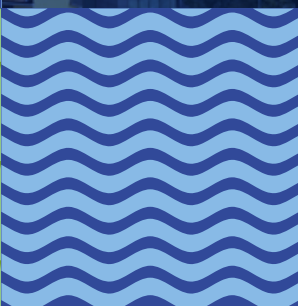


EUROPEAN BUSINESS 20 & NATURE SUMMIT 23



Daily Programme





Monitor, assess and disclose



Reduce and regenerate



Mobilise finance



Create inclusive partnerships

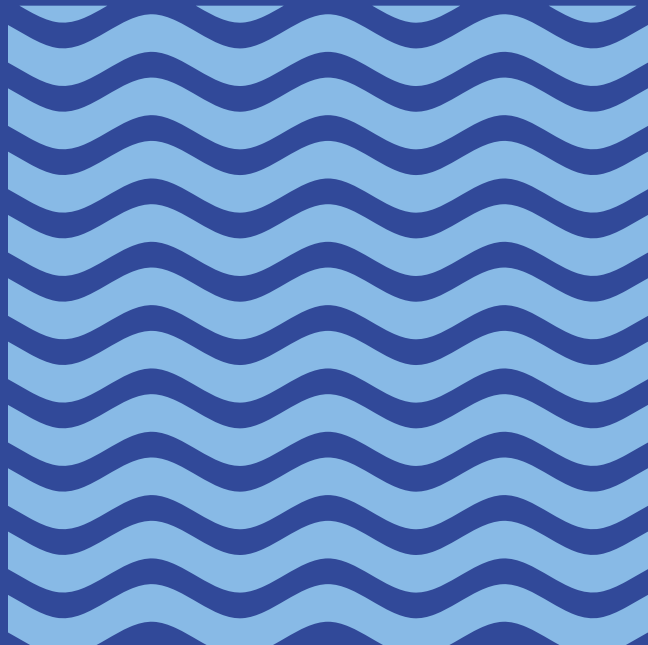
| Time | Session type | Room |
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| Day 1 - 11 October | | |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Welcome and registration | Reception |
| 14.00 - 14.15 | Welcome session - Virginijus Sinkevičius (European Commission for the Environment) | Auditorium Testori |
| 14.15 - 14.30 | Official opening - Attilio Fontana (President of Lombardy Region) | |
| 14.30 - 15.45 | Inspirational keynote - Gilles Denis (Professional adventurer, Climate physicist and Co-founder of the Nanok expedition) | |
| 14.30 - 15.45 | High-level policy & business dialogue I Living up to the promises of Montreal: From commitments to action | |
| 15.45 - 16.15 | Break | |
| 16.15 - 17.45 | Workshop I - Four parallel group sessions | |
| | 1. Target 15 as a catalyst for action | Belvedere 39 (Entrance N1) |
| | 2. Creating a credible roadmap to a nature-positive economy: How to avoid green-washing and ensure real outcomes for biodiversity | Auditorium Testori |
| | 3. Closing the nature investment gap through innovative mechanisms and partnerships | Biagi room (Entrance N4) |
| | 4. The role of partnerships and blended finance to accelerate action and funding for biodiversity | Solesin room (Entrance N4) |
| 17.45 - 18.00 | Break | |
| 18.00 - 19:30 | High-level policy & business dialogue II The vital role of restoring nature and rewilding for business and communities: Upcoming policies harnessing EU's ambitions for a nature positive future | Auditorium Testori |
| 19.30 - 21.30 | Cocktail & networking | |

| Time | Session type | Room |
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| Day 2 - 12 October | | |
| 09.00 - 09.30 | Welcome & registration | |
| 09.30 - 09.40 | Welcome session - Florika Fink-Hooijer (Director General for the Environment) | Auditorium Testori |
| 09.40 - 11.00 | High-level policy & business dialogue III Biodiversity and climate: Shifting the way we do finance with nature at its heart | Auditorium Testori |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Break | |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | Workshop II - Four parallel group sessions | |
| | 5. Towards deforestation-free supply chain to contribute to a nature positive future | Solesin room (Entrance N4) |
| | 6. Sector transition pathways to nature positive | Auditorium Testori |
| | 7. Finance sector targets for nature leading to sector transition pathways | Belvedere 39 (Entrance N1) |
| | 8. Biodiversity certificates and credits: An opportunity for forests, coastal habitats, and local communities? | Biagi room (Entrance N4) |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14.30 - 16.00 | Workshop III - Four parallel group sessions | |
| | 9. Measuring what matters: Standardising biodiversity measurement and reporting | Auditorium Testori |
| | 10. Harnessing nature's potential: Exploring business adoption of nature-based solutions in coastal and freshwater ecosystems | Solesin room (Entrance N4) |
| | 11. Financial Opportunities for Nature Protection: Can nature protection and restoration be economically profitable? | Biagi room (Entrance N4) |
| | 12. Transforming the global food system: Establishing successful partnerships to engage all actors in the value chain | Belvedere 39 (Entrance N1) |
| 16.00 - 16.30 | Break | |
| 16.30 - 16.40 | Inspirational keynote - Salla Saastamoinen (Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission) | Auditorium Testori |
| 16.40 - 17.00 | Closing & celebrations (pledges, statements) | Auditorium Testori |

Session Breakdown

Day 1

October 11



Living up to the promises of Montreal: From commitments to action

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: EU Business & Biodiversity Platform

Session description:

The historic Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), adopted in December 2022, has significantly raised the ambition of the international community and called on companies around the world to take urgent action. This session will bring together leading companies that have made biodiversity a core part of their corporate strategy, and businesses that are at the start of their journey, committed to valuing both people and planet. The session will explain how the adoption of the GBF is making them rethink their business models (i.e. from linear to regenerative). Companies participating in this panel must have taken part in the high-level event and are likely to speak on behalf of this group about their commitments and share some of their policy asks. Policy makers will also participate and share their own policy commitments and responses.

Speakers

Mieke Siebers - Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Development

Florika Fink-Hooijer - Director General for Environment, European Commission

Elena Pita - Director of Biodiversity Foundation, Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge

Aldo Beolchini - Chief Investment Officer, NextEnergy Capital

Eva Zabey - Chief Executive Officer, Business for Nature

Jan Erink Saugestad - Chief Executive Officer, Storebrand Asset Management

Workshop I

October 11
16.15 - 17.45



1. Target 15 as a catalyst for action

Room: Belvedere 39 (Entrance N1)

Maximum capacity: 42

Organised by: CDP, PBAF

Session description:

Target 15 of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) places nature conservation on equal footing with both profit and climate change by exhorting businesses to disclose their dependencies on and impacts to biodiversity. Yet achieving the promise of Target 15 will require new processes and tools. This session explores three such critical areas. First, how can companies use transition plans to accelerate progress on both nature and climate goals? Second, how can financial institutions take responsibility and amplify this essential work? Finally, given the critical links between nature and climate change, how can Target 15 complement and improve the Paris Agreement's stocktake of progress on climate goals? Join this session to sharpen action within your organization, including data dynamics, managing change, and policy levers.

Speakers

Anna Karamat - Policy Officer Biodiversity and Business, European Commission

Axelle Blanchard - Deputy Head of International Affairs, Financial Sector, French Treasury
Dorian Fougères - Senior Nature Lead for Europe, CDP

Inger Johanne Eikeland - SVP Environment, Health and Safety, Orkla ASA

Johan Lammerant - Methods Workstream Lead, EU Business & Biodiversity Platform and Lead Expert Natural Capital and Biodiversity, Arcadis

Matteo Brezza - Account Manager Capital Markets Europe, CDP

Rashila Kerai - Senior Analyst and Biodiversity Specialist, Robeco

Roel Nozeman - Program Director, PBAF

Wouter Dieleman - Sector Sprint Lead for Methods workstream, EU Business and Biodiversity Platform and Consultant Business & Biodiversity, Arcadis

Wijnand Broer - Program Manager, PBAF

Background discussion paper prepared by CDP in collaboration with PBAF available [here!](#)



2. Creating a credible roadmap to a nature-positive economy: how to avoid green-washing and ensure real outcomes for biodiversity

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: Fauna & Flora, Etifor | Valuing Nature

Session description:

The session aims to provide introductory information for businesses to enable them to action a nature-positive ambition now. Participants will be provided with real-world examples of actions being taken by leading corporations, with a focus on setting organisational biodiversity targets, measuring and accounting for impacts, and working to improve value chain transparency.

Speakers

Hing Kin Lee - Environmental Impact Manager, NextEnergy Capital

Julie Dimitrijevic - Technical Specialist, Corporate Sustainability, Fauna&Flora

Julie Moorad - Senior Manager, Climate Action, Salesforce

Salla Ahonen - Vice President, Sustainability, Neste

Tommaso Rondinella - Head of Socio-Environmental Assessment and Impact Models Office, Gruppo Banca Etica

Wesley Snell - Senior Project Manager, Etifor | Valuing Nature



3. Closing the nature investment gap through innovative mechanisms and partnerships

Room: Biagi

Maximum capacity: 160

Organised by: ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile, UNEP-FI, EU Business & Biodiversity Platform

Session description:

The session will focus on the importance of investing in nature and the opportunities it presents for businesses and financial institutions in the coming years and the role that cooperation can have across the whole value chain.

Speakers

Anne-Marie Bor - Development Director (FfB) and Lead Finance Workstream (B&B), Finance for Biodiversity, EU Business & Biodiversity Platform

Arjan Ruijs - Senior Responsible Investment Officer, Cardano Asset Management N.V.

Ingrid Kukuljan - Head of Impact & Sustainable Investing, Federated Hermes

Isabel Reuss - Senior Climate and Social Advisor, ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

Miriam Van Gool - Finance Sector Engagement Lead, Science-Based Target Network

Nicolas Poolen - Senior Manager, Finance Engagement, World Wide Fund for Nature

Romie Goedicke - Co-head of Nature, UNEP-FI

Rossella Iorio - Head of ESG Service Excellence, UniCredit



4. Partnerships and blended finance to accelerate action and funding for biodiversity

Room: Solesin

Maximum capacity: 60

Organised by: Etifor | Valuing Nature, Lombardy Region, CARIPLO Foundation

Session description:

Establishing the return on investment and strategic benefits from biodiversity interventions is a key factor for increasing funding and finance streams. Identifying, valuing and communicating co-benefits is essential to mobilising willingness to pay and aligning public and private stakeholders' actions toward climate and biodiversity targets. Partnerships and blended finance mechanisms can accelerate action and funding for multifunctional biodiversity projects. The session aims to provide insight into the importance and potential of partnerships in both public and private settings, and into applicable blended finance models and their components. Several partnerships will be showcased, discussing challenges and insights into how to design blended finance for projects involving multiple actors.

[Developing blended finance capacity for nature on a national level \(IDFB Dialogue\)](#)
[Investing in nature-based solutions \(European Investment Bank\)](#)

Speakers

Alba Ancochea Díaz - Government Affairs & Sustainability Manager, AstraZeneca Spain

Alessandra Norcini - Head of Unit Nature and Biodiversity, Lombardy Region

Alessandro Leonardi - Chief Executive Officer, Etifor | Valuing Nature

Caroline van Leenders - Senior Policymaker Biodiversity and Finance, Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

Felix Romero - Director of Master of Science in Green Economy, Next International Business School

Laura Capolongo - Programme & Engagement Manager, UN Global Compact Network Italy

Noemi Canevarolo - Join Nature Project leader, Cariplo Foundation

Stephen Hart - Invest EU Advisory Hub, European Investment Bank

B&P dialogue #2

October 11
18.00 - 19.30

The vital role of restoring nature and rewilding for business and communities: Upcoming policies harnessing EU's ambitions for a nature positive future

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: EU Business & Biodiversity Platform

Session description:

This session will emphasise the crucial role of nature to achieve our global climate targets, guarantee a thriving food system, and safeguard the livelihoods of business and European citizens. As the window of opportunity is narrowing, it will stress the importance of coming together, finding common ground and forging a path forward. It will aim to deconstruct the myth according to which protecting nature may happen at the expense of businesses (focusing on food or fisheries), and present virtuous relationships that exist between nature and business activity. It will also discuss the role of the EU and what policies can accelerate business action leaving no one behind.

Speakers

Mieke Siebers - Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Development

Alexandra Jour-Schröder - Deputy Director-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

Andrea Illy, Illycaffè - Presidente, illycaffè S.p.A., Co-chair Regenerative Society Foundation

Dr. Maria de Oca - Global Sustainability Manager – Nature & Biodiversity, Henkel

Noor Yafai - Europe Director Global Policy & Institutional Partnerships, The Nature Conservancy

Session Breakdown

Day 2

October 12



Biodiversity and climate: Shifting the way we do finance with nature at its heart

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: EU Business & Biodiversity Platform

Session description:

The GBF represents a clear call to align public and private financial flows with its goals and targets. This session will showcase leading investors that are contributing to the goal of the GBF to “halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030”, and discuss the wider direction of travel for the financial sector to meet both climate and nature goals. The session will aim to understand whether nature-related investments are achieving additionality beyond carbon sequestration and explore the role of regulation to promote integrity in natural capital investment and reduce the funding gap.

Speakers

Mieke Siebers - Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Development

Mario Nava - Director General for Structural Reform, European Commission

Fiona Melrose - Head of Group Strategy and ESG, UniCredit

Frank Elderson - Member of the Executive Board and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board, European Central Bank

Maria Chiara Carrozza - President, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

Renato Guerriero - Deputy CEO, Candriam

Workshop II

October 12
11.30 - 13.00



5. Towards deforestation-free supply chain to contribute to a nature positive future

Room: Solesin

Maximum capacity: 60

Organised by: Etifor | Valuing Nature

Session description:

The focus of the session will be dedicated to presenting tools which help companies go beyond the theory and legislative requirements related to the traceability of supply chains. The session will present best practices and innovative approaches for implementing traceable and transparent supply chains capable of ensuring positive impacts for nature.

Speakers

Davide Pettenella - Professor at the Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forests, University of Padova

Elena Massarenti - Supply chain specialist, Etifor | Valuing Nature

Emanuele Pitto - Representative of the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission

Francesca Ronca - Secretary General, Unione Italiana per l'Olio di Palma Sostenibile

Hannah Franklin - Communications Lead, Global Canopy

Isabella Bussi - Head of Group Sustainability at Fedrigoni Group, Fedrigoni Group

Juliana Mutis - General Director and Founder of Minkadev, Minkadev

Nine years of ranking the most influential companies driving tropical deforestation (Forest 500)





6. Sector transition pathways to nature positive

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: Business for Nature, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, World Economic Forum

Session description:

Following the adoption of the GBF, various business initiatives including BfN, WBCSD and WEF have started to identify a set of sector-specific actions that business can implement in order to contribute to a nature positive future. Drawing on the outcome of this work, this session will aim to identify common barriers and challenges that are currently preventing business action and impeding sector transition. As the momentum around business and biodiversity continues to increase globally, the session will also aim to identify policy levers to accelerate and scale up nature positive sector transformation and opportunities to finance business innovations and models across the economy that protect and restore nature.

Speakers

Eva Zabey - Chief Executive Officer, Business for Nature

Gerard Bos - Event and Partnership coordinator, Global Commons Alliance

Gloria Fontana - Water & Biodiversity Specialist, Holcim

Kevin Flowers - Deputy Head of our Sustainable Finance Unit, European Commission

Petra Mannessen - Senior Sustainability Policy Advisor, Racobank



7. Finance sector targets for nature leading to sector transition pathways

Room: Belvedere

Maximum capacity: 80

Organised by: Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

Session description:

During this session, representatives from financial institutions will share their perspectives on effective nature targets and discuss how to integrate sector-specific pathways into a framework that aligns with science and is practically applicable.

Speakers

Anita de Horde - Executive Director, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

Charlotte Apps - Sustainable Investing Analyst, Fidelity

Clinton Adas - Global Stewardship Lead for Biodiversity, HSBC GAM

Chris Hart - Nature Investment Strategy Lead, Phoenix

Deepshikha Singh - Deputy Head of Sustainable Investment Research & Head of Stewardship, La Francaise Asset Management

Nicolas Poolen - Senior Manager, Nature Positive Finance, WWF Global

Thao Fabregas - Head of Environmental Strategy, Natural Capital & Biodiversity, Crédit Agricole S.A. & co-chair of UNEP FI Target Setting working group

Wijnand Broer - Programme Manager, PBAF



8. Biodiversity certificates and credits: an opportunity for forests, coastal habitats, and local communities?

Room: Biagi

Maximum capacity: 160

Organised by: ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile, Etifor | Valuing Nature

Session description:

Biodiversity credits and certificates offer an opportunity to accelerate the transition to a nature positive society. All actors and market participants need to be involved in the design of emerging biodiversity schemes, understanding the challenges and conditions for developing a high integrity and scalable voluntary biodiversity credits framework that supports business in their journey towards nature positive. The session will showcase emerging initiatives in this space, focusing on measuring, certifying and trading of credits. By gathering different viewpoints from policy, science, and business the session will help demonstrate the multiple forms of expertise that are needed.

Speakers

Alessandro Asmundo - Policy Officer, ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

Alessandro Valentini - Sustainable Finance Specialist, World Economic Forum

Arthur Campredon - Deputy Director Footprint Measurement, CDC Biodiversité

Greet Jassens-Maenhout - Head of the Forests and Bioeconomy Unit (D1), European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Benjamin Barca - Sales Manager Conservation, NatureMetrics

Pina Gervasi - Climate and Restoration Director, Forest Stewardship Council International

Wesley Snell - Senior Project Manager, Etifor | Valuing Nature

Workshop III

October 12
14.30 - 16.00



9. Measuring what matters: Standardising biodiversity measurement and reporting

Room: Auditorium Testori

Maximum capacity: 350

Organised by: Capitals coalition, UNEP - WCMC, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, EcoAsca, Fundación Biodiversidad, Impact Institute

Session description:

This session will examine the current state-of-the-art for measuring the relationship between the private sector and nature, spotlighting the trends in corporate biodiversity measurement and what businesses need to be prepared for. It will also highlight the progress made to date and introduce the future direction towards inter-relations of nature, climate and society.

Speakers

Andrea Rusman - Food Transition Lead, Impact Institute

Annelisa Grigg - Director, Global Balance

Alba Ancochea Díaz - Government Affairs & Sustainability, Astra Zeneca

Bettina Doeser - Head of Unit for Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission - DG Environment

Isaac Najera - Senior Manager, Global Discipline Lead, Environment, Repsol

Isabel Tomé - Head of Biodiversity & Natural Capital, Iberdrola

Jacob Bedford - Programme Officer - Nature Economy, UNEP - WCMC

Jolien Verhelst - Consultant Biodiversity & Sustainability, Arcadis

Martin Lok - Executive Director, Capitals Coalition

Tobias Wildner - Global Head of Sustainable Finance and Standard Setting, Value Balancing Alliance

Tom McKenna - Senior Manager, Capitals Coalition



10. Harnessing nature's potential: exploring business adoption of nature-based solutions in coastal and freshwater ecosystems

Room: Solesin

Maximum capacity: 60

Organised by: Etiforl Valuing Nature

Session description:

Nature-based solutions (NBS) are widely acknowledged as effective solutions to address global challenges, yet it appears that the business sector may not be fully attuned to their potential. With a specific focus on coastal and freshwater ecosystems, this session aims to highlight the success stories of various businesses that have embraced NBS to achieve their strategic objectives in promoting nature-positivity. By exploring the numerous benefits associated with NBS implementation, as well as identifying the existing barriers and challenges, we can design the way forward to make NBS the new business-as-usual.

Speakers

Anacleto Rizzo PhD - Partner, IRIDRA

Eric Mino - Head of service Europe, Mediterranean, Central Asia and China, OIEAU

Fleur Van Ooststrom-Brummel - Policy Officer, Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions, European Commission

Giulia Amato - Programme Coordinator, Etiforl Valuing Nature

Milo Fiasconaro - Executive Director , European association of public water operators

Romie Goedicke - Co-Head Nature, UNEP-FI

Umberto Pernice - Project Partner



11. Financial Opportunities for Nature Protection: can nature protection and restoration be economically profitable?

Room: Biagi

Maximum capacity: 160

Organised by: Entreprise pour l'environnement, ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

Session description:

Based on the presentation of several real-life examples, this session will try to identify the conditions for businesses and financial institutions to upscale innovative business models that both contribute to nature protection and restoration goals and are economically viable. Innovative financial instruments designed to channel and leverage private capital towards nature and support the scaling-up of these projects will also be discussed with real-life examples.

Speakers

Benoit Galaup - Manager Biodiversity, Finance and Digital, Entreprises pour l'Environnement

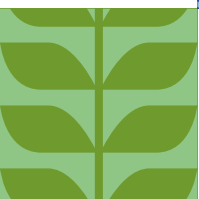
Christine Paul-Bray - Director, Climate and Nature Based Solutions, Idverde

Frankie Rico Sanz - Scientific project manager - carbon offsetting and biodiversity, EDF

Isabel Reuss - Senior Climate and Social Advisor, ItaSIF - Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

Pierre-Yves Pouliquen - CSO, Veolia

Rachel Kolbe Semhoun - Chief Sustainability Officer, InVivo





12. Transforming the global food system: Establishing successful partnerships to engage all actors in the value chain

Room: Belvedere

Maximum capacity: 80

Organised by: ICF, EU Business & Biodiversity Platform, Foretica, Global Nature Fund, Food for biodiversity

Session description:

Explore the realm of agricultural and food supply chain collaboration in our session. Ever wondered what it takes to form effective and inclusive partnerships that make a real impact? Our session will provide you with valuable insights and success stories that will help you understand the key factors for success in collaborative endeavours. Discover effective partnership strategies for achieving biodiversity goals and learn from experts in the field. Be prepared to leave feeling inspired and empowered to become part of the movement for a more sustainable future in agriculture and food supply chains. Join us and uncover the secrets to successful collaboration while connecting with like-minded individuals who share your passion for biodiversity.

Speakers

Andrea Schwalber - Sustainability Manager, Nestlé Germany

Humberto Delgado Rosa - Director for Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission

Jerome Kisielewicz - Lead Mainstreaming Workstream, EU Business & Biodiversity Platform and Director Sustainable Finance, ICF

Judith Ginsberg - Senior CSR Manager, LIDL
Marco Paravicini - PhD, Member of the board of Coldiretti Bio

Megan McKerchar - PhD, Science and Methods Manager, Cool Farm Alliance

Sergio Rodríguez Pérez - Director of Sustainable Finance, Cajamar Cooperative Group

