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# Biodiversity & Land use

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# AGENDA

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09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:30-10:00 Setting the scene: biodiversity and land use – roles for economic instruments?

- *Overview:* Aim of the project
- Aim of the workshop and participants
- Q&A

10:00-11:00 Plenary roundtable I: making it work – good practices towards effectiveness

- **Case I: Dr. Ciaran Byrne** - *Inland Fisheries Ireland*  
Fishing fees supporting salmon conservation and management in Ireland
- **Case II: Goran Gregurović** - *Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate for Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry*  
Forest public benefit function fee in Croatia
- **Case III: [Speaker TBC]**  
Result-based agri-environment measure in the state of Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany
- *Q&A and insights from the floor*

11:00 Coffee break

11:20-12:30 Plenary roundtable II: process and different actors – different perspectives?

- Summary of stakeholder roles and the policy cycle: **Patrick ten brink** - *IEEP*
- **Case IV: Katheleen Dominique** - *OECD*  
The role of civil society engagement and the political economy of biodiversity-relevant policy reform: Insights from the French tax on pesticides, agricultural subsidy reform in Switzerland, EU payments to Mauritania and Guinea Bissau to finance marine protected areas and transferable fisheries quotas in Iceland.
- **Case V: Prof. Wolfgang Wende** - *Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development*  
Changes in the design may improve acceptance of offsetting in Germany
- *Q&A and insights from the floor*

12:30-13:30 Lunch break and networking opportunity

13:30-14:30 Opportunities and barriers

**Facilitated discussion: [Facilitator TBC]**

*Session Objective:* Identify short-term, mid-term and long-term opportunity for fiscal instrument to meet biodiversity and land use objectives in your Member State/region

**Q:** What are the most obvious entry points and opportunities for economic instruments for biodiversity and land use in your country/in your region (political, economic, social and environmental)?

**Q:** What are the main barriers to reform – and how can they be addressed?

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**Q:** Which stakeholder can play which role; and what evidence base is needed to inform progress?

**Q:** What other measures are needed to support successful MBI (e.g. mapping and information; standards; complementary instruments)?

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**14:30-15:30 The devil is in the detail – how can economic instruments for biodiversity and land use be made more effective?**

Working groups look at the following two issues:

**Working Group I: Design for effectiveness and acceptability**

Short input by biodiversity and/or land use instrument experts – civil society representative & Member State, followed by a discussion

**Q:** Which design features can improve acceptance?

**Q:** How can effectiveness be improved?

**Q:** What role is there for civil society engagement to help effectiveness and acceptability?

**Working Group II: Windows of opportunity and civil society engagement**

Short input by a civil society representative, Member State and EU and followed by a discussion

**Q:** What windows of opportunity are there (or could be created) for reforms to address the issues and challenges?

**Q:** Where is there a specific need for engagement by (which) civil society?

**Q:** Is there a specific place in the policy cycle for inputs?

**Q:** What tools and approaches could be helpful to facilitate progress?

**15:30-16:00 Tea and coffee break**

**16:00-17:00 Final roundtable and wrap-up with feedback from the working group rapporteurs, followed by summary of the day and conclusions**

- Rapporteur's feedback
- Final feedback from the floor – proposals for how to improve civil society engagement in fiscal reform
- Wrap up and next steps