



CANCELLED:

Conference on Future-proof Nature Policy

Dear participants,

As you are aware, you have been invited for the Conference on Future-proof Nature Policy, 28-30 June 2016.

Recently we have learned from European Commission services that publication of the Working Document on the research report into the Fitness Check of the Birds and Habitats Directives will not be available until at least the end of June 2016. This means that the Working Document will not be published in time for this conference.

This Working Document would be the basis for the substantive discussions at the conference about the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives in the Member States. It was to form the basis for constructive and open-minded discussions. Now that the Working Document will not be published before the end of June, the conference will have no substantive basis for discussions and will fail to add any substance to the debate at this moment.

It is with regret that we are therefore forced to cancel the conference for now. We will examine the possibilities of organising the conference at a later date after consultation with incoming Presidency Slovakia and the European Commission.

We appreciate that this last minute cancellation is inconvenient for you, but we trust that you will understand this decision.