

**LIFE PLATFORM MEETING**  
**AGRICULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BIODIVERSITY**  
**HOW CAN RESULTS BASED PAYMENT SCHEMES ADDRESS THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS?**

9th - 11th OCTOBER, 2024, Dirk Boutsgebouw (VAC Leuven), Belgium

**SPEAKER NOTES – PLENARY SESSION DAY 1**

Thank you for agreeing to be a plenary speaker at our conference. We have compiled some speaker notes which we would be grateful if you could check through and get back to us with any questions or outstanding issues on [rbaps@elmen-eeig.eu](mailto:rbaps@elmen-eeig.eu). The notes are for **guidance only**, please feel free to adapt!

1. There will be **NO Q&A** following the first plenary sessions (Plenary 1 through 8) - the Q&A is replaced by the panel session that follows directly after the coffee break.
2. There will be a Q&A or discussion session at the end of Plenary session 3 (Plenary 9 through 12) where we will take questions related to all the presentations from the in-house and on-line audiences.
3. Please check the timings on the final version of the agenda which accompanies these speaker notes to make sure you are present in the right session.
4. All presentations in **Plenary 1** will be **15 minutes**, please note that the first day will be streamed live so it is important that we stick to time. There is no need to leave time for questions.
5. All presentations in **Plenary 3** will be **20 minutes**, this session will also be live streamed and there is no need to leave time for questions.
6. We will be keeping to time for all sessions. You will be reminded when you have 5 mins and 1 min left by the time-keeper sitting in the front row.
7. There will be a chairperson for each session. Please make yourself known to them immediately prior to your session. Please ask someone on the reception desk if you are in doubt.
8. Please do send us your presentations in advance – **but by Friday 4th October at the latest in PPTX format** - so that we can load them to systems and check that they can be accessed without issues. We will have technical assistance on hand to help in the event of any difficulties.
9. This is particularly important if you intend to use any video with sound as we will need to check the specifications to make sure it works!
10. We intend to make the presentations available to all the participants after the event in **PDF format**. Please can you let us know if you do **not** wish to have your presentation made available to everyone.
11. At the start of your session please assemble near the stage at **least 5 mins** before the scheduled start to check sound levels and so we can resolve any technical issues.
12. Please tell us your own stories but look at the bullet points below and feel free to include as many as you like - they are for **guidance only** and are not meant to be prescriptive.
13. **Finally, please end your presentation with your key message(s) – these will be taken forward into the discussion groups in the day 2 workshops.**

**Plenary Session 1 – Introducing the RBaPS Panel**  
**Chairperson: Neil WILKIE (ELMEN)**

**Plenary 1: Humberto DELGADO ROSA (Director of Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission)**

**Title: Environment, Conservation and Agriculture challenges and opportunities**

- The Biodiversity Strategy 2030
  - Target 7 - 10% of agricultural land under high- diversity landscape features
- The EU Restoration Law 2024 - binding targets to achieve positive trend in key biodiversity indicators in agricultural ecosystems
- A reflection on the key themes of this conference (stakeholder engagement, selecting indicators, linking to payment and scaling up)
- How can our LIFE projects (and other EU funded projects) contribute to the policy debate – influence policy – what might be the important policy issues associated with HNV

**Plenary 2: Antonia LUETTEKEN (Horizontal Unit for Environmental Sustainability, DG. Agriculture, European Commission)**

**Title: Agriculture policy framework for nature friendly farming**

- Results based payments and the CAP - progress to date
- A look into the future on how HNV farming can respond to the biodiversity challenges
- Biodiversity 2030 strategy
  - Target 6 - risk of use if chemical pesticides reduced be 50%
  - target 8 - 25% of land under organic farming
- Early interpretation of the impact the EU Restoration Law may have on agriculture
- Scaling up agricultural efforts to meet the biodiversity crisis
- Policy implications for the future

**Plenary 3: James MORAN (Atlantic Technology University and RBaPS Network for Ireland)**

**Title: Ireland's RBaPS**

- The original LIFE project BurrenLIFE
- Lessons learnt and initial expansion
- Support and commitment from policy makers and stakeholders
- Are we getting sufficient uptake across all sectors?
- Indicators and payment schemes
- Upscaling - where are we now and what is the future ambition
- Key message

**Plenary 4: Heinrich BELTING (Lower Saxony Water Management, Coastal and Nature Protection Agency)**

**Title: Challenges of implementing RBaPS at the national level**

- RBaPS in the German context, European, National and Regional agendas to deliver at the local level
- What progress has been made in Saxony
- Who needs to be consulted?
- Where are the bottlenecks and problems
- Where do the opportunities lie for expansion
- Key message

**Plenary 5: Sven DEFRIJIN (Boerennatuur Vlaanderen)**

**Title: Case Study: Innovative Contract Approaches to Improve Uptake and Effectiveness of Agri-Environmental Measures**

- Scope and purpose of the project(s) 13 labs in 9 countries
- The approach - what is a contract innovation lab?
- Who was involved - getting a wide range of stakeholders on board
- Results-based approaches as an innovative approach
- Outcome - in-depth understanding of the contract features that attracts local stakeholders
- Challenges for implementation
- Key message

**Plenary 6: Carlos RUIZ (SEO BirdLife)**

**Title: Case Study - Operating a Results Based Payment Scheme in Spain**

- Lessons learnt from LIFE projects over the past 10 years
- Better integration of results in the green architecture design of the common agricultural policy (CAP)
- Reinforcing cross-compliance requirements
- Planning of eco-schemes and measures for climate and environment of the new CAP post-2020
- Key message

**Plenary 7: Harm SCHOTEN (Eurosité)**

**Title: RBaPS from a Landowner Perspective**

- Biggest concerns about results based for the landowners
- What opportunities might there be e.g. diversification
- Incentives and disincentives to join in
- Is consultation the most important part of the process
- Any other schemes that might be more appropriate
- Key message

**Plenary 8: Colm GAVIN (Wild Atlantic Nature Farmer)**

**Title: RbaPS - challenges and opportunities for farmers**

- What made you interested in joining the scheme
- Why is Results Based important for you
- What works well and what needs to be improved
- How do you see the future
- Key message

**Coffee Break**

**Plenary Session 2 – The Panel Discussion**

**Session Facilitator: Lynne BARRATT (ELMEN)**

**Q&A and Lunch Break**

**Plenary Session 3 – Case Studies from Across Europe**  
**Chairperson: Jan SLIVA (ELMEN)**

**Plenary 9: Gary GOGGINS (LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature) (IE)**

**Title: Using RBPS to deliver large-scale restoration in Ireland**

- Summary of landscape level RBPS pilot in upland areas
- Building capacity for upscaling
- Integration into CAP Strategic Plan
- Building on RBPS to deliver large-scale restoration
- Leveraging non-CAP finance
- Key message

**Plenary 10: Erica Depisch (Suske Consulting) (AT)**

**Title: Results Oriented management (EBW) 2023 to 2029 in Austria**

- RBaPS in Austria - the story so far towards upscaling
- National scheme operating Agri-environmental measures of the CAP
- How to establish precise goals and clear messages
- Importance of measurable and comprehensible indicators for biodiversity
- Targets: Habitats, species, landscapes and physical features
- Key message

**Plenary 11: Razvan POPA (Fundatia Adept) (RO)**

**Title: Pilot results-based agri-environment schemes at landscape scale in Transylvania HNV farmland**

- The current situation for RBaPS in Romania
- How widespread are schemes - problems and opportunities
- What does the scheme look like in Transylvania
- How you see expanding the scheme in the future
- Any differences in operating in two biogeographical regions
- Key message

**Plenary 12: Jean-Yves VANSTEELANT: IUCN/SSC – Fédération des Parcs Naturels Régionaux (FR)**

**Title: The ACEM experience in France**

- The ACEM experience at the national level
- An overview of the various experiences in the regional parks
- Result-based AECM in the Haut-Jura natural regional park
- What works well and what needs improvement
- What are the critical success factors
- What does the future look like
- Key messages

**A note for all Plenary 3 speakers - if you can it would be good to have a reflection on the CAP (and what you might like to see changing) and the Biodiversity 2030 + Restoration Law might mean for future implementation - or is it just all about the CAP?**