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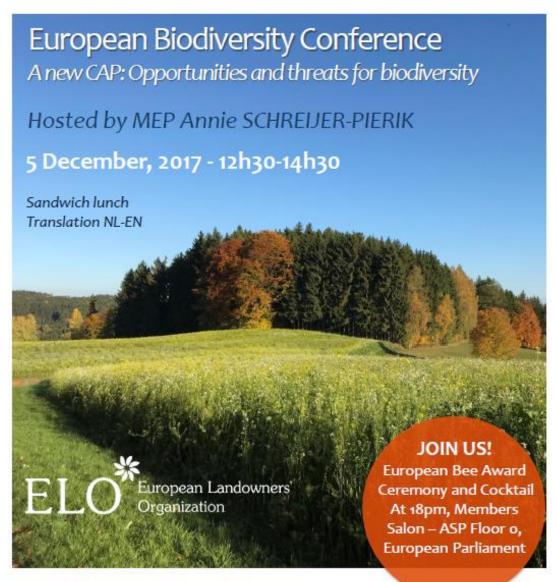
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# **European Biodiversity Conference** A new CAP Opportunities and threats for biodiversity Agenda Hosted by MEP Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK 12h30 Opening Speeches • Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK, MEP Pierre-Olivier DRÈGE, President, European Landowners 'Organization **Award ceremony** 12h50 Keynote • Pierre BASCOU, Director "Sustainability and income support", Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, EC 13h15-13h50 Panel Discussions • Claudia OLAZABAL, Head of Unit, Land Use and Management,

- Directorate-General for Environment, EC
- Professor Emeritus Allan BUCKWELL, RISE Foundation
- Andreas BAUMÜLLER, WWF Head Natural resources

13h50-14h10 Questions and Answers

14h10-14h30 Conclusion

# Notes

## Chair and opening speeches



Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK was a farmer and agricultural entrepreneur until she joined the European Parliament in 2014. She is an active member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Fisheries and substitute member of the Committees on Agriculture and Rural Development. She was a member of the Dutch Parliament (House of Representatives) for 12 years. In the National

Parliament she spent many years as Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. Her heart lies with agriculture, family farms and the countryside; she was born in a family of dairy farmers and she ran a pig farm with her husband and son in the Dutch village of Hengevelde for many years. Her son and daughter in law took over the family farm in 2014.



**Pierre-Olivier DREGE** is presently the Chief Executive Officer of Céréaliers de France. Before, he stood as the CEO of Office National des Forêts which is in charge of managing state and community owned forests in France. He was then one of the founders and chairman of the European State Forest Association. He has been involved in many

negotiations with the Common Agriculture Policy, as Chief of Cabinet of several French Ministers for Agriculture and as Director of the Department for International and Economical affairs. Since December 2016, he is the President of a cooperative of French forest owners operating in Normandy and in the North-East of France: Nord Seine Forêt. He has been appointed in June 2017 as President of the European Land Owners Association (ELO) and has participated as such in the former Civil Dialogue Group on the CAP. He is French and graduated as an engineer and economist.

## Keynote Speaker



**Pierre BASCOU** is the Director for Sustainability and Income support in the Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development in the European Commission. Between 2010 and 2014, he was Head of Unit, responsible for Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives. From 2003 until 2009 he was heading the Unit in charge of the

economic analysis of EU agriculture for the conception, the management and the evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy. He received his PhD in Agricultural Economics (1989) from the Imperial College London, UK) and is "Ingénieur" in agronomy from ESA Toulouse.

## Biography of the Panelists



Caudia OLAZÁBAL is holder of a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Radiochemistry from the University of Strasbourg and a Master's degree in Science from the University of Texas at Austin. She worked for three years in the Sustainable Resources - Consumption and Waste Unit, then became Policy Officer and Head of the Soil Sector dealing with the development of Community policy

on soil protection in the Agriculture, Forests and Soil Unit. She was for 4 years the Deputy Head of the Biodiversity Unit and was appointed Head of the Agriculture, Forests and Soil Unit in 2013, which became the Land Use & Management Unit in 2016. All these positions are held in the Directorate General for the Environment of the European Commission



**Em. Prof. Allan BUCKWELL** is the Director of the RISE study on CAP: out of the box thinking as well as two of RISE's previous studies on Nutrient Recycling and Reuse in European Agriculture and the Sustainable Intensification of European Agriculture. Two thirds of his career has been as an academic agricultural economist specialising in agricultural and rural policy. This has involved his

work as a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for European Environmental Policy, 14 years at Newcastle University and then from '84-'99 as Professor of Agricultural Economics, Wye College University of London. He specialised on teaching and research of all aspects of EU rural policy dealing especially with the Common Agricultural Policy, trade issues, technology and structural change in farming and its impacts. During '95-'96 he was seconded to the analysis and conception unit of DG Agri in the Commission where he chaired a policy integration group which laid out a model for the evolution of the CAP. He also worked as Policy Director for the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) in 2000.



Andreas BAUMÜLLER graduated with a diploma in silviculture at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna. Andreas is Head of Natural Resources at WWF European Policy Office in Brussels, and with his team he works on EU policy issues related to agriculture, biodiversity, forests and freshwater. Andreas acted as NGO coordinator and WWF's lead of the EU

Nature Alert campaign that successfully prevented the weakening of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives. Before joining the WWF European Policy Office in 2004, Andreas was heading the regional office of WWF Austria in Tyrol implementing projects and campaigns for the protection of rivers, wetlands, species and forests. In his spare time, Andreas manages a meadow orchard and keeps honey bees in the Belgium's countryside.