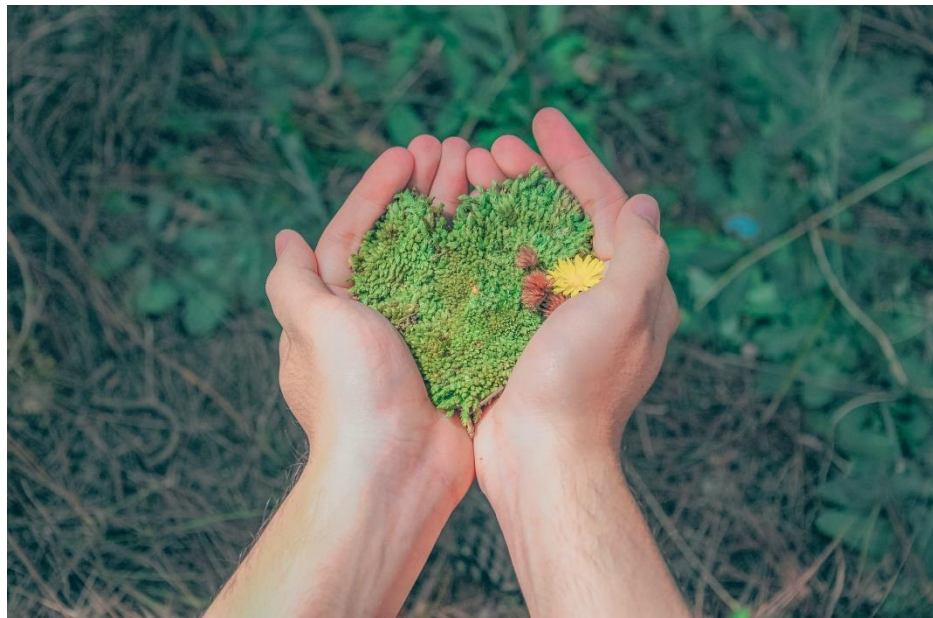


# Initial reactions by key stakeholders to the Farm-to-Fork & EU Biodiversity Strategies



**2 July 2020, 14:00 – 16:00 CEST**

**Co-hosted by MEPs:  
Petros Kokkalis, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Sarah Wiener**

On 22 May 2020, the European Commission adopted the [Biodiversity Strategy](#) and [Farm to Fork Strategy](#), as part of the [European Green Deal](#). While the EU Biodiversity Strategy focuses on the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of ecosystems with concrete steps to undertake by 2030, the Farm to Fork Strategy aims at improving the EU food system through the sustainable transformation of the EU food-supply chain, enhanced consumer information and the promotion of healthier diets.

Following the release of both strategies, many organizations reacted to them welcoming or criticizing the European Commission's communications. Among others, open questions on whether they have the right level of ambition, their practical implementation, or the resources needed to ensure they function properly are still open questions for the main actors involved. As a result, this event aims at fostering dialogue between key stakeholders impacted by the strategies, including the agricultural, fisheries & aquaculture, and forestry sectors.

## DRAFT AGENDA

**14:00-14:10** – Welcome by MEP Simone Schmiedtbauer

**14:10-14:20** – Opening remarks by Luc Bas, Director European Regional Office, IUCN

**14:20-14:35** – Keynote address by Carmen Preising, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Cabinet of European Commissioner on Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

**Panel discussion moderated by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Manager, IUCN Europe Regional Office**

**14:35-14:55** – Reactions by stakeholders:

- Piotr Borkowski, Executive Director, EUSTAFOR
- Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca
- Daniel Voces de Onaindi, Managing Director, Europêche
- Javier Ojeda, Interim Secretary General, FEAP

**14:55-15:25** – Reactions by:

- MEP Sarah Wiener
- MEP Simone Schmiedtbauer
- MEP Petros Kokkalis

**15:25-15:50** – Q&As moderated by moderated by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Manager, IUCN Europe Regional Office

**15:50-16:00** – Closing remarks by MEP Petros Kokkalis