



# Rural development: A critical opportunity for people and biodiversity

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## With a spotlight on the Alpine region

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Organised by BirdLife Europe together with LIPU (BirdLife in Italy) and BirdLife Austria, this conference aimed at exploring the new EU rural development policy with all its opportunities for boosting the economy and the environment. A special focus was put on Rural Development in the Alpine region as a key challenge that needs to be addressed with policies originating in different countries but all starting from the same common framework: the Common Agricultural Policy. The debate brought together a wide range of speakers, including the EU Institutions, national and regional Ministries and relevant stakeholders.

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## Conference



### Welcome

*Mr. Fulvio Mamone Capria, LIPU (BirdLife Italy), President*

*Mr. Gerald Pfiffinger, BirdLife Austria, Director*

### Morning session: A new round of CAP reform – a new round of Rural Development reform

#### First panel: CAP reform and the new Rural Development Framework

*Moderated by Ms. Clunie Keenleyside, IEEP, Research Fellow*

- **The new framework of CAP reform and the EU budget** - *Mr. Iman Boot, European Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Deputy Head of unit: Environment, Genetic Resources and European Innovation Partnership*
- **The new Slovenian Rural Development Plan** – *Ms. Martina Bavec, University of Maribor, Chair for organic farming, field crops, vegetables and ornamentals*
- **Risks and opportunities for Austria's environment and rural areas** - *Mr. Gerald Pfiffinger, BirdLife Austria and Umweltdachverband, Director*

#### Second Panel: Rural Development in Italy

*Moderated by Mr. Andrea Povellato, INEA, Head of Regional Office for Veneto*

- The implementation of CAP reform in Italy - *Ms. Valentina Spinelli, Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Officer in the Rural Development Office*
- **Agriculture produce rural development** - *Mr. Secondo Scanavino, Italian Confederation of Farmers (CIA), Vice President*
- **Risks and opportunities for Italy's environment and rural areas** - *Ms. Patrizia Rossi, LIPU (BirdLife Italy), Agriculture Policy Officer*

### Afternoon session: Tackling issues through smart implementation

#### Third panel: Rural Development in the Alps: common challenges, common strategy?

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- **Population trends of common birds in the Italian Alps** - *Mr. Tommaso Campedelli, Italian common bird monitoring scheme (MITO2000)*
- **How farmers in Salzburg produce necessary meadow habitats for endangered population of Whinchat** - *Mr. Hans Uhl, BirdLife Austria, Agriculture Policy Officer*
- **Wildflower strips in Switzerland** - *Mr. Pascal König, SVS/BirdLife Switzerland, Conservation Officer*
- **Livestock farming: How to successfully co-exist with predators** - *Mr. Mauro Belardi, Large Carnivore Team of European Alpine Programme, WWF*

#### **Fourth Panel: High Nature Value farming and rural livelihoods?**

*Moderated by Mr; Claudio Celada, LIPU (BirdLife Italy), Head of Nature conservation department*

- **High Nature Value farming from an Italian perspective** - *Mrs. Antonella Trisorio, INEA, Senior Researcher*
  - **High Nature Value farming in the Alps – from the perspective of Piemonte** - *Mr. Mario Perosino, Regione Piemonte - Head of monitoring and evaluation of RDP*
  - **Learning from across Europe: HNV in Romania** - *Mr. Razvan Popa, ADEPT Foundation, Responsible for Biodiversity and agriculture*
  - **Conclusions** - *Mr. Ariel Brunner, BirdLife Europe, Head of EU Policy*
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