Janson, Director of Metsähallitus (Finland)• Perspective of the hunting and fishing community - Alexander Griffin, European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)
	Discussion in breakout groups
	Reporting to plenary
11:15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
Session 2 - Strict protection and active management – where's the limit?	
11:30	Introductory presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strict protection: the new tool in the EU biodiversity policies – Piero Visconti, Nestor Fernandez, Jutta Beher & Henrique Pereira, NaturaConnect• Strictly Protected Areas: the view of Protected Area Managers - Michael Hošek, EUROPARC Federation
	Discussion in breakout groups
	Reporting to plenary
13:30	<i>Lunch at Grand Central (Rue Belliard 190)</i>
Session 3 – Contribution from stakeholders to setting aside areas for strict protection	
14:45	Introductory presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kristi Parro, Estonian State Forest Management Centre (RMK)• Private landowners view on strictly protected areas – Delphine Dupeux (ELO)
15:15	Questions and plenary discussion on contribution of stakeholders
15:30	Final Plenary discussion
16:15	Next Steps, Andrea Vettori
16:30	Closure, departure