



**End Ecocide
on Earth**

CONFERENCE
13 - 14 October 2014, Brussels

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Invitation

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Join the End Ecocide on Earth conference this October

Dear friend, supporter, critique, or newcomer to End Ecocide,

Would you like to learn more about Ecocide and how to end it? We warmly invite you to join us for our End Ecocide on Earth conference on 13-14 October in Brussels. As the [European Citizens' Initiative \(ECI\)](#) closes, **End Ecocide on Earth is born** - as the whole world is affected by ecocide.

The event is **free and open for everyone**.

On Monday, October 13th, a number of **well-known speakers and experts** will discuss ecocide. Some topics include the history of ecocide, what it means and topics that really matter - the relationship between ecocide and indigenous rights, environmental security, justice, climate change and others. The conference also provides an opportunity to learn more about the latest developments in the legal area – the [Charter of Brussels](#) and amending the **Rome Statute**. Needless to say, it will also be a unique opportunity to meet like-minded people from across Europe and share inspiring conversations!

On Tuesday, October 14th, we invite you to join the open workshop **A European Citizen's Initiative (ECI) for the Next Generation**, where you have the opportunity to discuss with policy makers and ECI organisers what it means to organise such a campaign. This event is co-hosted with the [ECI Campaign](#). During the workshop we will explore the challenges that citizens' initiatives face, and develop proposals of making it better – to benefit many more initiatives in future years. A special focus will be laid on the involvement of young people.

Register at info@endecocide.eu by **September 26th** to secure your place! **No registration fee**.

Please indicate whether you are planning to attend only the conference on October 13th, the workshop on October 14th or both events. Please indicate your name, age, and organisation.

Simultaneous translation will be provided English-French/French-English.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions you might have.

See you there!

Your End Ecocide team



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13.10.2014, European and Economic Social Committee, Van Maerlant building, 2, rue Van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels

Draft agenda, subject to change:

9.00 Registration

9:20 **Welcome**, Prisca Merz, initiator End Ecocide in Europe

9:30 **Opening**, Henri Malosse, President European Economic and Social Committee

9:40 **History of Ecocide**, Prof Damien Short, University of London

10:30 **Defining ecocide**, Prof Laurent Neyret, University Versailles Saint-Quentin

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Presentation of the EJOLT **Environmental Justice Atlas**, Leida Rijnhout, Director for Global Policies and Sustainability, European Environmental Bureau

11:30 Panel 1: **Ecocide and Human Rights**, chair: Jan van de Venis, President Stand Up For Your Rights and Legal Desk Director WaterLex

- Ecocide and health, Judge Marie-Odile Bertella-Geffroy
- Ecocide and corporate liability, Dr Godwin Ojo, Executive Director, Friends of the Earth Nigeria
- Ecocide and indigenous rights, Gert-Peter Bruch, Planète Amazone
- Ecocide and future generations' rights, Dr Sandor Fülöp, former Ombudsman for future generations in Hungary

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Panel 2: **Shifting the global economy in a sustainable context**

- Ecocide in the face of a changing climate, Roger Cox, lawyer and author Revolution Justified
- Ecocide and environmental security, Wouter Veening, President of the Institute for Environmental Security
- Ecocide and responsible investment, Anne van Schaik, Friends of the Earth Europe

15:30 coffee break

15:45 The **European Citizens' Initiative End Ecocide in Europe**

16:00 The **Charter of Brussels** calling for a European and an International Criminal Court of the Environment and Health

16:15 **Amending the Rome Statute: Opportunities and Challenges**, Kirsten Meersschaert Duchens, Europe Regional Coordinator, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

17:00 Closure of the event





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A European Citizens Initiative for the next generation

14.10.2014: 14:00-18:00, Mundo B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Ixelles, Brussels

14.00 – 14.15 **Opening and Welcome**

14.15 – 15.00 **Introductions;** ECI organisers' presentations on involvement of young people in their ECI

15.00 – 16.30 **Group discussions**

Topics include: Involvement of young people in ECIs (as organisers or signatories), improvement of the ECI legislation with a view to the upcoming reform, particular challenges faced by volunteers-led ECIs, social media and online campaigning. *If you are interested in discussing a particular topic additional to these suggestions, please get in touch.*

16.30 - 17.00 **Presentation of group discussion outcomes**

17.00 – 18.00 **Closing panel discussion**

This workshop is organised in partnership with the ECI Campaign.



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Please note that this draft programme is subject to change.



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