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## A SUSTAINABLE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE: IS GREENING THE WAY FORWARD?

Chaired by MEP **Karl-Heinz FLORENZ**,  
President of the Intergroup Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside



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13h00-15h00  
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Room PHS 4 B 001**





## Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside Intergroup

The Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity, Countryside activities and Forestry Intergroup was created in 1985 and is one of the oldest and most active parliamentary platforms. It gathers MEPs from different political groups and various stakeholders promoting wildlife conservation, sustainable hunting and fishing, as well as the sustainable management of the countryside and cultural heritage.

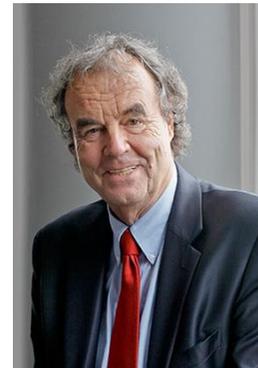
The objectives of the Intergroup are to promote the role of hunting and other forms of sustainable use of wild species for biodiversity, wildlife management, rural development and forestry issues. Additionally, the Intergroup regularly focuses on cross cutting issues that affect socio-economic activities in rural areas and seek to build bridges between the civil society and decision makers.

Past debates and discussions have, for example, addressed issues such as forestry management, wildlife population, the future of EU water courses, the 2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy and other thematic related to Natura 2000.

For the term 2014-2019, the Intergroup has been validated by European Parliament Conference of the Presidents and named the "Biodiversity, Hunting and Countryside Intergroup".

FACE (Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU) provides the Secretariat for the Intergroup since 1985. In 2004, the ELO (European Landowners' Organization) joined the Intergroup as Co-Secretariat, bringing expertise in countryside-related topics.

## Chair of the Intergroup



**Karl-Heinz FLORENZ** is MEP and the President of the Intergroup Biodiversity, Hunting, Countryside. He is an economist and agricultural master. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1989. He is a Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and was Chairman of this Committee from 2004 to 2007. He is also a substitute member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and was a rapporteur and a member of the former Temporary Committee on Climate Change.

## Keynote speaker



**Joost KORTE** is the Deputy Director-General at DG Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to that, among numerous other duties, Mr. Korte was Deputy Director-General for Enlargement (2012-2013), Director responsible for Relations with the Council and Advisor at the General Secretariat; Head of Cabinet of Commissioner for Regional Policy Danuta Hübner and Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner for External Relations Chris Patten. Mr. Korte was also a lecturer in the Law of International Organisations at the Europa Institute, University of Utrecht, and Leverhulme Visiting fellow in the European Community Law at the Centre of European Governmental Studies, University of Edinburgh.



## Biography of the Panelists



**Christopher PRICE** is the Director of Policy and Advice at the CLA. He has overall responsibility for managing all the CLA's national policy and advisory work. He makes sure that the organisation's policy work is focused on what matters most, and that members' queries are dealt with accurately and efficiently. A planning and environmental lawyer by background, he joined the CLA as public law adviser in 2002. He became Chief Legal Advisor in 2007 and took up his current post a year later. Before coming to the CLA Christopher worked in local government for a number of different authorities.



**Andrei POPESCU** is marketing manager at Oltpiess SRL and Administrator at Agro Andre International SRL. He has a bachelor degree in Management and started his master studies in Management and International Marketing at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies in 2014.



**Faustine BAS-DEFOSSEZ** is agriculture and bioenergy senior policy officer in the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) where she has been working for the past six years on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Before joining the EEB she worked for the European Commission, in the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development on the European Food Aid program for the most deprived. She holds a master degree in European Union law from the University of Lille, France and a master degree of EU Politics from the Institute for Political Sciences in Strasbourg, France.

### Follow-up of the meeting

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