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Véronique MATHIEU HOUILLON
Member of European Parliament
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Véronique Mathieu Houillon has been an MEP since 1999. Since 2012, she is the Coordinator of the Parliamentary Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Coordinator of the Special Commission on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering. In addition, she is the President of the European Parliament's Intergroup on Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity, Forest and Rural Activities since 2010.

The only directly elected body of the EU Institutions, the European Parliament is made up of 751 Members (MEPs) from 28 countries, most of who work in 7 Political Groups. These MEPs are important decision makers for shaping EU policy especially following the Lisbon Treaty and the Parliament's role as co-legislator.



Pia BUCELLA
Director, Natural Capital, DG Environment,
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Pia Bucella joined the Commission in 1979 after graduating in Philosophy from the Catholic University of Milan, Italy. She started her career as a translator before going on to work in different Directorates-General, performing a number of roles. In the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment, she has managed the Legal Affairs Directorate and environmental integration in the Cohesion policy and in the Trans-European Networks (TENs) She was also responsible for developing the European disaster preparedness and response system.

She is now the Director in charge of Natural Capital. Her current responsibilities cover the development and implementation of the strategy and policies that pursue the protection and enhancement of Biodiversity, and to promote better understanding of the value of Biodiversity to our society through the Natura 2000 network (Habitats and Birds Directives), as well as the integration and development of strategies and policies for Agriculture, Forest, Soil and Nitrates.

The Directorate B – Natural Capital of DG Environment aims to protect, conserve and enhance the EU's natural capital in the areas of Biodiversity, Land and Soil, Forests and Nutrient cycles. This in turn contributes to a high level of biodiversity protection at the global level. It also underpins and renders sustainable our economic and social development in the EU.



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Thierry DE L'ESCAILLE
Secretary General and CEO
European Landowners' Organization (ELO)
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Since 1996, Thierry de l'Escaille has been the Secretary General and CEO of ELO, and an administrator in a number of organisations of national and EU-wide importance with a strong link to private property, profitability of land, real estates and finance. He has acquired extensive experience in strategic management at EU level. He has occupied various positions: President of the Flemish Forestry Society, Member of the Advisory Council on Forestry, Member of the EU Consultative Committee on forestry, President of *Landelijke Vlaanderen*; Member of the Consultative Committee of the French Farmers Society; Administrator at the National Union of the Real Estate Properties (France) and Secretary General of the NGO Friends of the Countryside - FCS.

ELO represents more than 54 national organisations across 27 European countries. It is a non-profit organisation committed to promoting a sustainable and prosperous countryside, and to increase awareness relating to environmental and agricultural issues. By engaging various stakeholders, ELO develops policy recommendations and programmes of action targeted to European policy makers. ELO organises interdisciplinary meetings gathering key actors from the rural sector and policy makers at local, regional, national and European levels. Its ability to carry out a variety of activities whilst maintaining high visibility assures ELO a unique position among the think tanks engaged in agricultural, environmental and rural issues.



Tamás MARGHESCU
Director General
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)
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Tamás Marghescu holds a Masters of Science from the Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg, Germany. He began his career at the Bavarian Forestry Service, chosen as Associate Professional Officer to work in the Operations Division of the Forestry Department (FAO Headquarters, Rome) and later as Chief Technical Adviser in Thailand. Between 1996 and 2002 he was sent to Hungary by the German Government to work as Special Adviser to the Hungarian Minister of Environment. Between 2002 and 2009 he was the Regional Director for Pan-Europe of IUCN and is the Director General of the CIC since 2010.

The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation is a politically-independent advisory body internationally active on a non-profit basis. With its renowned scientific capacity, the CIC assists governments and environmental organisations in maintaining natural resources through sustainable use. The organisation is unique in its diversity, uniting Member States (mostly represented by the Ministry responsible for wildlife management and conservation), Universities, and organisations engaged in hunting, as well as individuals such as private members and scientific experts from over 80 countries.



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Dr Adrian LOMBARD

President

International Association for Falconry and the
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Adrian Lombard is a Medical Doctor with a Fellowship in Family Practice and currently resides in Cape Town, South Africa. He has practiced Falconry since the age of 13. He has served as the Chairman of the South African Falconry Association and is the current President of the International Association for Falconry and the Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF). He is involved with raptor conservation and is promoting this engagement within the IAF.

The International Association for Falconry and the Conservation of Birds of Prey represents approximately 40 000 Falconers from 87 member organisations and 60 countries worldwide. The IAF is a significant Hunting and Conservation NGO, active in the promotion of the conservation of Raptors and Biodiversity internationally. It is a signatory to the Raptors MoU of the Convention on Migratory Species and an international member of the IUCN where it is active, particularly, in the Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group.



Dr Daniel HOFFMANN

Managing Director

Game Conservancy Germany e.V (GCD)

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Daniel Hoffmann has a degree in Biogeography and was Research Associate at Trier University's Institute of Applied Biogeography. His dissertation focused on the population-dynamics of the European Brown hare. Since 2006 he is Research Associate at Kiel University's Institute for Nature and Resource Protection. Since 2012, he is the owner of the Institute for Species Protection and Wildlife Research (*Institut für Artenschutz und Wildtierforschung*). He is also the President of the Hunting Association of Saarland and Bureau Member of the German Hunters' Association (*Deutscher Jagdverband, DJV*). Since 2013 he is the Managing Director of the Game Conservancy Germany.

GCD was founded in 1990, based on the model of the English Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust to transfer its equally effective and traditional conservation strategy to Germany. The base of this strategy is the 'Wise Use of Nature' - a nature managed according to natural ecosystem needs with the goals of resource conservation and the preservation and promotion of biodiversity. GCD summarises the relation of economic and ecological objectives in its motto "Living Nature through sustainable use".



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Eric PETERS

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Eric Peters holds a Masters degree in molecular and cellular biology and is a qualified *ingénieur en Chef du Génie rural des Eaux et Forêts* (senior agriculture, forestry and water management engineer).

From 2001 to 2005 he worked as an Administrator within the European Commission's Directorate-General for Trade and then served as an Adviser to the Cabinet of Christine Lagarde, France's Trade Minister, for European and international issues. In May 2007 he was appointed Diplomatic Adviser to Christine Lagarde, the then Minister of Agriculture and subsequently Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Employment.

In December 2007 he was appointed deputy Head of Cabinet to Peter Mandelson, European Trade Commissioner and then served Baroness Catherine Ashton of Upholland, European Trade Commissioner, as Deputy Head of Cabinet. Since mid-2010, he was Adviser to the French Permanent Representative to EU Institutions on international issues and strategic partnerships. He finally joined the Bureau of European Policy Advisers of the President of the European Commission in 2011 as Adviser for international and economic issues.

Connecting Commission policy-makers with those parts of society that can fruitfully contribute to the development of policies is the first and foremost priority of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA). The Bureau forges links between the European Commission and think tanks, academia, civil society, churches and communities of conviction.



Alberto ARROYO SCHNELL

Senior Policy Advisor - Biodiversity

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Alberto Arroyo Schnell works as Senior Policy Advisor - Biodiversity for the WWF European Policy Office since 2011, previously working as WWF's Natura 2000 Coordinator since 2005. He is responsible for the European biodiversity policy portfolio, and coordinates WWF's European Network on biodiversity-related issues. He is also the Chairman of the European Habitats Forum, which assembles over 20 leading European nature conservation organisations working on European nature conservation.

WWF is one of the world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organisations, with over 5 million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by: conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.



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Professor Robert KENWARD

Vice-Chair for Europe

IUCN's Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group

www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/sustainable_use_and_livelihoods_specialist_group

Professor Robert Kenward, a farmer's son, obtained degrees in Zoology, Ornithology and Ecological Research from Oxford University while researching vertebrate conservation and pest management. He has written about 200 scientific publications, and founded companies developing software, equipment for wildlife radio-tracking, and research on environmental governance. As a Fellow (and ex-Director of Technology Transfer) of NERC's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, he is Vice-Chair for Europe of IUCN's Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group.

The Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) operates across Commissions for Species Survival and for Environmental Economics and Social Policy. SULi's mission is to promote effective and equitable conservation through the sustainable use of wild resources. SULi engages both at community level and with international conventions, on biodiversity (CBD), migratory species (CMS) and trade in endangered species (CITES), through a core-funded Chair working with voluntary regional Vice-Chairs and some 300 members.



Ivone Pereira MARTINS

Head of Group -Biodiversity

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Ivone Pereira Martins, an environment engineer with a degree in urban and regional planning, has over 25 years of professional experience both at national and European level. She built her career in Portugal around SOER (The European environment – state and outlook) and indicators, information dissemination, environment impact assessment, public participation and urban planning. She also coordinated the Portuguese Strategy for Sustainable Development (2002-2003) prepared by the Prime Minister's Cabinet. Whilst in Portugal she contributed to the work of the EEA since its inception in 1990. At the EEA, she established the Urban Environment work package, coordinated the SOER2005 and since 2006 has been the Head of Group Biodiversity, dealing with biodiversity, ecosystems, agriculture and forests.

The EEA is an agency of the European Union and aims to provide sound, independent information on the environment. The EEA is a major information source for those involved in developing, adopting, implementing and evaluating environmental policy, and also the general public. It has a mandate to help the Community and Member countries make informed decisions about improving the environment, integrating environmental considerations into economic policies and moving towards sustainability; as well as to coordinate the European environment information and observation network (Eionet).



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Friedhelm SCHMIDER
Director General
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Dr Friedhelm Schmitter is the Director General of ECPA, the Brussels-based trade association representing the manufacturers of agrochemicals in Europe. Dr Schmitter is German and has an educational background in soil science, agriculture, forestry and biology; holding a PhD from the University of Hohenheim, Germany. His more than 25-year career with the crop protection industry has spanned a variety of technical and commercial leadership roles in both Europe and Asia. His widespread technical knowledge, public affairs experience and political interest have served to provide a solid foundation to his work in managing regulatory activities and relationships with international organisations, associations and authorities. Friedhelm also has a wide expertise in the fields of environment and nature conservation.

ECPA acts as the ambassador of the crop protection industry in Europe, promoting modern agricultural technology in the context of sustainable development and contributing to competitive European agriculture and a high quality of life. ECPA is engaged in a proactive strategy that finds guidance in stakeholder dialogue, reflecting industry ambition to deliver sustainable solutions to contemporary agricultural challenges; realised through results driven projects in the thematic areas of safeguarding water, enhancing biodiversity, the provision of safe and affordable food, and the protection of health.



Nils WAHL
Advocate General
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Born 1961; Doctor of Laws, University of Stockholm (1995); Associate Professor and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of European Law (1995); Professor of European Law, University of Stockholm (2001); Managing Director of an educational foundation (1993-2004); Chairman of the Swedish Network for European Legal Research (2001-06); Member of the Swedish Council for Competition Law Matters (2001-06); Judge at the General Court of the European Union (2006-12); Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 28 November 2012.

The Court of Justice of the European Union (i) reviews the legality of the acts of the institutions of the EU, (ii) ensures that the Member States comply with obligations under the Treaties, and (iii) interprets EU law at the request of the national courts and tribunals. Currently, the Court is composed of 28 Judges, one from each Member State, and 8 Advocate Generals. The seat of the Court is in Luxembourg.



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Gilbert DE TURCKHEIM
FACE President
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Gilbert de Turckheim has been the President of the European Federation for Hunting & Conservation since his appointment by the FACE General Assembly of 2003 and his subsequent unanimous re-election for the mandates since. Before his Presidency at FACE, Gilbert held was President of the Federation of Hunters of the *Bas-Rhin Département* in his native France (1986-2004) and Regional Hunting President for the North-East. He has held many key posts including Vice-President of the French National Hunters' Federation (*Fédération Nationale des Chasseurs*), President of the ONCFS (French National Hunting and Wildlife Agency) for 6 years – now its Honorary President - and was a Member of France's Economic & Social Council. His involvement in nature conservation projects and wildlife structures in France is long and varied, and stems from a lifetime of experience and passion.



PROJECTS



AGRIFAUNE

How to reconcile environmental and economic performance in
agriculture

www.chasseurdefrance.com

Since 2006, the Agriculture-Hunting-Wildlife Partnership brings together public institutions with French hunting and agricultural associations. Better known as *Agrifaune*, it combines advisory and management skills with defending interests. 70 local partnerships work on intercropping, field borders and grass strips, the impacts of mechanisation, viticulture and grazing systems. More than 300 farmers are members of this network, delivering the first results.



WILD - The German Wildlife Information System

Monitoring for conservation and sustainable use of game

www.jagdverband.de/wild

The German Wildlife Information System (*Wildtier-Informationssystem der Länder Deutschlands*, WILD) is a nation-wide monitoring programme collecting data on the sightings, abundance and populations of wild animals. WILD is a project of the German Hunting Association (*Deutscher Jagdverband*, DJV) and its federal hunting associations, and since 2001, serves as an important module in systematic ecological environment studies. WILD aims to develop strategies for conservation and sustainable use of wild animals. Data collection is based on wild animal numbers in selected areas (so-called reference areas), as well as on population estimates (so-called area assessment) in as many of Germany's hunting grounds as possible. Additional data on Brown hare, Red fox, Badger, Carrion Crow and Partridge, as well as on factors which could affect their population density, is collected in the reference areas (e.g. landscape structure, land use and climate). Hunters support the project on a voluntary basis, thereby significantly contributing to the conservation of wildlife.





Gameguard Body of Hunting Organisations in Greece

A conservation success story

www.ksellas.gr

A total of 350 Gameguards are employed by Hunting Organisations in Greece, with duties recognised by law and equal to those of the Public Forestry Service. Through continuous patrols they are controlling for any crime violations, playing this way an active role in halting biodiversity loss.

They also have full engagement in (a) National research programs concerning the phenology of bird migration in major wetlands of Greece, (b) The improvement of wildlife habitats with numerous actions, (c) the monitoring of game species population dynamics through the recording of their harvest (ARTEMIS I project), and (d) the recording of game populations structure, age and sex (ARTEMIS II project). During the 13 years of the continuous existence of Gameguard Body in Greek nature, many goals have been achieved and biodiversity has gained a very powerful ally.



GreenShoots

Hunters achieving biodiversity targets in the
UK

www.basc.org.uk/en/conservation/green-shoots

Hunters in the UK spend over £250 million (292 million euros) on conservation each year. BASC work with hunters, conservation organisations and government to target that contribution to achieve conservation targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity. This presentation will show how this significantly increases the achievement of conservation targets and how it offers a cost-effective and long-term solution to biodiversity conservation both within and outside of protected sites.



The Wildlife Habitats Foundation (WHF)

The French hunters' foundation for biodiversity

www.fondationdeschasseurs.com/cms

The Foundation for the Protection of Wildlife Habitats has been working for 30 years now for the preservation and enhancement of ordinary land through land management. To do this, the Foundation relies on its network of local hunters' federations (*Fédération Départementale des Chasseurs – FDCs*) who provide funding through a system of voluntary annual donations. Since its inception, it has acquired nearly 5,500 acres in 60 French *Départements*. Exemplary actions are carried out in these areas in terms of rehabilitation, development or communications. In addition, the Foundation attempts to coordinate the development of its sites by the *Département* federations, offering joint programs: junior nature clubs, hiking guides, apiary installations.

