

CONFERENCE



Biodiversity protection and restoration: the contribution of the recreational fisheries sector

Co-chaired by MEP Niclas Herbst and MEP Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

Wednesday 30 November 2022

16:00 – 18:00

Room JAN 6Q1, European Parliament, Brussels

DRAFT AGENDA

16:00 - Introduction

Opening remarks by **MEP Niclas Herbst**, Chair of the Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment and **MEP Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**, Shadow Rapporteur on the Nature Restoration Law

16:10 - Presentations

A tour of Europe's angler-led nature protection and restoration projects by **Kaare Manniche Ebert**, Fisheries Biologist, Danish Sportfishing Association

The tackle trade's support to nature protection and fight against climate change by **Olivier Portrat**, CEO, European Fishing Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA) and **Ross Honey**, Managing Director, Angling Spirit, EFTTA Board member

Presentation of the Grusbanden project in Denmark: biodiversity restoration and wider benefits for the society, by **Rune Hylby**, Project leader

16:45 - Discussion

Questions and answers with the audience

17:00 - Presentations

Recreational anglers as protectors and restorers of biodiversity, by **Prof. Robert Britton**, Bournemouth University, UK

Reaction by the European Commission by **Bettina Doeser**, Head of Unit Natural Capital and Ecosystem Health, DG Environment

Key take aways and recommendations for the implementation of the EU Biodiversity strategy
by **Mark Owen**, European Anglers Alliance, Board member, Angling Trust, Head of Fisheries

17:40 - Discussion

Questions and answers with the audience

17:55 - Conclusion

Concluding remarks by **MEP Niclas Herbst**

The conference will be followed by a cocktail reception in PHS 12th floor Restaurant from 18:15.