

# protecting wilderness in europe

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE PRESERVATION OF UNTOUCHED NATURAL AREAS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



**DATE:** 31 January 2012    **TIME:** 15.30-17.30

**VENUE:** Altiero Spinelli building, P4B001, European Parliament, Brussels

The European Parliament adopted a special report on wilderness by 538 votes to 19 on 3 February 2009. This was followed by the European Commission developing the Agenda for Europe's Wilderness (May 2009, Prague). Three years after adoption of the

Parliament's report, wilderness still faces widespread threats from logging and development – but there are many opportunities to enhance its protection. Participants will assess what has been achieved so far and provide suggestions for future action.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

- to ensure the inclusion of wilderness in the forthcoming communication on Europe's Green Infrastructure
- to introduce 'The Economics of Wilderness'
- to promote the inclusion of a wilderness and wild area target within the national implementation strategies to be developed for the European Biodiversity Strategy

## PROGRAMME

**1. Welcome and Setting the Scene** – Following up the Popular Mandate of Wilderness Protection, Pavel Poc, MEP

**2. The Prague Message** – Providing an update on what has happened since the adoption of the European Parliament's wilderness resolution, Stefan Leiner, EC DG Environment

**3. Enhancing Wilderness Protection** – The Challenges & Opportunities Ahead of Us, Toby Aykroyd, Wild Europe Initiative

**4. 'The Economics of Wilderness'** – Zoltan Kun, Executive Director, PAN Parks Foundation introducing The Million Project, which aims to

guarantee the protection of 1 million hectares of true wilderness in Europe. It is the scaling up of wilderness protection in Europe in order to implement the European Parliament's recommendations.

**5. An Example of a National Strategy to promote wilderness** – Michael Zika, WWF Austria

**6. How Businesses Can Contribute to Wilderness Protection in Europe** – Hajnalka Schmidt, PAN Parks Foundation and Keijo Salenius, Basecamp Oulanka

**7. Open Forum**

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