



Objectives and main international biodiversity events during the upcoming Hungarian EU Presidency

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High-profile international events:

6 biodiversity-related international decision-making meetings in the second half of 2024

Coordination tasks, preparation of EU+MS positions & representation on the spot

United Nations Biodiversity Conference Colombia, 21 October – 1 November 2024



- **During which 3 parallel decision-making body meetings:**
 1. CBD: COP16
 2. Cartagena Protocol: CP/MOP11
 3. Nagoya Protocol: NP/MOP5
- **Event at ministerial level** (high-level segment)





- **Council conclusions** (to be adopted at the ENV Council in October 2024 before COP16) – issues requiring political guidance
- **EU+MS position papers** – detailed PPs on each agenda items
- Coordinating and representing the EU+MS on the spot



I.) Decision-making body of the CBD: COP16



Our priority:

- support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- help moving towards reaching meaningful outcome at COP16:
 - Monitoring framework of the KM-GBF & Planning monitoring, reporting and review
 - Resource mobilization
 - Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
 - Biodiversity and climate change etc.



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II.) Cartagena Protocol MOP11



Adoption of decisions on biosafety, the regulation of genetically modified organisms.

- environmental risk assessment of GMOs
- detection and identification of GMOs
- the social and economic impact of GMOs
- evaluation and review issues
- developing indicators for the global monitoring framework



III.) Nagoya Protocol MOP5



Decisions on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from their use:

- Enhancing the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the context of the GBF
- Monitoring and reporting
- Review of effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol
- Links with DSI, etc.

The 69th meeting of the International Whaling Commission

IWC69: Lima, Peru, 23-27 September 2024

Main topics:

- Major debate on the definition of quorum
- Proposal for the South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary might reoccur
- Renewal of Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW) quotas (every 6 years, most recently in 2018)



44th Standing Committee Meeting of the Bern Convention (SC44)

Strasbourg, 2-6 December 2024



Main topics:

- **adoption of an amending protocol** to ensure the financial stability of the Convention (introduction of a compulsory membership fee)
- 50 MS + EU
- Etc.



Main topics:

Adoption of two comprehensive global assessments:

- **Nexus assessment:** links between biodiversity, water and food security and health
- **Transformative change assessment:** assessing and comparing visions and methods to ensure the sustainability of our planet



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