



Conference Programme

“Nature Conservation and the EU Policy for Sustainable Land Management in the New EU Member States”

June 16 – 20, 2007, Bonn / Germany

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Saturday, 16 June 2007

	Arrival of the participants in Bonn at the Gustav-Stresemann-Institute	
19.00	Dinner with participants who have already arrived	

Sunday, 17 June 2007

<p>MODULE I Field trip (whole day)</p> <p><i>Successful examples of Rural Development and Nature Conservation projects in the Oberberg District</i></p> <p>In cooperation with the Biologische Station Oberberg (Biological Research Centre) and the Oberberg District</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>		
9.00	Departure from the Gustav-Stresemann-Institute	
10.00	<p>Stop 1 of the field trip:</p> <p>Biologische Station Oberberg ("Biological Research Centre") Rotes Haus, Schloss Homburg 2 D-51588 Nümbrecht Tel. (0 22 93) 90 15-0, Fax (0 22 93) 90 15 10 info@biostationoberberg.de</p>	
	Welcome of the participants	Volker Dürr (Head of the department "Rural Development" in the Oberberg District)
	Introduction to the region "Bergisches Land"	Frank Herhaus (Head of the Biological Research Centre)
	Regional management in the "Oberberg District" – How does it work?	Uwe Stranz (Director of the department for District- and Regional Development in the Oberberg District)
	Conception of the "Biological Research Centre"	Frank Herhaus
11.15	Departure for Stop 2 of the field trip	
11.30	Walk through the "Streuobstwiesen" (traditional type of extensive grassland-orchard management system) in the "Oberberg District"	Olaf Schriever (Biological Research Centre)
12.30	Lunch ("bergisch pur" Catering) at the holding of "Weber's fruit juice pressing operation" Klaus Weber, Lindscheid 1, D-51588 Nümbrecht-Lindscheid (Member of the "bergisch pur" regional marketing initiative)	

13.30	Portrait of the "bergisch pur" marketing initiative	Volker Dannenberg (Head of "bergisch pur") Frank Herhaus
13.45	Visit to "Weber's fruit juice pressing operation"	Klaus Weber (Owner of the fruit juice pressing operation)
14.45	Departure for Stop 3 of the field trip	
15.15	Visit of two projects "Nature Conservation through grazing with animals"	Frank Herhaus
17.15	Departure for Stop 4 of the field trip	
18.00	Visit to the agricultural holding "Schäferhof" (sheep farm) with its own processing and marketing operations Karla and Sebastian Schäfer, Rehbergstraße 63, 51709 Marienheide-Scharde www.schaeferhof.de	Karla and Sebastian Schäfer (Owner of the holding)
19.00	Departure for dinner	
19.45	Presentation of the work of the "Oberbergische Landfrauen" (Countrywomen of Oberberg)	Mechthild Dörmbach (Chairwoman of the Oberbergische Landfrauen)
20.00	Dinner at the "Park-Hotel Nümbrecht" Parkstraße 3, 51588 Nümbrecht With products from the "bergisch pur" marketing initiative	
21.30	Departure back to the hotel	

Monday, 18 June 2007

MODULE I		
<i>Opening of conference</i>		
9.00	Opening of the conference	Jochen Flasbarth (BMU)
9.15	Rural Areas from the Point of View of Nature Conservation	Andreas Krug (BfN)
9.45	A look back at the conferences 2001-2005	Dr. Kilian Delbrück (BMU)
10.00	Introduction to the conference by Euronatur	Lutz Ribbe (Euronatur)
MODULE II		
<i>Introduction to EU Agricultural Policy / Policy for Sustainable Land Management</i>		
10.10	The Distribution of EU Funds - The Two Pathways of Agricultural Development	Lutz Ribbe (Euronatur)

10.40	Coffee break	
11.10	Remarks by the European Court of Auditors on the First and Second Pillars of the CAP	Riemer Haagsma (European Court of Auditors)
11.40	EU Rural Development Policy and Perspectives for the Period After 2013	Dr. Antonis Constantinou (DG Agri)
12.10	Discussion	
12.30	Lunch	
MODULE III <i>Rural Development: Experiences, objectives and strategies</i>		
13.30	Effects of the Second Pillar of the CAP on Nature Conservation in the EU 27 (2000 – 2007)	Jaroslav Pražan (Research Institute of Agricultural Economics Prague)
14.00	Discussion	
14.30	The Four Axis of the EAFRD – A Comparison of National Strategies and the Objectives Contained therein in 11 Member States	Dirk Schubert (NOVA Institute)
14.45	Findings on the Study "Evaluating National Strategic Reference Frameworks with Regard to Preserving Biodiversity and Maintaining Favourable Conservation Status of Species and Habitat Types of European Importance"	József Marticsek (CEEWEB)
15.00	Discussion	
15.30	Coffee break	
MODULE IV <i>Rural Development: Rural Development Programmes 2007-2013 – Part 1</i>		
16.00 – 18:30	<p>Module IV will consist of reports on the initial experiences with Axis 1 - 4 of the EAFRD Regulation in the Member States. The reports will be given by the participants and should focus on the question, if the different Axis strengthen Nature Conservation and Sustainable Rural Development. Enough space for debate will be provided.</p> <p><u>Policy for RD and Nature Protection (a general reflection)</u></p> <p>Current Rural Development Policy – Second Pillar of the CAP in the EU12 – Effects for Nature Protection Dorota Metera, Euronatur, Poland</p> <p>Rural Development Vyara Stefanova, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Bulgaria</p> <p>How New National RDP Supports Nature Conservation in Latvia Ivars Kabucis, Latvian Fund for Nature, Latvia</p> <p>The Gap Between Objectives and Measures of RDP (2007-13) Goran Soster, Slovenian Rural Development Network, Slovenia</p>	

	<p>How the Measures in the Axis of the Rural Development Programme for Malta for 2007-2013 Contribute to Nature Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture Dr. Sonya Sammut, Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Malta</p> <p>Different Instruments of the RDP 2007 - 2013 as Good Tools for Combining and Complementing the Aims of Nature Conservation and Agriculture Andrej Bibič, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</p> <p>Short Report on RDP 2007-13 in Slovakia Dr. Daniel Lešínský, CEPTA/FoE, Slovakia</p> <p>Potential Impact of Different Measures Planned in Estonia on Strengthening Nature Conservation and Sustainable Rural Development Merit Mikk, Centre for Ecological Engineering, Estonia</p>	
19.30	Joint dinner at the GSI	
20.30	Informal get-together	

Tuesday, 19 June 2007

MODULE IV Rural Development: Rural Development Programmes 2007-2013 – Part 2		
9.00	<p>Continuation of the reports on the initial experiences with the EAFRD Regulation in the Member States</p> <p><u>NATURA 2000 and Agri-Environmental Schemes as Nature Protection Aspects of Rural Development</u></p> <p>Nature Conservation Aspects of EAFRD (e.g. agroenvironmental) Eva Potočiarová, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republik</p> <p>Natura 2000, Agri-Environment, Forestry Measures and Training in Hungary Gabor Figezky, WWF, Hungary</p> <p>The Administration Process of Agri-Environmental Measures in Latvia Žanete Zaharova, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia</p> <p>Developing the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) - a Focus on Agri-Environment Schemes Rosie Simpson, Natural England, UK</p>	
10.20	Coffee break	
	<p>Relevance of Natura 2000 Sites Designated in Romania Sergiu Mihut, SC Unitatea de Support pentru Integritate SRL, Romania</p> <p>Expected Impact of Romanian LFA and Agri-Environment Measures Sergiu Didicescu, Ministry of Agriculture, Romania</p> <p>Implementation of Agri-Environmental Programmes: How to Engage Farmers? Gediminas Almantas, Ministry of Agriculture, Lithuania</p>	

	<p><u>Policy for RD and its Effects on Nature Protection (focus on special areas or species)</u></p> <p>Measures for protection of biodiversity Andrej Sanitrár, State Nature Conservancy, Slovakia</p> <p>Role of the RDP 2007-2013 in Minimising Conflicts Between Large Carnivores and Farming Janez Kastelic, Ministry of Environment, Slovenia</p> <p>The Rural Development and its Impact on Species and Habitats of Community Interest Ionela Tutila, Eco Pontica Foundation, Romania</p> <p>Farmland Bird Conservation and the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programmes of the New Member States Marcus Gilleard, RSPB, UK</p>	
13.10	Lunch	
14.30	<p><u>Unsustainable Rural Development</u></p> <p>Underlying Causes of Unsustainable Rural Development Dr. Iván Gyulai, The Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development, Hungary</p> <p><u>Perspective for the future</u></p> <p>Future of Agricultural Policy and Rural Development Marek Kryda, Polish Agri-Environmental Initiative, Poland</p>	
15.10	Summary of all reports on the implementation of the EAFRD Regulation	
MODULE V <i>Cross Compliance based direct payments and its contribution to Environment and Rural Development</i>		
15.30	Impact of Decoupled Payments Under the First Pillar on Holdings and on Nature Conservation (Focus on EU12) <i>including discussion</i>	Kaul Nurm (Estonian Farmer Federation)
16.30	Coffee break	
17.00	Report from the Commission to the Council on the Application of the System of Cross-Compliance <i>including discussion</i>	Inge Van Oost (DG Agri)
18.00	Cross-Compliance – Greening of the First Pillar? <i>including discussion</i>	Heike Nitsch (FAL)
19.00	<p>Participants present proposals for amendment of Cross-Compliance Regulation from the national point of view <i>moderated discussion</i></p> <p>Relations of Cross-Compliance System to the EU Directives – Natura 2000, Water Framework Directive (possibilities of implementation in the Czech Republic) Jaroslav Ungerman, VERONICA, Czech Republic</p>	
19.30	BMU Reception at the GSI	

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

MODULE VI <i>Future of Agricultural Policy and Rural Development</i>		
9.00	<p>How do we imagine Sustainable Rural Development in the EU27 and which contribution could be given by the EU Agricultural Policy? <i>Presentation of proposals by guest speakers with comments by participants and discussion</i></p> <p>Some Ingredients for Successful Rural Development Koen De Rijck, WWF – Danube Carpathian Programme, Bulgaria</p> <p>Management of Seminatural Grasslands and Future of the CAP Aleksei Lotman, Estonian Parliament, Estonia</p> <p>Sustainable Rural Development in Europe - Challenge or Dream? Dr. Daniel Lešínský, CEPTA/FoE, Slovakia</p> <p>A Sustainable Rural Development and Rural Management : BirdLife’s Vision for the Future of the CAP Ariel Brunner, Birdlife International</p> <p>Vision of a Rural Development in Europe Wolfgang Suske, Naturschutz & Ländliche Entwicklung Consulting, Austria</p>	
12.00	Summary and closing of the conference	Dr. Kilian Delbrück (BMU)
12.30	Lunch	
	Departure of participants	