

Agenda



The European Green Belt - A Model for Biodiversity and European Cooperation
Wednesday, 5 November 2025 | 10:30-12:30 CET
Room Antall 6Q1, European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

Coffee & tea from 10:15 | Networking lunch from 12:30

10:15 - Arrival & Coffee

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments available for early arrivals and informal exchange.

10:30 - Welcome by the Host

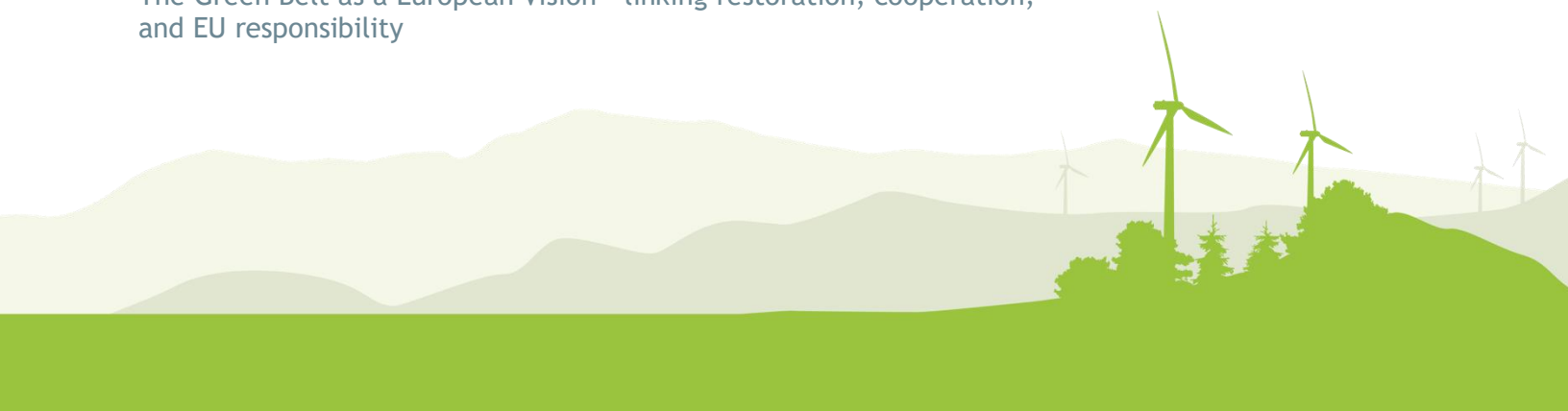
Prof. Danuše Nerudová, Member of the European Parliament (EPP, CZ), ENVI Committee
In her role as host of the event at the European Parliament.

10:35 - Opening Remarks on behalf of the ReCo Project

Mr. Michal Servus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic
Dr. Liana Geidezis, Head of the National Green Belt Competence Center at BUND Germany
Opening the event on behalf of the ReCo partnership.

10:45 - Keynote Speech

Prof. Danuše Nerudová, MEP (EPP, CZ), ENVI Committee
The Green Belt as a European Vision - linking restoration, cooperation,
and EU responsibility



11:00 - ReCo Project Overview: Achievements & Perspectives

Jörg Schmiedel, ReCo, Germany

Bojana Lipej, ReCo, Slovenia

Tandem presentation highlighting cross-border cooperation, restoration efforts, and lessons from all pilot regions.

11:30 - Panel Discussion: “EU Biodiversity Policy and the Role of the Green Belt”

Panelists (confirmed & tbc):

- Dr. Jutta Paulus, MEP (Greens/EFA, DE), ENVI Committee
 - Michal Wiezik, MEP (Renew, SK), ENVI Committee
 - Viera Slavíková, Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Joint Secretariat
 - Andrea Vettori (tbc), Head of Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment
 - Prof. Thomas Wrbska, University of Vienna
 - Melanie Kreutz, National Green Belt Competence Center at BUND Germany
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12:00 - Open Floor / Questions & Answers

Audience Q&A with panelists and speakers

12:15 - Closing Remarks

Mr. Michal Servus, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

Dr. Liana Geidezis, Head of the National Green Belt Competence Center at BUND Germany

Political takeaways and a closing message on behalf of the ReCo partnership.

12:30 - Informal Networking Lunch

Light buffet lunch, informal setting, opportunity for open exchange and further networking.

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