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DRAFT PROGRAMME

14:00 - 18:30	
14:00	<p>Master of ceremony: Karolina D’Cunha, Deputy Head of Biodiversity Unit, DG ENV</p> <p>WELCOME BY CO-CHAIRS</p> <p><i>Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Roby Biwer, First Vice-Chair of ENVE Commission, European Committee of the Regions</i></p>
14:20	<p>THE STATE OF GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY</p> <p><i>Josef Settele, co-chair of the global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</i></p> <p>Q & A</p>
14:45	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH</p> <p><i>Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</i></p>
15:00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 1</p> <p>“WHAT HAVE WE DELIVERED - AND WHERE TO NEXT”</p> <p>Moderator: Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director of Natural Capital, DG ENV</p> <p>PANELLISTS:</p> <p><i>Marco Lambertini, Director-General, WWF</i></p> <p><i>Róbert Eugen Szép, Undersecretary of State, Deputy General Commissioner, National Environmental Guard, Ministry of Environment, Romania</i></p> <p><i>Christiane Paulus, Director-General for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i></p>

	<p><i>Jerzy Bogdan Plewa</i>, Director-General, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</p> <p><i>Juha Nousiainen</i>, Senior Vice President, Valio Ltd, Finland</p> <p>Q & A</p>
16:15	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION 2</p> <p>“DRIVERS, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS”</p> <p>Moderator: Stefan Leiner, Head of Biodiversity Unit, DG ENV</p> <p>PANELLISTS:</p> <p><i>Christian Schwarzer</i>, Global Youth Biodiversity Network</p> <p><i>Wolfgang Burtscher</i>, Deputy Director-General, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <p><i>Chantal Clément</i>, Deputy Director, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food)</p> <p><i>Cheryl Jones Fur</i>, Deputy Lord Mayor, Växjö (Sweden) (ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability)</p> <p><i>Martin Lock</i>, Deputy Director, Natural Capital Coalition</p> <p>Q & A</p>
	<p>SPECIAL CEREMONIES</p>
17:30	<p>SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATURAL CAPITAL FINANCE FACILITY</p> <p>Introduction by Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director of Natural Capital, DG ENV</p> <p><i>Karmenu Vella</i>, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p><i>Emma Navarro</i>, Vice President, European Investment Bank</p> <p><i>Marc Abadie</i>, Président, CDC Biodiversité France</p>
18:00	<p>CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRDS DIRECTIVE</p> <p><i>Karmenu Vella</i>, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</p> <p><i>Angelo Caserta</i>, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, BirdLife International</p> <p><i>David Scallan</i>, Executive Secretary, FACE</p>
	<p>18:30 - 21:00</p> <p>WALKING DINNER RECEPTION</p>