

**Group III**  
**Consumers and Environment Category**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>2.6.2026, from 14:30 to 17:30</b>
<b>Place</b>	EESC
<b>Room</b>	VMA 23 – hybrid meeting: in-person and video conferencing via Interactio
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**LIVING IN PEACE WITH NATURE TO DRIVE ECONOMIC  
PROSPERITY – THE EU DIMENSION**

Organised by the EESC category of consumers & environment, and labelled by DG Environment, the event would take place as a half day conference, composed of 2 roundtables and exchanges with the public, in order to explore how nature can drive EU economic prosperity and improve citizens' quality of life.

Alongside the guest speakers, members of the consumers & environment category, as well as other participants, will discuss how nature-positive models work in practice, focusing on sustainable and profitable agriculture & forestry, soil-health innovations, concrete-nature based solutions, greening cities, and exciting new opportunities to reverse rural depopulation

14:30 Opening by the category co-spokespersons

14:45 Keynote speech by the President of the Civil Society Organisations' Group, Cillian LOHAN

**1st panel discussion: why would EU need a nature-positive economy?**

- EC, DG ENV
- IPBES (last report on biodiversity and business)
- EEB
- Euroconsumers

Q&A session

16:00 Coffee break

16:15 **2nd panel discussion: how should EU promote a nature-positive economy?**

- YEE
- SME United or Business Europe
- ETUC
- BEUC

Q&A session

17:15 Closing remarks by the category co-spokespersons

**Interpretation requested**

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