

Objectives

PROMOTE

the role of hunting and other forms of sustainable use of wild species contributing to biodiversity enhancement and rural development

DISCUSS

current issues relating to biodiversity, wildlife and land management, hunting and rural development dealt with by the European Parliament (EP)

REPRESENT

the interests of rural actors, such as 7 million European hunters, ensuring them a voice in decision-making processes

OFFERING

an open cross-political platform for discussions between decision makers and stakeholders

AFFIRM

the significant socio-economic importance of countryside activities

ENABLE

well-informed discussions by giving access to science-based expertise and background information



Support



Since 1985, FACE (Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU) provides the Secretariat for the Intergroup:

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In 2004 ELO (European Landowners' Organization) joined the Intergroup as Co-Secretariat, bringing expertise in countryside-related topics.

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BIODIVERSITY, HUNTING, COUNTRYSIDE
BIODIVERSITÉ, CHASSE, ACTIVITÉS RURALES
BIODIVERSITÄT, JAGD, LÄNDLICHE AKTIVITÄTEN



Re-constitution of the Intergroup

Intergroups consist of MEPs from different Political Groups and countries with a common interest in a particular subject. The “Hunting” Intergroup, created in 1985, is one of the oldest and most active in the European Parliament.

For the 2014-2019 term of the EP, the Intergroup shall be reconstituted under the name “Biodiversity, Hunting & Countryside”. MEPs from across the political spectrum are invited to lend their support and take part of the debate.



Commissioner for Agriculture, Dacian Cioloș speaks at an Intergroup meeting on the impact of the CAP reform on biodiversity, July 2010.

Activities

The Intergroup deals with issues for which the European Parliament is competent in the fields of biodiversity, hunting, angling, wildlife management, forestry, agriculture, and nature conservation, taking account of public and wild animal health and welfare. Also addressed are cross-cutting issues which have an impact on socio-economic activities in rural areas.

The Intergroup may decide to adopt a position, statement, declaration, resolution or recommendation, or to take any other initiative.

Contributions made by the Intergroup to the work of the European Parliament include

- Sustainable Hunting Initiative
- Guidance document on hunting under the EU birds directive
- Agreement between FACE and BirdLife International
- Free movement of goods and persons in the EU’s firearms legislation
- Public health (in the EU food hygiene regulations)
- Management of the cormorant
- The EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy
- Invasive Alien Species
- The impact of the CAP reform on biodiversity
- Multi-functionality of forests

Other issues dealt with by the Intergroup include management of large carnivores under the habitats directive, humane trapping standards, water resources, animal health and welfare etc.

Organisation

The Intergroup is open to all those MEPs willing to

- Enhance biodiversity
- Promote wildlife and nature conservation
- Sustainable hunting, angling and wildlife management
- Take account of public and wild animal health and welfare
- Contribute to economically and socially prosperous rural areas
- Preserve countryside traditions
- Endorse IUCN Policy Statement on Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources.

The Intergroup wants to be as representative as possible for the political spectrum and for the different EU-countries.

EU legislation has an impact on the day-to-day life of EU citizens such as hunters and land managers. The Intergroup offers a forum for stakeholder dialogue with some of the world’s largest civil society organisations.

BUREAU

A Bureau consisting of one President and an unspecified number of Co-Presidents meets regularly at the proposal of its President in order to prepare the annual programme, to deal with current issues as well as to appoint the chairpersons for the meetings.

