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Biodiversity 2020: the priorities is a unique conference taking place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on the afternoon of **Wednesday 28 September**. MEPs will join with European hunters and landowners through FACE and ELO and their key partners as well as national representatives from these groups, to create a meaningful discussion on the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020 and together find the concrete actions that we can take in order to achieve the 2020 headline target.

Under the patronage of **MEPs Véronique Mathieu** and **Giancarlo Scottà**, high-level speakers from **BirdLife International**, **WWF**, **ELO**, and **FACE** will highlight their priorities within the Strategy and join the **European Commission's Director General for the Environment, Karl Falkenberg** and the MEPs in opening the discussion. The participants will represent the EU, national and local views from across Europe and are willing to share their expertise and ideas – as we recognise that we will only reach the 2020 targets by acting together.

EU Background – why now?

In **June** the European Council endorsed the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020¹, as presented by the Commission Communication² in **May** and emphasised the need for further discussions at the Council meeting in **December** on the Strategies' targets and actions.

In the meantime, the **European Parliament** will draft and adopt their Own-Initiative Report on the Strategy to put forward its own recommendations to the Commission.

These pivotal EU activities have catalysed this conference - unparalleled until now - through a shared commitment to nature and the immediate necessity to clarify priorities together in a balanced and integrated movement for biodiversity.

For further background information:

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¹ European Council endorsement of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st11/st11978.en11.pdf>

² Commission Communication COM(2011) 244 final
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/11/st09/st09658.en11.pdf>





WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

ROOM S2.2, LOUISE WEISS BUILDING

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15h00-15h20 Welcome and Introduction

MEP Véronique Mathieu, *Chair* & MEP Giancarlo Scottà, *Co-chair*

15h20 -15h40 Biodiversity in the EU

Karl Falkenberg, *Director General DG ENV, European Commission*

15h40 -15h55 Biodiversity 2020: the priorities

Alberto Arroyo Schnell, *Biodiversity Policy Advisor, WWF Europe*

15h55 -16h10 Biodiversity 2020: the priorities

Angelo Caserta, *Director, BirdLife Europe*

16h10 -16h25 Biodiversity 2020: the priorities

Angus Middleton, *Chief Executive, FACE*

16h25 -16h40 Biodiversity 2020: the priorities

Mark Thomasin-Foster, *Honorary President, ELO*

16h40-17h00 Questions, Interventions and Discussions

Chaired by MEP Véronique Mathieu

17h00 Thank you and Close

MEPs Véronique Mathieu & Giancarlo Scottà

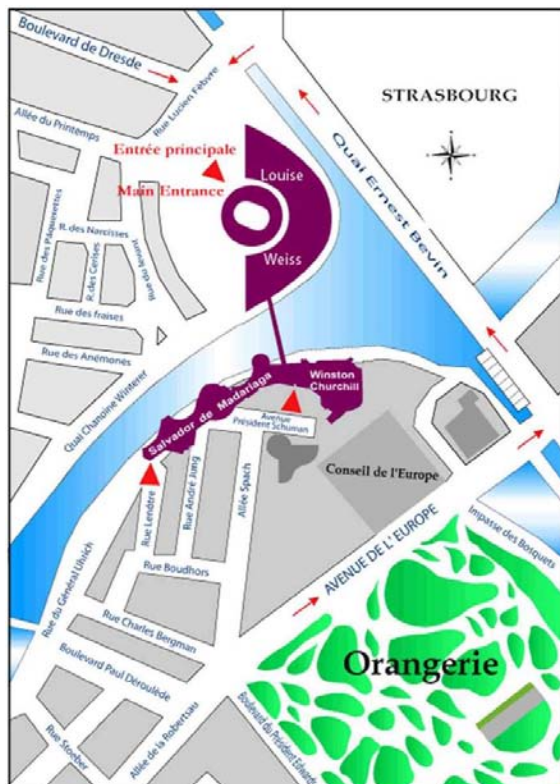


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Map of Strasbourg, European Parliament

Entrance address: **Allée du Printemps, Strasbourg 67070, France**

Attention: It is exactly at the main entrance, where the Main Entrance red arrow is pointing.



Meeting time at the entrance:

14:15 sharp

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