



Public Hearing
**'Facing the sixth mass extinction and increasing risk of pandemics:
what role for the EU Biodiversity strategy to 2030?'**

organised by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Thursday 14 January 2021, 9h00 - 11h15

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 09h00 - 09h05 Welcome and opening by the Chair
- 09h05 - 09h15 “IPBES: Science for biodiversity policy and action”
Dr. Anne Larigauderie, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- 09h15 - 09h25 “The European Union’s Biodiversity Strategy: stronger ambitions as foundation for ‘healthy’ ecosystems.”
Dr. Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, EEA
- 09h25 - 10h30 *Session 1: Facing the sixth mass extinction*
- Ms. Sabien Leemans**, Senior Biodiversity Policy Officer, WWF
- Dr. Katia Karousakis**, Biodiversity Team Leader, Environment Directorate, OECD
- Ms. Evelyn Underwood**, Senior Policy Analyst, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Programme, IEEP
- Mr. Thomas Resl**, Director of the Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural- and Mountain Research (Austria)
- Q&A session with Members
- 10h30 - 11h10 *Session 2: Increasing risk of pandemics*
- Dr. Peter Daszak**, President of EcoHealth Alliance and Chair of the IPBES workshop on pandemics
- Prof. Chris Walzer**, Executive Director, Health Program at the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
- Q&A session with Members
- 11h10 - 11h15 Closing remarks by the Chair