

EPP GROUP HEARING ON
“FROM STRESS TEST TO SOLUTIONS – PRACTICAL LESSONS FOR THE
BIRDS AND HABITATS DIRECTIVES”

Thursday, 19 November 2026
09:30 - 12:00
European Parliament, Brussels (room JAN 6Q1)

09:30-10:00

Welcome coffee

10:00-10:20

1. Opening remarks by **Norbert LINS**, MEP and **Peter Liese**, MEP
2. Keynote speech by **Jessika ROSWALL**, Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

10:20-11:05

3. Panel I: “Natura 2000: Balancing Nature Protection and Land Use”
 - **Stijn DE ROO**, Member of the Flemish Parliament (cd&v) and City Councillor in Ghent, Belgium
 - **Maija RANTAMÄKI**, Head of EU Forest Affairs, Finnish Forest Industries Federation
 - **Erich GUSSEN**, President of the Rheinischer Landwirtschaftsverband
 - Reaction from **Ion CODESCU**, Director DG ENV.D Biodiversity

*Moderated by **Norbert LINS**, MEP*

11:10-11:55

4. Panel II: “Species Protection: Balancing Conservation and Rural Livelihoods”
 - **Cy GRIFFIN**, Senior Conservation Manager, European Federation for Hunting and Conservation
 - **Dieter KRATTENMACHER**, Mayor of the municipality of Kißlegg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
 - **Marcus SCHIFFER**, Mayor of the city of Soest, Germany
 - Reaction from **Ion CODESCU**, Director DG ENV.D Biodiversity

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5. Closing remarks by **Norbert LINS**, MEP