

SEIS and the environmental dimension of the SDGs – webinar series

within the project

“Improved environmental monitoring and assessment in support of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus”

Webinar 5

“Informing biodiversity restoration policies”

Time	Wednesday, 26 May 2021
09:15 – 09:45	<p>1. Welcome and introduction – setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNECE, UNEP, Environment Agency Austria
<p>09:45 – 12:30</p> <p><i>Five-minute comfort break whenever needed</i></p>	<p>2. (Pan-) European perspectives on SDG15 regarding Biodiversity Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU nature restoration targets – implementing and monitoring the European Biodiversity Strategy to 2030, Brian MacSharry, European Environment Agency • Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area - SDG indicator 15.3.1, Sara Minelli, Jamal Annagylyjova, UNCCD Secretariat • Coverage by protected areas of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater, and for mountain biodiversity - SDG indicators 15.1.2 and 15.4.1, speaker tbc • Supporting European Green Infrastructure along the Green Belt for improved habitat connectivity, through policy relevant integration of modern technologies including Copernicus-Services and CDDA-datasets, Gebhard Banko, Head of Remote Sensing Team, Environment Agency Austria • Global biodiversity framework in relation to SDG 15, Jillian Campbell, CBD Secretariat <p><i>Presentations, followed by questions and answers (15+5 min)</i></p>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
<p>13:30 – 15:15</p> <p><i>Five-minute comfort break whenever needed</i></p>	<p>3. Subregional/Country experience from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and/or CAREC (Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia) • Caucasus - Armenia, Georgia and/or REC Caucasus • Southern/Central Europe – Bosnia & Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Austria < Austria - Stefan Schindler, Head of Biodiversity Team, Environment Agency Austria > <p><i>regarding</i></p> <p>SDG 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</p> <p><i>with a focus on the globally/regionally/nationally still to be reached SDG Target 15.5: Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species and the use of modern data technologies for policy-relevant information</i></p> <p><i>Presenting <u>current priority concerns/action examples regarding biodiversity conservation and restoration</u>, followed by questions and answers (10+5 min)</i></p>

15:15 - 15:30	<p>4. Wrap-Up & Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conclusion and perspectives- Further project actions planned for 2021
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