



BIOGEO

Testing BIOdiversity Gain of European
Agriculture with CAP greening



A Green Architecture for Green Infrastructure?

How the future CAP could support Green and Blue Infrastructures

Despite some successes integrating biodiversity measures into the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), it is clear that species and habitats dependent on agricultural management, continue to decline at an alarming rate.

Loss of “green and blue infrastructures” i.e. semi-natural habitats within the farmed landscape, are a major challenge for reaching biodiversity targets.

With the new European Commission now in place, and increasing pressure and interest from civil society, the level of environmental ambition for the new policy will be up for debate.

The event will:

Present the findings of the BIOGEO project on:

- the importance of green infrastructure for agricultural biodiversity
- the engagement of farmers in managing green infrastructure

Allow space for discussion about an appropriate design of the new green architecture of the CAP

We kindly ask you to register your participation via this [link](#).

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Hosted by:

Clara Aguilera and Michal Wieszik



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AGENDA

I Introductory words | Clara Aguilera MEP

II Presenting the evidence from the BIOGEA Project

Welcome from the BIOGEA project | Katrina Marsden, adelphi research, Berlin, BIOGEA co-ordinator

Findings of the biological fieldwork and modelling | Dr. Mario Diaz, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Madrid

Feedback from the case study areas | Dr. Yanka Kazakova, University of National and World Economy, Sofia

III Panel debate: Supporting Green Infrastructure in the agricultural landscape under the new CAP

Moderation | Alberto Arroyo Schnell International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Brussels

Panelists:

Martin de Cock de Rameyen | Agriland SA agriculture and advice company, Wavre, Belgium

Harriet Bradley | Agriculture and Rural Development Policy Officer, BirdLife Europe

Valentin Opfermann | European Commission, DG Agri, Environment, climate change, forestry and bio-economy

Dr. Guy Pe'er | German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig and Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)

IV Q&A

V Closing statement from Michal Wiezik MEP

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SPEAKER PORTRAITS



Mario Díaz (Madrid, 1963) received his PhD in Biology from the Complutense University of Madrid in 1991. His main research area is focused on the integrated analysis of the effects of human uses on the patterns of distribution and abundance of key species of animals and plants in natural, semi-natural and humanized environments. He is currently a researcher at the National Museum of Natural Sciences (CSIC) and President Scientific Committee of SEO/BirdLife International.



Yanka Kazakova-Mateva has a PhD in Agriculture Economics and Policy from the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) in Sofia. Her research interests are directed towards agri-environmental policy design and implementation with a focus on High Nature Value farmlands and farming in Natura 2000 areas. She is currently a researcher and lecturer on environmental policy at the Department of Economics of Natural Resources at UNWE. She previously worked for 15 years for nature conservation NGOs. Yanka seeks to link her practical experience with the research and teaching activities to promote and develop economic activities that are in harmony with our natural environment.

Panelists



Harriet Bradley leads BirdLife Europe's work on agriculture, and is an expert on the CAP and its impact on biodiversity. She has a Masters in International Public Policy from University College London. Before joining BirdLife she worked in climate research for University College London and also consultancy in Brussels.



Martin de Cock de Rameyen is the managing director of Agriland SA. For more than 30 years, Agriland, has provided land management skills and business advices to landowners and farmers to make the most of their land economically and environmentally. Agriland also carries out farming activities directly and is a member of Friends of the Countryside and Wildlife Estates.



Valentin Opfermann is a Policy Officer at DG Agriculture and Rural Development where he focuses on biodiversity and water issues. Prior to this he worked as environmental policy officer for COPA COGECA. Valentin also continues his involvement in farming activities directly for the family farm in Austria.



Dr. Guy Pe'er is a conservation biologist working at iDiv and the UFZ with a focus on understanding and addressing anthropogenic pressures on biodiversity. From an interest in Green Infrastructure, he came to agriculture: In 2017 he led a comprehensive Fitness Check evaluation of the CAP and in 2019 published a high-profile paper criticising the ongoing reform.