



**European Primary/Old Growth Forest Action Summit:
Mobilizing Civil Society for Primary Forest Protection
March 25-26**

Agenda

DAY ONE (Time is 14:00 CET, i.e. Paris, France GMT +1)

- 2:00 – 2:05** **Welcome:** Cyril Kormos, Exec. Dir. Wild Heritage, Coordinator, IntAct
- 2:05 – 2:15** **Toby Aykroyd**, Coordinator, Wild Europe: Setting the Context
- 2:15 – 2:35** **Cyril Kormos:** Summit Purpose, Objectives and Proposed Outcomes

Session 1: Identifying and conserving the value of primary forest

Chair: Dr. Francesco Sabatini, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle Wittenberg, Germany

- 2.35 – 2.50** **Michael Wiezik MEP, Slovakia:** Reaffirming the importance of Europe's forests in global conservation, and reframing Europe's role in global forest conservation
- 2:50 – 3.05** **Prof. Brendan Mackey**, Griffith University, Brisbane Australia: Primary forests are essential to resolve the climate and biodiversity crises and prevent future pandemics: an overview of the science.
- 3.05 – 3:15** **Discussion**
- 3:15 – 3:25** **Break**
- 3:25 – 3:40** **Prof. William Moomaw**, Woodwell Climate Research Center: Proforestation – an ecological basis for restoration
- 3.40 – 3.55** **Ville Niinistö MEP, Finland:** Policy gains in Europe on primary and old growth forests and the road ahead
- 3:55 – 4.10** **Discussion**

Session 2: Europe in a global context: addressing threats to primary forest

Chair: Zoltán Kun, Head of Conservation, Wild Europe

- 4:10 – 4:30** **Dr. Mary Booth**, Founder and Director Partnership for Policy Integrity: Bioenergy debunking the myths:
- 4:30 – 4:45** **David Gehl, Environmental Investigation Agency:** European trade policies and their impacts on international forest conservation
- 4:45 – 5.00** **Discussion**
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DAY TWO (Time is 14:00 CET)

Session 1: Europe in a global context: future cooperation to build on policy gains

Chair: Rebecka le Moine MP, Sweden

Welcome and Introduction

- 2:00 – 2:10** **Cyril Kormos:** Policy gains on primary forests / ecosystem integrity to date and the need to work more closely together on policy and communications to accelerate gains.
- 2:10 – 2:35** **Virginia Young,** InAct Global: Primary forests, the CBD and UNFCCC

Session 2: Building an active international strategy – the way ahead

Chair: Toby Aykroyd, Wild Europe

- 2.35 – 2.45** **Matthias Schickhofer,** Euronatur Foundation: Implementing EU protection strategy, a proposed project
- 2:45 – 3:30** **Discussion:** Promoting effective European primary and old growth forest strategy and EU forest policy at the UN
- 3.30 – 3:40** **Break**
- 3:40 – 4.00** **Discussion**
- 4.00 – 4:15** **Zoltan Kun, Wild Europe:** Key Messages
- 4:15 – 4.30** **Wrap up and next steps**