

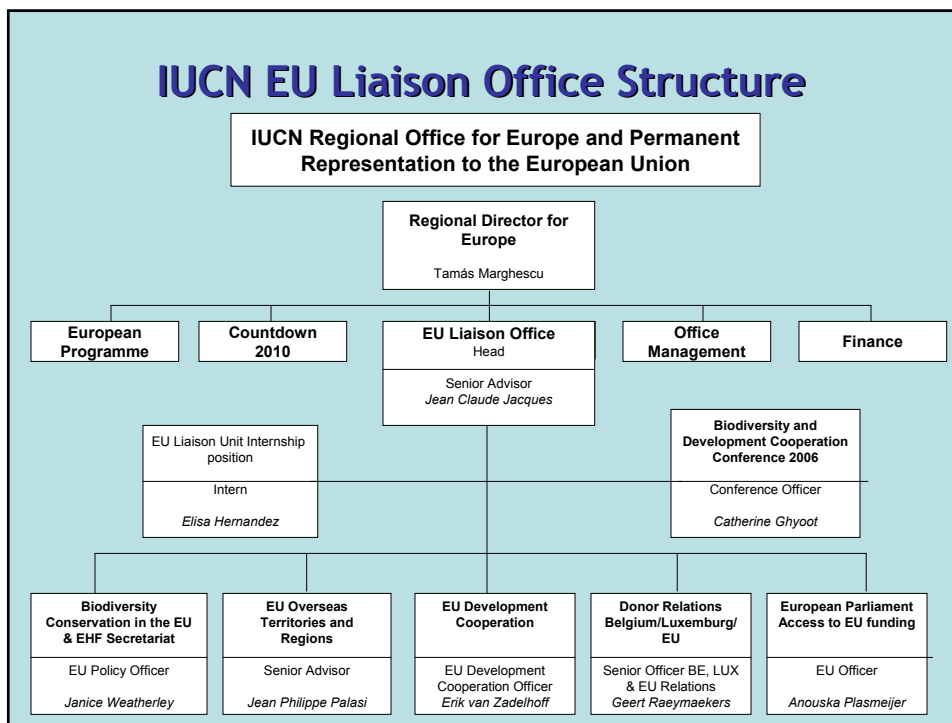
The role of the EU Liaison Office – Introduction to the EU

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IUCN EU Liaison Office Structure



IUCN EU Liaison Office

- Represents IUCN globally to the EU
- Mainly works on EU policies and programmes related to nature conservation and development issues (influencing and informing)
- Liaises with the European Institutions (Council of the EU, European Commission and European Parliament)
- Provides the secretariat for the European Habitats Forum (EHF)
- Shares information on EU policies and funding to members via website and e-mail bulletins

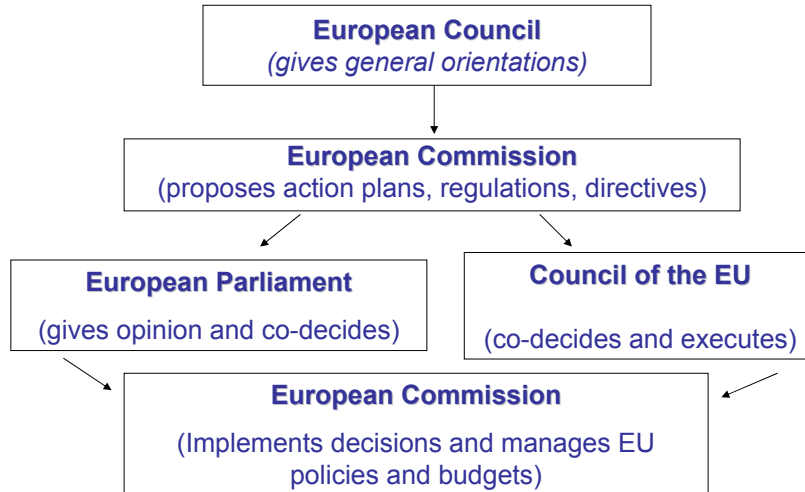


EULO's policy work

- Development cooperation
- Biodiversity and Nature Conservation in the EU (N2000, B&H directives, Biodiversity Communication)
- Overseas Countries, Regions and Territories
- EU Budgetlines for Nature Conservation (globally)



Process of the EU policies (and budgets)



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Council of the EU



- Represents all EU Member States (MS)
- Main decision-making body of the EU
- Chaired under EU presidency
- Council meetings attended by ministers of the MS (e.g. all ENVI ministers for the Environment Council)
- Shared legislative power + budget responsibilities with the European Parliament
- Council's work is planned and coordinated by the General Affairs and External Relations Council (GAERC)



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EULO and the Council of the EU

- Monitoring regular formal and informal council meeting agenda's
- Informing ministries about IUCN's position before the Council meetings
- Providing advice and information to members of National Parliaments prior to Council meetings
- Through members in Member States



European Parliament

- Elected by EU citizens
- 17 committees
- 6 different political groups, 1 Non-Attached
- Shared legislative power with the Council
- Checking EU policies on proper management and implementation



EULO and the European Parliament



- Following agendas of relevant Committees (ENVI, AGRI, DEVE, REGI, FISH, TRAN)
- Networking and maintaining contact with members of the European Parliament (MEPs)
- Collaboration with the Intergroup on Sustainable Development
- Organising seminars & conferences in the EP

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European Commission

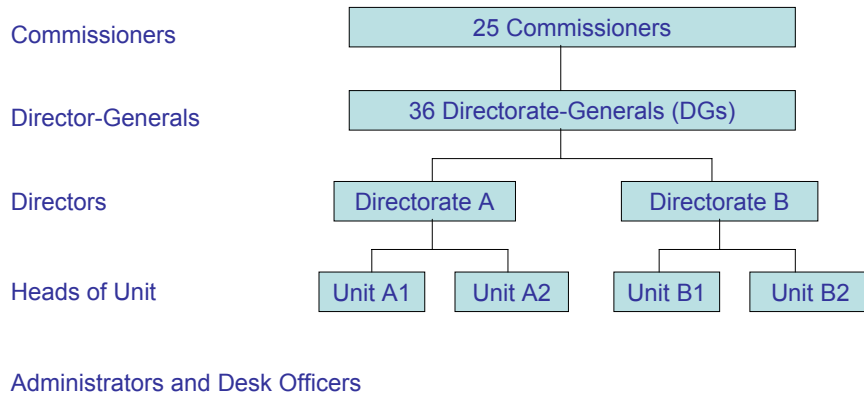


- 25 Commissioners from all MS
- Uphold the interest of the EU as a whole
- Ensure that regulations and directives adopted by the Council and Parliament are implemented
- If not, EC can take the offending party to the Court of Justice
- Only institution that has the right to propose new EU legislation
- Managing the EU's common policies + budgets



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Structure of the European Commission



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EULO and the EU Commission



- Maintaining a relationship with DG Envi and participating in relevant working groups
- Advising DG Envi on Bidi policies through the EHF
- Providing input to DG Development in mainstreaming biodiversity in development programmes
- Maintaining a working relationship with EuropeAid

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EULO and You



If you wish to...

- Express your position at EU level
- Inform one of the EU institutions about the situation in your Member State
- Have questions regarding EU policies or funding



Then please contact us: eu.liaison@iucn.org

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Thank you!

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