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Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity

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Agenda

- **Moderation**

- Astrid Severin & Magda Michalikova, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

- **Keynote discussion on strategies to meet the biowaste challenge**

- **Nigel Dudley**, Institute for European Environmental Policy – IEEP (Belgium) on ‘Biodiversity footprints in policy- and decision making’
- **Vujadin Kovacevic**, European Commission, DG Environment (Belgium) on ‘EU actions to reverse pollinator decline: for the benefit of nature, people and the economy’

- **Panel Session 1 – Restoration and conservation of eco-systems**

- **Julien Jeanne**, Nice Côte d’Azur Metropolis and **Alexandra Maccario**, City of Cagnes-sur-Mer (France) on ‘Restoration of the river Cagne’ (Blue Green City)
- **Laura Todoran**, Environmental Protection Agency Mures (Romania) on ‘Preserving and restoring eco-systems and biodiversity’ (BIOGOV)
- **Balázs Kiss**, Tolna County Development Agency – TDCA (Hungary) on ‘Community supported afforestation’ (PROGRESS)

Discussant: **Evelyn Underwood**, Institute for European Environmental Policy – IEEP

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- **Panel Session 2 – Eco-systems services: Bats and pollinators**

- **Federica Roscioni**, University of Studies of Molise (Italy) on 'Installing bat boxes at the coast of Molise region' (Land-Sea)
- **Dr Saorla Kavanagh**, National Biodiversity Data Centre (Ireland) on 'Protecting farmland pollinators' (PROGRESS)
- **Albert Ruiter**, Province of Fryslan (The Netherlands) on 'Beespoke – increasing levels of pollinators and crop pollinations' (Delta Lady)

Discussant: **Vujadin Kovacevic**, European Commission, DG Environment

- **Key takeaways & Conclusions**

- **Online Expert Helpdesk**

What is the Policy Learning Platform?



- A space for **continuous learning**, dedicated to **regional policymakers**
- We help people **deliver better policies by finding inspiration in what others do** around Europe
- We **take stock** from all the knowledge and experience gathered around the Interreg Europe funded projects
- We believe in **the power of cooperation** and facilitate networking among peers





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Knowledge hub

- 15-page policy briefs
- Articles, Stories



Good practice database

- Over 2,000 expert validated good practices

Community (18,000+ members)

- Thematic workshops
- Webinars
- Online discussions



Expert policy support

- Policy helpdesk
- Matchmaking
- Peer Reviews





Call for peer reviews open permanently!

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/peer-review/>

**On-demand expert support to address
your regional policy challenges**

- **Helpdesk** – Tell us your challenge and we can point you towards good practices, resources, projects and European support programmes
- **Matchmaking** – Intensive 90' meeting (on-line or in-person) to discuss your issues with regions that have already successfully tackled them
- **Peer Review** – Two-day meeting (on-line or in-person) where peers will get to know your region to advise you on your regional policy challenge



New Policy Brief ‘Preserving and restoring biodiversity’

- Contribution on Invasive Alien Species from Leonardo Mazza, European Commission, DG Environment
- European policy context
- Good practices and policy improvements
 - Ecosystems restoration
 - Pollinators
 - Invasive Alien Species
 - Light Pollution
- EU Financial Support
- Recommendations





Get ready for the first call for project proposals

- The call will **open on 5 April and close on 31 May 2022** at noon.
- Check the related documents on the website
- Join **#europecooperates on 5 April 2022** to get more information about the call and pitch your project ideas
- Find out whether there is an **information day** in your country presenting our new programme and the call



EU Biodiversity Strategy – Key commitments

1. Legally **protect a minimum of 30% of each the EU's land area and sea area** and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.
2. Restore degraded ecosystems at land and sea across EU by:
 - Increasing organic farming and biodiversity-rich landscape features on agricultural land;
 - Restoring at least 25 000 km of EU rivers to a free-flowing state;
 - Reducing the use and risk of pesticides by 50% by 2030;
 - Planting 3 billion trees by 2030.
3. Unlock 20 billion EUR/year for biodiversity
4. EU in a leading position addressing global biodiversity crisis



Thank you!

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