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Tentative Program Overview (3 August 2010)

Wednesday, 13 October 2010

EEAC Pre-meetings (Bruges, Martin's Hotel - MAP)

17:00 – 20:00 EEAC Steering Committee meeting

Evening Arrival of (other) EEAC participants

Thursday, 14 October 2010

EEAC Internal Meetings and Special Session with external participation (Bruges, St.-Janshospitaal - MAP)

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation *Forward looking paper* and priority fields of the EEAC member councils

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00 – 12:30 Three parallel EEAC Working Group sessions: Marine, Agriculture, Governance

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 15:00 Three parallel EEAC Working Group sessions: Sustainable Development, Energy, Biodiversity

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee/Tea break*

Sessions with external participation (same venue)

15:30 – 17:00 Selected pieces of advice of EEAC member councils

17:00 – 18:00 Special session: (hosted by FRDO/CFDD, BE)



Chris Vanden Bilcke (Head of Unit Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, BE): How to reinforce international governance for sustainable development?

Moderator: Theo Rombouts (chair FRDO/CFDD, BE)

19:00 – 20:00 Guided tour in the Medieval Inner City

20:00 – *Dinner (Bruges, brewery De Halve Maan - MAP)*

Friday, 15 October 2010

Conference Day with external participation (Bruges, St.-Janshospitaal - MAP)

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and Conference Opening

- Hubert David (Chair EEAC)
- Walter Roggeman (Chair Minaraad, BE)

09:30 – 09:50 Keynote speech – prof. dr. Jose Lima Santos (CNADS, PT): EEAC and sustainable land use

09:50– 10:10 Keynote speech – Ronan Uhel (Head of Programme Natural Systems and Vulnerability EEA): Sustainable land use and biodiversity policy

10:10 – 11:10 Parallel breakout sessions / Discussion of Background Papers

A. Sustainable land use as a global issue

With:

- Lea Vatanen (EC Secretariat General)
- Henk Westhoek (PBL, NL)

And contributions by EEAC member councils

B. Instruments for sustainable land use

With:

- Gorm Dige (EEA)
- Michael Hamell (EC DG Environment)
- Frank van Holst (Farland network)

And contributions by EEAC member councils



C. Agriculture and sustainable land use

With:

- Prof. dr. David Baldock (IEEP)
- Martin Scheele (EC DG Agriculture)

And contributions by EEAC member councils

D. Governance for sustainable land use within Europe

With :

- Marco Fritz (EC DG Environment)
- Patrick Salez (EC DG Region)
- Prof. dr. Bas Pedroli (Landscape Europe)

And contributions by EEAC member councils

11:10 – 11:30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:30 – 13:00 Final discussion in the break out sessions

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 15:10 Presentation and discussion in the plenary

15:10 – 15:30 Keynote speech – Janez Potocnik (European Commissioner for the Environment): Sustainable land use, prospects in European policies

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:45 Debate - Perspectives on sustainable land use

- Agriculture Perspective – Pekka Pesonen (Secretary General COPA)
- Socio-economic Perspective – n.n. (Euromines)
- Nature Perspective – Trees Robijns (EU Policy Officer BirdLife International)
- Land Owners Perspective – Allan Buckwell (Chair of Policy Group ELO)

Moderator: Willy De Backer (Independent journalist, BE)

17:45 – 18:00 Wrap-up for the EEAC – Jan Verheeke (Secretary Minaraad, BE)

19:00 – 20:00 Welcome in Bruges with Ms. Hilde Decler (Alderman of the city of Bruges, BE) (Town Hall - MAP)

Drink offered by the city of Bruges.



20:00 – *Dinner (Bruges, Provinciaal Hof - MAP).*

Speech: Joke Schauvliege (Flemish Minister of Environment and Nature, BE)

Saturday, 16 October 2010

EEAC Internal Day (Tournai - MAP)

08:00 – 09:00 Organised transport by bus from Bruges to Tournai.

09:15 – 09:30 Word to welcome: Christian Massy (Mayor City of Tournai, BE)

09:30 – 12:45 EEAC Annual Plenary Session (APS)

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Speech: Rudy Demotte (Walloon Minister-President, BE)

Speech: Philippe Henry (Walloon Minister of Spatial Planning and Mobility, BE)

14:00 – 17:30 Excursion : Land owners and users in Tournai and surroundings - Parc Naturel des Plaines de l'Escaut

18:15 – ... Organised transport from Tournai to Brussels Airport (Zaventem), Lille Station (TGV to London and Paris) or Bruges (hotel).