## INNOVATING WITH NATURE

**Natural capital and ecosystem services for sustainable EU policies**

Tuesday, 1 March 2016, 09:30 – 13:00  
Royal Academies for Sciences and the Arts of Belgium  
Hertogstraat 1 Rue Ducale, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

### AGENDA  
**PLENARY SESSION at the Royal Academies**

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| 09:30 | **WELCOMING ADDRESS** by Mrs *Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN* MEP  
**HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENTS** by:  
- Mrs *Saskia L. RAS*, the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, EU Presidency  
- Mr *Kurt VANDENBERGHE*, Director, European Commission DG R&I. |
| 10:00 | PANEL DISCUSSION: Dr *Eeva FURMAN*, OpenNESS; Dr *Mark ROUNSEVELL*, OPERAs; European Commission; MEPs. |
| 10:30 | INTRODUCING OPPLA - a ‘one stop shop’ for the latest knowledge and practice on nature-based solutions. *(Participants will be invited to registering to Oppla before and during the event).* |
| 10:55 | INTERACTIVE SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOGUE showcasing how innovating with nature contributes to sustainable EU policies. Four different policy issues will be addressed, circular economy and competitiveness; energy and climate; urban wellbeing; or Sustainable Development Goals. *(EC policy offers to be confirmed).*  
All participants are invited to join the dialogue by posting questions to ‘Ask Oppla’ |
| 12:40 | Next steps, by Dr *Eeva FURMAN* and Dr *Mark ROUNSEVELL*  
Closing by Mr *Kurt VANDENBERGHE* |
| 13:30 | LUNCH |

### AFTERNOON SESSION at DG Research & Innovation, European Commission  
(de Marsveldstraat 21 Rue du Champs, Brussels ;walking distance)

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| 14:00 | QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION at DG Research & Innovation or Online  
- Answering morning session questions posed through ‘Ask Oppla’ through e-mail, by the Oppla team and with support of researchers from OpenNESS and OPERAs.  
- Possibility for direct conversation with the Oppla, OpenNESS & OPERAs teams in person and to discuss in more detail specific questions or policy briefs. |

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