



SCB's European Policy Committee at ICCB-ECCB 2015

Meet the European Policy Committee in Montpellier

You can meet us over a cool drink in the evening of 4 August 2015, 20:00-20:30, in a bar in Montpellier. The Policy Committee will present itself and answer your questions in an informal gathering during the International Congress for Conservation Biology - European Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB-ECCB 2015). Location of the watering hole: Le Dôme Brasserie, 2 Avenue Georges Clemenceau.

Laureates of the European Conservation Awards selected

The jury has cast their votes. The laureates of the two newly created awards of the Society for Conservation Biology - Europe Section will be awarded during the closing ceremony of the ICCB-ECCB 2015 on 6 August 2015 in Montpellier, France. Not to forget our environmental friendliness awards: Green travel, and the mug and bag awards!

Activities of the European Policy Committee in Montpellier

Workshop (on roadless areas, among others) open to all Europe Section members at the interactive SCB-Europe Business and Social Meeting 5 August, 18:30-19:30

Symposia:

Roadless ecology and conservation of roadless areas across scales 3 August, 10:30-12:00
The 100 priority questions for biodiversity conservation in Mediterranean-type regions of the world 3 August, 15:30-17:00
Natura 2000 – the status and fate of EU's network of protected sites 4 August, 15:30-17:00
Green Infrastructure, connectivity, and the agricultural landscape 5 August, 15:30-17:00

Workshops/Round-Table Discussions:

A Mediterranean basin SCB/IALE/ISOMED initiative: Targeting goals and action plan 4 August, 12:00-13:30
Future and perspectives of the EU Nature Conservation Directives 4 August, 18:30-19:30
Degrowth: A new opportunity for biodiversity conservation?" 6 August, 12:00-13:30

Individual contributions to:

Symp: Biodiversity and human development (Biber-Freudenberger, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn, Germany) 3 August, 13:30-15:00
Round-table discussion: EU Overseas Territories (Martinez, IUCN) 4 August, 12:00-13:30
Symp: Moving forward Strategic Planning at Scale: Lessons from Europe, Australia & the United States (Leslie, National Parks Service, USA) 5 August, 13:30-15:00
Symp: Conservation at the cross-roads: how roads and other linear infrastructure influence conservation (Soanes, Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology, Parkville, Australia) 6 August, 15:30-17:00



On SCB's European Policy Committee

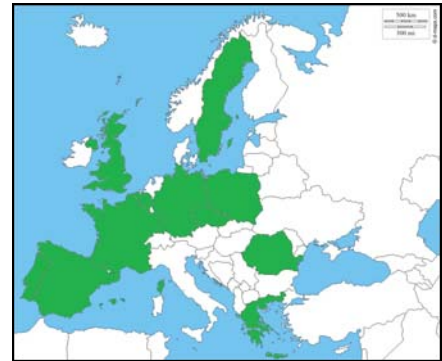
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Our Mission

To use sound scientific evidence to advance understanding for and action towards improved nature conservation in the European policy arena. This mission includes European conservation policies in global contexts.

Members of the Policy Committee

Members of the Europe Section Policy Committee are from countries from across Europe. The map represents the home countries (or countries of residence) of the members of the Policy Committee.



Meetings of the Policy Committee

The Policy Committee usually meets once per year to discuss policy issues and develop an operational plan for the following months. We also often use these opportunities to look at specific local conservation issues. Otherwise, our modus operandi is email, Skype etc. or ad-hoc meetings on occasion.

Left: Excursion to Bialowieza National Park, Poland, at the annual meeting of the Policy Committee in 2014.

Policy Committee Activities

Activities of the Policy Committee range from our long-term initiatives to ad-hoc actions addressing urgent conservation issues. We work at various scales – from global dimensions down to local case studies. Our 'tools' are diverse and include:

Outreach to Peer Conservation Scientists and Practitioners: policy-related publications, talks, posters, symposia and workshops ...

Outreach to Decision-makers: preparation of official SCB-Europe statements, meetings with EU decision-makers, side-events at conferences of decision-makers ...

Support for other SCB Activities: advice for the Europe Section Board of Directors, the Global Policy Committee or other units within SCB.

Long-Term Europe Section Policy Initiatives

There is an increasing number of long-term initiatives PC-Europe is carrying out:

- Roadless Areas
- Natura 2000
- EU Common Agricultural Policy
- Primary and old-growth forests
- Diclofenac and vultures