



## Informal Meeting of Nature Directors

Balatonfüred, Hotel Anna Grand  
7-10 June 2011

(Draft programme)

### 7 June 2011 (Tuesday)

Arrival of Directors and other participants

**18:00 – 20:00** Registration

**20:00 – 22:00** Buffet dinner: Hotel Anna Grand

### 8 June 2011 (Wednesday)

**08:00 – 08:45** Registration

#### **08:45 – 09:15 Welcome and opening**

*Mr Zoltán Illés* – Minister of State for Environmental Affairs, Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development

*Ms Pia Bucella* – Director for Nature, Biodiversity and Land Use, DG Environment, European Commission

*Mr István Bóka* – Mayor of Balatonfüred

#### **09:15 – 10:45 Plenary session – Setting the scene**

**09:15 – 09:35**

General introduction to the results of Hungarian nature conservation

*Mr András Schmidt* – Department for Nature Conservation, Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development

**09:35 – 09:55**

Presentation of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy and other latest developments in the EU Biodiversity and Nature Policy field

*Mr François Wakenhut* – Biodiversity Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

*Mr Stefan Leiner* – Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

**09:55 – 10:15**

The NGOs' view on EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy and other latest developments in the EU Biodiversity Policy field

*Mr Andreas Baumüller* – European Habitats Forum

**10:15 – 10:45**

Questions, discussion

**10:45 – 11:15** Coffee break



**11:15 – 13:00 Plenary session – Ecosystem services as a general approach to preserve Europe’s natural heritage**

11:15 – 11:35

Report on research recommendations on ecosystem services identified by the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy conference

*Ms Katalin Török* – EPBRS national expert; Institute of Ecology and Botany, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

11:35 – 11:55

Synergies between ecosystem services, biodiversity and habitat conservation in Europe

*Mr Joachim Maes* – Joint Research Centre, European Commission

11:55 – 12:15

Economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by wetlands

*Ms Eszter Kovács* – Szent István University, Hungary

12:15 – 12:35

Conservation and management of farmland ecosystems

*Mr András Báldi* – Hungarian Natural History Museum

12:35 – 13:00

Questions, discussion

**13:15 – 14:15** Buffet lunch: Hotel Anna Grand

**14:30** Departure for field visit from the Hotel Anna Grand

**14:30 – 18:30** Field visit to Tihany

Hosted by Balaton Uplands National Park Directorate (NP)

*Mr László Balogh* – Director, NP

*Ms Annamária Kopek* – Head of unit, NP

- “Belső-tó” (Inner lake) nature trail: Natura 2000 site management and European Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus citellus*) watching
- “Kiserdő-tető” (Little-forest hill): Co-existence of ecotourism and nature conservation
- “Gejzírmező” (Geyser field): Postvolcanic formations

*The field visit will take place in 3 sites. Participants will be split in 3 groups and visit each site in rotation moving by buses in-between. The field visit will entail short and light walks not requiring hiking boots. The field visit will end in the “Lavender House” visitor centre of the NP in Tihany.*

**18:40 –** Departure for dinner from the “Lavender House” visitor centre of the NP in Tihany

**19:00 –** Dinner: Ferenc Winery (Tihany)

**22:30 –** Travel back to Balatonfüred



**9 June 2011 (Thursday)**

**08:45 – 10:45 Plenary session – Latest developments and state of play of the EU nature and biodiversity policies, followed by an open discussion** (chaired by Ms Pia Bucella – DG Environment, European Commission)

with presentation by

*Mr Micheál O'Brain* – Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

*Ms Szilvia Bószé* – Biodiversity Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

**10:45 – 11:15** Coffee break

**11:15 – 12:45 Plenary session – Towards healthy ecosystems: Hungarian examples**

11:15 – 11:30

Restoration of primary (grassland-wetland complexes) and secondary (fishponds) habitats in the Hortobágy National Park

*Mr Gábor Szilágyi* – Hortobágy National Park Directorate, Hungary

11:30 – 11:45

An old-new approach: exploring the use of traditional ecological knowledge in nature conservation management

*Mr Zsolt Molnár* - Institute of Ecology and Botany, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

11:45 – 12:00

Establishing Conservation Spatial Data Infrastructure

*Mr András Attila Takács* – Department for Nature Conservation, Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development

12:00 – 12:15

Powerlines and bird mortality in Europe – „Accessible Sky”

*Mr Gergő Halmos* – MME Birdlife Hungary

12:15 – 12:45

Questions, discussion

**12:50 – 13:50** Buffet lunch: Hotel Anna Grand

**14:00 – 16:00 Workshops**

Workshop 1. Financing Natura 2000 and biodiversity

- Chair: *Mr José Ruiz* – Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing, France
- Rapporteur: *Mr Peter Torkler* – WWF Germany

Workshop 2. Towards the knowledge network on ecosystem services

- Chair: *Ms Eszter Kovács* – Szent István University, Hungary
- Rapporteur: *Mr Tobiás Salathé* – Ramsar Convention Secretariat

Workshop 3. Green infrastructure enhancing connectivity

- Chair: *Mr Peter Skoberne* – Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Slovenia
- Rapporteur: *Mr András Krolopp* – IUCN



**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee break

**16:30 – 18:00 Plenary session**

16:30 – 17:15

Report on the results of the workshops and discussion

17:15 – 17:30

40 years of Ramsar Convention in favour of wetland conservation

*Mr Tobiás Salathé* – Ramsar Convention Secretariat

17:30 – 17:45

Nature conservation activities during Polish EU Presidency

*Ms Anna Liro* – General Directorate for Environmental Protection, Poland

*Mr Jan Reklewski* – Ministry of Environment, Poland

17:45 – 18:00

Closure

**19:00 –** Dinner: Hotel Anna Grand

**20:30 –** Concert of Molnár Dixieland Band

### **10 June 2011 (Friday)**

Departure by buses