

**“150 Years of Ecology
An Evolving Science Challenging Society & Citizenship”**
Round Table | 3H1 - European Parliament, Brussels | 15:00-17:00 CEST



On the **11th October 2016**, the European Ecological Federation (EEF) has closed the celebration organised for the **150th anniversary of the ecology concept** with a **Round Table** discussion at the invitation of **S&D MEPs Carlos Zorrinho and Elena Gentile** in the **European Parliament, Brussels**.

The Round Table has involved stakeholders, coming from different sectors such as representatives of institutions, academic, entrepreneurs and civil society, in an open and frank debate on Ecology and its role in today's society. Ecology is in fact a deep science with the proper framework to address environmental issues relevant to present and future societies with affordable predictable scenarios and operational solutions, despite the complexity of ecosystems.

The development of an integrative 'ecological' science is a deeply politically issue, S&D MEP says“ “

Reinforcing ecological knowledge and deepening understanding on ecosystems' function are then essential to design affordable scenarios and draw solutions to mitigate impacts of climate and global changes, preserving and renewing natural resources. Unfortunately, this would not be enough. To bring the planet toward a new direction and a safe future, we need a new approach to the ecological science and citizenship. On the one side, ecology shall become an integrative science, merging itself with mainstream economics, law, sociological and technological science, able to produce a common paradigm for sustainability; while, on the other, citizens shall become all ecological citizens, behaving locally, but thinking and wishing globally for a sustainable and common biosphere.

EEF and European scientific societies, thanks to their stable and organised platforms, can play a major role in this process, “supporting initiatives and building blocks towards an integrative 'ecological' science, involving different disciplines such as economics, sociology, law and merging them together with ecology into a trans-disciplinary paradigm of sustainability”, says Prof. Alberto Basset President of the EEF, “and involving citizens in the process as ecological citizens, part of the research process and ready to trigger and act behavioural changes when required for a common future”.

What: “150 Years of Ecology - An Evolving Science Challenging Society & Citizenship”

Who: S&D MEPs

Speakers: S&D MEPs Carlos Zorrinho and Elena Gentile, Prof. Alberto Basset, Prof. Geert De Blust, Prof. Joshtrom Kureethadam, Prof. Cristina Mágua and Prof. Thomas Potthast.

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