



Influencing EU biodiversity policy – a government perspective

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EU external biodiversity policy

- **Main focus: CBD**
- **Pan European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS)**
- **Relation with other conventions and fora**
- **Relevant conferences**
- **WPIEI-Biodiversity: forum in Brussels**
- **Member states + Commission discuss and decide EU positions**
- **Presidency leads process and represents**





EU internal biodiversity policy

- **EU Biodiversity Strategy and Communication is framework**
- **HD + BD /Natura2000 central**
- **Other relevant thematic strategies + directives**
- **Biodiversity Expert Group (BEG) main forum:
MS, NGO's, stakeholders**
- **Commission convenes and leads process.**



How does the Dutch government work on EU biodiversity policies?

- **External: WPIEI-Biodiversity:**
 - participate, give input, influence
 - position of EU in international meetings, i.a. through council conclusions
- **Internal: Habitat + Ornis Committees**
- **Influence other relevant EU groups: forests, water, agriculture, science etc.**
- **Contacts with Commission + other MS:**
 - Informally/bilaterally
 - Informal expert meetings (e.g. Vilm)
 - Non-papers/position papers



Preparation of EU inputs

- Interministerial approach, formal and informal
- Input colleagues working with national stakeholders: nature management, forestry, scientific
- Communication with NGO's and various institutions:
 - mostly informal: ongoing contacts
 - written views and positions (e.g. for COP's)
 - in BEG
 - in IUCN-Netherlands members meetings
 - Preparation meetings for major events

How can IUCN members engage better?

- Get informed about important processes: CBD, Communication
- Participate in (informal) meetings; give views and information
- Work through representatives if necessary: efficiency