

International Conference
**Making the CAP
work for the environment**
debate on the future of the EU Common Agricultural Policy

Wednesday 28 May 2008
Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia

- 08.15 REGISTRATION**
- 09.00 SESSION 1 - Agriculture and environment in an enlarged European Union**
- 09.00 Welcome note from the Chair
Rudolf Tekavčič, President DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia
- 09.10 Perspectives for the future of the CAP: a view from the Slovenian Presidency
Branka Tome, State Secretary Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Republic of Slovenia
- 09.40 Addressing environmental challenges through the CAP
Martin Scheele, Head of Unit Environment, GMO and Genetic Resources DG Agriculture, European Commission
- 10.10 Agriculture and environmental conservation: the Slovenian model
Darij Krajčič, Director Institute for Nature Conservation of Republic of Slovenia
- 10.30 Effectiveness and effects of farm policies
David Blandford, Professor of Agricultural & Environmental Economics University of Pennsylvania, US
- 10.50 COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.15 Agriculture and environmental protection: farmers' perspective
Paulo Gouveia, Director General Affairs COPA-COGECA, Belgium
- 11.35 Agri environment: theory and practice of environmental conservation on farmland, lessons from the US
Dan Morgan, Agriculture Correspondent Washington Post, US
- 11.55 A CAP for the environment: lessons learned, paths to follow
Ariel Brunner, EU Agriculture Policy Officer BirdLife International
- 12.15 Panel debate (morning participants): what CAP do we need in order to address biodiversity, climate and water challenges
Moderator: Jack Thurston (GMF/farmsubsidy.org)
- 13.15 LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.30 SESSION 2 - Rural Development: What are the winning options?**
- 14.30 Introduction to the afternoon session
Andrej Medved, Director DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia
- 14.35 Environmental problems and opportunities in the New Member States
Václav Zámečník, Agriculture Officer CSO / BirdLife Czech Republic
- 14.55 What makes agri-environment policies work? Ideas for the New Member States
Clunie Keenleyside, Rural Development Specialist Crex Consultants, UK
- 15.15 Making agriculture work for the environment: Rural Development Programme for Republic of Slovenia 2007-13
Branko Ravnik, Director of Agriculture Directorate Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Republic of Slovenia
- 15.35 Agri-environment schemes: the UK experience and lessons for the future of the CAP
James LePage Land Use Policy Group (LUPG), UK
- 15.55 Conclusions and final remarks
Andrej Medved/Jack Thurston DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia/GMF
- 16.15 END**