THE 2013 FACE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BIODIVERSITY 2020: HUNTING FOR SOLUTIONS

RESIDENCE PALACE RUE DE LA LOI 155, BRUSSELS

HUNTING FOR SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 9.30 - 16.30

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FACE invites you to participate in a unique conference on the state and future of biodiversity. We would be honoured if you would join us.
 RSVP by 6 September: info@face.eu - +32 (0) 2 732 6900



13 September 2013 Brussels, Belgium



The 2013 FACE Hunting for Solutions Conference will take place in Brussels on 13 September as highlight of the annual FACE General Assembly. The Conference has a comprehensive agenda featuring high-level speakers from EU institutions, NGOs, hunting and other biodiversity stakeholders discussing actions to conserve biodiversity.

The Hunting for Solutions Conference is underpinned by our committment to take action for nature through the FACE Biodiversity Manifesto and our ethos of collaboration for conservation. Delegates of national hunting associations from 36 countries who represent their country's hunters through their FACE Membership as well as external guests are invited to take part in this unique dialogue.

The first 2 sessions of the day will showcase the opportunities for meaningful partnerships between hunters and other conservationists and landusers. This will highlight some of the diverse conservation actions being undertaken by hunters every day, from international through to local levels. The final session will see a diverse panel of experts discuss ideas with the audience on how to inspire and empower people to collaborate and coordinate actions for long term cost-effective biodiversity conservation.

The **Hunting for Solutions Conference** will close with a **reception** offering the opportunity to network and continue exchanges in a more informal setting between fellow conservationists.

THE PROGRAMME

HUNTING FOR SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER RESIDENCE PALACE, BRUSSELS

09.30 - 09.45	Welcome & Introduction to the Day
	Gilbert de Turckheim, FACE
	Véronique Mathieu Houillon, Member of the European Parliament (MEP)
09.45 - 10.05	Keynote Address
	Pia Bucella, Directorate Natural Capital, DG Environment, European Commission
10.05 - 10.50	Session 1: International engagement
	Chair: Gilbert de Turckheim, FACE
	Thierry de l'Escaille, European Landowners Organization (ELO)
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Tamás Marghescu, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)

Adrian Lombard, International Association for Falconry and the Conservation of Birds of Prey (LAF)

10.50 - 11.10 **Coffee Break**

11.10 - 13.00	Session 2: Local commitment
	Chair: Daniel Hoffmann, Game Conservancy Germany e.V.
	Constance Bouquet, Fédération Nationale des Chasseurs (FNC)
	Nikolaos Papadodimas, Hellenic Hunters Confederation
	Ian Danby, British Association for Shooting & Conservation (BASC)
	Johanna Arnold, German Hunters' Association (DJV)
	Alain Bidault & Paul Bourrieau, Wildlife Habitats Foundation (WHF)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch & Networking

14.30 – 16.00 Session 3: Future action
Chair: Eric Peters, Bureau of European Policy Advisers for the European Commission President
Alberto Arroyo Schnell, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
Robert Kenward, IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi)
Ivone Pereira Martins, European Environment Agency (EEA)
Friedhelm Schmider, European European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)

16.00 – 16.30 **Outlook Summary & Close**

16.30 - Afternoon Drinks Reception

Translation: EN – FR – DE



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WHAT IS FACE?

Established in 1977, FACE represents the interests of Europe's 7 million hunters as an international non-profit-making nongovernmental organization (NGO).

FACE is made up of its **Members: national hunters' associations** from **36 European countries** including the EU 28. FACE also has 4 Associate Members and has its Secretariat in Brussels.

FACE upholds the principle of sustainable use, has been a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 1987, and more recently of Wetlands International. FACE works with its partners on a range of hunting-related issues, from international conservation agreements to local implementations with the aim of sustaining hunting across Europe.

THE BIODIVERSITY MANIFESTO

FACE and its Members developed The Biodiversity Manifesto. It reflects the rigorous and active commitment made by FACE, its Members and the 7 million European hunters they represent to ensure that hunting is sustainable and contributes positively to biodiversity conservation.

The FACE Biodiversity Manifesto aligns itself with the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020, directly addressing 4 of its 6 targets feeding into the 2020 headline target. The 34 action points address a host of EU biodiversity priority areas and promote cooperation with other sectors and stakeholders such as farmers, land and forest owners, conservation NGOs and public authorities. The Biodiversity Manifesto will contribute to demonstrating the role and contribution of hunting for biodiversity to policy makers and the public, as well as to coordinating and enhance efforts carried out by European hunters in line with international conservation priorities.

KEY LINKS

FACE: <u>www.face.eu</u>

The FACE Biodiversity Manifesto: www.face.eu/nature-conservation/biodiversity

The 2012 FACE Annual Report:

www.face.eu/Communication/Publications/FACE%20Annual%20Report%202012%20EN.pdf



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION - MAPS AND HOTEL BOOKING FORM

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