



Join our high-level event where we will discuss the importance of Europe's forests for both people and the planet.

What will the future of Europe's forests look like? How will EU policies shape this future and what can we learn from best practices?

The Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU and the IUCN European Regional Office kindly invite you to join our virtual event, Restoring Europe's forests for people and the planet, on 20 May from 9:30 – 11:00am CET to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity (on 22 May) in the context of the future of forests in Europe. The restoration of these ecosystems will be a fundamental tool in tackling the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, while at the same time the EU Forest Strategy must ensure coherence of forest-related policies and allow synergies with the forest-based sector.

Join us for a lively debate with our high-level panel of experts. Speakers include:

- Video address from Virginijus Sinkevičius, EU Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- João Pedro Matos Fernandes, Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Climate Action
- Luc Bas, Director of IUCN European Regional Office
- Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director General, DG Environment, EU Commission
- Ester Asin, Director of WWF European Policy Office
- Fanny Langue, Secretary General of the Confederation of European Forest Owners.

Three forest restoration case studies are also invited to showcase their work:

- Conceição Santos Silva, R&D + i Coordinator, UNAC – Mediterranean Forest Union
- Kaupo Kohv, Head of Nature Conservation Department of RMK (State Forest Management Centre), Estonia
- Markus Nissinen, Environmental Advisor at Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland

link for registration : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/restoring-europes-forests-for-people-and-the-planet-tickets-152094419503>