Transactional Environmental Support System (TESS) Conference

Place:	European Parliament, Brussels - Paul-Henri Spaak – **PHS P7C050**
Time:	**May 25, 2011 – 14:00 – 18:00**
Goal:	TESS - Presentation of results & findings

The **Transactional Environmental Support System - TESS** [www.tess-project.eu] is a research project supported by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission. It assists the integration of biodiversity information from the local level into planning and land-use decisions, while at the same time encouraging local people to collect such information in order to maintain and restore biodiversity and ecosystem services. The aim of this system is to aid restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and natural resources by reversing the processes that caused degradation.

Results will include recommendations and policy guidelines based on how biodiversity trends relate to different practices across Europe, addressed to those involved in the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies - at the European, national, regional, and local levels (public authorities, legislators, citizens and their organizations).

Draft Agenda		
Wednesday May 25		
Opening / Welcoming addresses	Basil Manos (AUTH) Olívia Chassais (DG RTD)	14:00 – 14:20
SESSION 1		
Project overview Aims, approaches and tasks	Stratos Arampatzis (Tero Ltd)	14:20 – 14:40
Project main results and findings 1. Governance nationally: best practice assessment & outcomes. 2. What works best at local level? Information and case studies. 3. Gap analysis, system design and pilot implementation. 4. Policy guidelines	Pedro Beja (ERENA) Dimitra Manou (AUTH) Jason Papathanasiou (AUTH) Ion Navodaru (DDNI) Robert Kenward (Anatrack Ltd) Mari Ivask (IST) Robin Sharp (ESUSG)	14:40 – 16:00
Coffee break		16:00 – 16:20
SESSION 2		
From environmental assessment to local decisions and citizen science Information customers and suppliers	Jacqueline Mc Glade (EEA) Morton Thorøe (CEPF)	16:20 – 17:00
Roundtable discussion – Questions and answers		17:00 – 17:40
SESSION 3		
Final remarks and conclusions	Robert Kenward (Anatrack)	17:40 – 18:00
Cocktail		18:00