



EEB ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006

PROGRAMME

CAN THE EU STRENGTHEN ITS LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION?

Brussels, 22 September 2006

Venue: International Trade Union House (*Maison syndicale internationale*),
5, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, Brussels (near *Gare du Nord*, metro Rogier)

Conference languages: English and French

No conference fees

9.15. Introduction by Mikael Karlsson, EEB President

Chair of the day: John Hontelez

9.30 Keynote speech: Nick Mabey, E3G:
"In a globalised world, Europe's continued prosperity requires leadership on sustainable development" E3G,
'Environment 3rd Generation', is a UK-based think-tank

Presentation and Questions and Answers.

10.25 Coffee Break

10.45-12.45 Reviewing the implementation of EU's Sixth Environmental Action Programme (6EAP): what future direction to take in EU Environmental Policy?

Introduction by Mogens Peter Carl, Director General, DG Environment

Responses from:

- Jan-Erik Enestam, Finnish Environment Minister , presenting the Finnish proposals on a "New Generation of Environmental Policies"
- Riita Myller, MEP, Finland, former Rapporteur 6EAP
- Jacqueline McGlade, Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- Stefan Scheuer, EU Policy Director, EEB
- David Baldock, Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Followed by discussion with conference participants

12.30-14.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 -16.30 “What do Member States Expect from the EU on Environmental Policies?”

A Roundtable of Environment Ministers and Commissioner Dimas

- Commissioner Stavros Dimas
- Minister Connie Hedegaard (Denmark)
- Minister Bruno Tobback (Belgium)
- Minister Jan Szysko (Poland)
- Minister Jan-Erik Enestam (Finland)
- Vice-Minister Olavi Tammemäe (Estonia)
- State-Secretary Pieter Van Geel (Netherlands)
- On behalf of Minister Gabriel (Germany), Karsten Sach, head International Affairs of the Ministry
- Mikael Karlsson, EEB President

Ministers have been invited to respond to the following questions:-

- Which aspect of progress on environmental protection which the EU has brought to your country has been the most remarkable?
- How do EU policies block or complicate national policy priorities?
- How pro-active and demanding should the EU now be?

Responses by: Commissioner Dimas and Mikael Karlsson.

Discussion in the panel and with the conference participants.

16.30 Conclusions by the Chair

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The Ministries for the Environment of Finland and the Netherlands.

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