



**Programme for European Economic Area (EEA) and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms Conference:**

**“Biodiversity and Sustainable Development in EEA grants cooperation”**

**Time:** 23-24. November, 2006

**Venue:** Riksantikvaren/Directorate of Cultural Heritage, Dronningensgate 13, Oslo

**Day 1, November 23 – Chair: Mrs. Hæge Andenæs, Director General, Ministry of Environment**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Topic – policy</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>
09.00	Registration	
10.00	Welcome address	Mr. Morten Wasstøl, Political Adviser to the Minister of Environment, Norway
10.10	The EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms	Mrs. Ingrid Schulerud, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
10.35	EUs Action Plan on biodiversity and opportunities for synergies between EU funds and EEA grants in the field of biological diversity.	Mr. Ladislav Miko, Director, DG Environment
11.00	Questions and discussion	
11.20	Coffee break	
11.40	Biodiversity in Norwegian nature management	Mrs. Janne Sollie, Director General, Directorate for Nature Management
12.05	Challenges for conservation and management of biodiversity in Europe - what role for the EEA grants?	Mrs. Stefanie Lang, EU Regional Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office (EPO)
12.30	Questions and discussion	
12.50	Lunch	Hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13.50	EEA grants in the biodiversity challenge	Financial Mechanism Office, Brussels, Senior Environmental Officer, Mr. Norman Weisz
14.15	Questions and discussion	
14.40	Species management in Estonia– Challenges and strategies	Mr. Mart Jüssi, Monitoring and Research Specialist,

		State Nature Conservation Centre, Republic of Estonia
15.05	Habitat management in the Slovak Republic – Challenges and strategies	Ministry of Environment, Slovak Republic
15.30	Questions and discussion	
15.50	Closure of session	
19.00	Dinner at Restaurant Christiania	Hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Day 2, November 24 – Chair: Mrs. Gunn Paulsen, Head of Division, Directorate for Nature Management**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Topic – experiences in the field/projects</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>
09.00	Optimization of the use of the resources of the NATURA 2000 network for sustainable development in the Carpathian Mountains	Ms. Agnieszka Olszańska, Research Assistant, Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences, Krakow/ Mr. John Linnell, Research Scientist, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)
09.30	Questions and discussion	
09.45	“Sustainable and Competitive Czech Forestry: Implementing and Improving the Czech FSC Standard”.	Mr. Michal Rezek, Forest Stewardship Council Czech Republic / Mr. Rasmus Reinvang, Programme Leader Terrestrial Environment, WWF Norway
10.15	Biodiversity management in Norwegian forestry	Mr. Øystein Aasaaren, Director, Norwegian Forestry Group
10.45	Questions and discussion	
11.00	Coffee break	
11.30	Developing institutional collaboration – lessons learned	Mr. Henn Pärnamets, Head of Structural Funds Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Estonia / Mr. Jon Markussen, Adviser, County Governor, Oslo and Akershus
12.00	Questions and discussion	
12.15	Summary and conclusions	Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12.30	Lunch	Hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs