

Janez POTOČNIK, Member of the EC in charge of Environment, attends the EUROPARC 2012 Conference opening ceremony and the 20th anniversary of NATURA 2000 Celebration

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450 Experts from European Protected Areas meet between the 22nd-25th October 2012 at the EUROPARC 2012 in Belgium. The Event is Europe's largest gathering of individuals working for and with protected areas across Europe. Participants of the conference learn about the reconnection approach through innovative speeches, workshops and excursions. This year's conference focusses on the theme of (Re)Connecting society with biodiversity. The Europarc conference is in partnership with the European Commission's Natura 2000 programme. The EU Commissioner for Environment, Janez POTOČNIK speaks at the opening ceremony of the conference.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	3 shots general view C-Mine at Europarc Genk	00:00:16
00:00:21	3 shots industrial heritage C Mine buildings	00:00:15
00:00:36	3 shots arrival of Commissioner Potocnik at Europarc 2012 conference	00:00:21
00:00:57	2 cutaways inside	00:00:11
00:01:08	Soundbite Janez Potocnik, commissioner for environment in English: " We will need renewed energy and engagement, but most of all we will need a commitment of really all of us, all stakeholders, public authorities, private land owners and users, developers, conservation ngo's, scientific experts, local communities and of course, all of us private individuals."	00:00:26
00:01:34	Cutaway audience	00:00:03

00:01:37	Soundbite Janez Potocnik, commissioner for environment in English:"What we need is to make sure, that our investments provide multiple benefits.If we manage our approach well, we will not only meet our biodiversity objectives, but we will also contribute to the european unions resource efficiency goals by ensuring that europes natural capital is managed sustainably.And we will contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation targets by improving the resilience of ecosystems and the services they provide.And ultimately we will contribute also to our economic growth agenda."	00:00:37
00:02:14	2 cutaways screen and stage	00:00:05
00:02:19	Soundbite Janez Potocnik, commissioner for environment in English:" Since the existance of the human beeing on earth,we do not have environmentally orientated policies.We have only human orientated policies.So either we have short term orientated policies of we have long term orientated policies, they are both human orientated policies. Only the long term policies are the ones who can keep us, that we will really have the solid guarantee of protecting us on this planet. The planet will absolutely survive , this is for sure, there is no question about that."	00:00:39
00:02:58	2 cutaways stage	00:00:51
00:03:18	Soundbite Itw Janez Potocnik,commissioner for environment in English:"i think the most important thing would be to understand the value of nature, for today and for the future. That means that we would mean to integrate the protection of biodiversity, the protection of nature into all of our policies.I think we have to be aware during thoses days, when we are dealing with economic crisis, that its probably easier to fix the budget or to fix the economy, than to fix some of the disappearing nature,some of the disappearing biodiversity.Some of them unfortunately can not be restored anymore."	00:00:45
00:03:49	Cutaway cutting of the birthday cake	00:00:14
00:04:03	End	00:00:00