

Biodiversity and Marine Protection in EUSAIR: A Contribution to EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

14 March 2024 | 09:00 – 13:00

University Foundation, Meeting Room A
Rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

The event will focus on biodiversity and marine protection set within the expansive scope of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR). Additionally, the event will present a tentative contribution aimed at implementing the ambitious EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030. Join us as we navigate through this scenario, intricately aligned with the synergies of the United Nations Environment Programme/Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), to collectively shape a sustainable future for our precious ecosystems.

Presentations from leading experts, as well as the European Commission, promise to make this event a comprehensive and insightful gathering that delves into the latest advancements and critical discussions, offering profound insights and paving the way for a future of innovation and collaboration.

Programme

*The conference will be moderated by Dr. Draško Veselinovič,
President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)*

Opportunity for Q&A after each presentation

08:40 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome speech

- *David Brozina, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU, Representative to COREPER*

09:05 – 09:25 COP23 Portorož Declaration and EUSAIR contribution to EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

- *Mitja Bricelj, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator for TSG 3, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Republic of Slovenia*

09:25 – 09:45 Legal Basis and a Scenario for Establishing Marine Protected Areas Network in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

- *Mitja Grbec, Secretary General, Maritime Law Association of Slovenia and Marko Starman, Legal and Marine Expert and Author of the Scenario*

09:45 – 10:05 Marine Protection and Restoration in the Context of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

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

10:05 – 10:25 Coffee break

10:25 – 10:40 Presentation of Bosnia & Herzegovina's Coastal Area Management Programme

- *Senad Oprašić, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator for TSG 3, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

10:40 – 11:00 Presentation of Montenegro's Coastal Area Management Programme

- *Tamara Brajović and Djurdjina Bulatović, Ministry of Ecology, Marine Spatial Planning and Coastal Urbanism Montenegro*

11:00 – 11:20 Integrating Marine Conservation into Regional MSP Frameworks: Achieving Global and EU Targets by 2030 with a Focus on AIR EBSAS

- *Peter Mackelworth, The Blue World Institute*

11:20 – 11:40 Presentation of Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC)

- *Mahmoud Elyes Hamza, Director, Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC)*

11:40 – 12:00 Regional Authorities at the forefront of Biodiversity and Marine Protection: The perspective of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

- *Maria Garcies i Ramon, Acting Executive Secretary of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission*

12:00 – 12:15 A future EUSAIR for a Greener Agenda in the macro-region

- *Gilles Kittel, Team Leader, European Commission, DG for Regional Policy and Urban Policy*

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion and Conclusions

12:30 – 13:00 Networking Lunch



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