



How does Europe plan to safeguard ecological connectivity – the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

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EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – Bringing back nature into our lives

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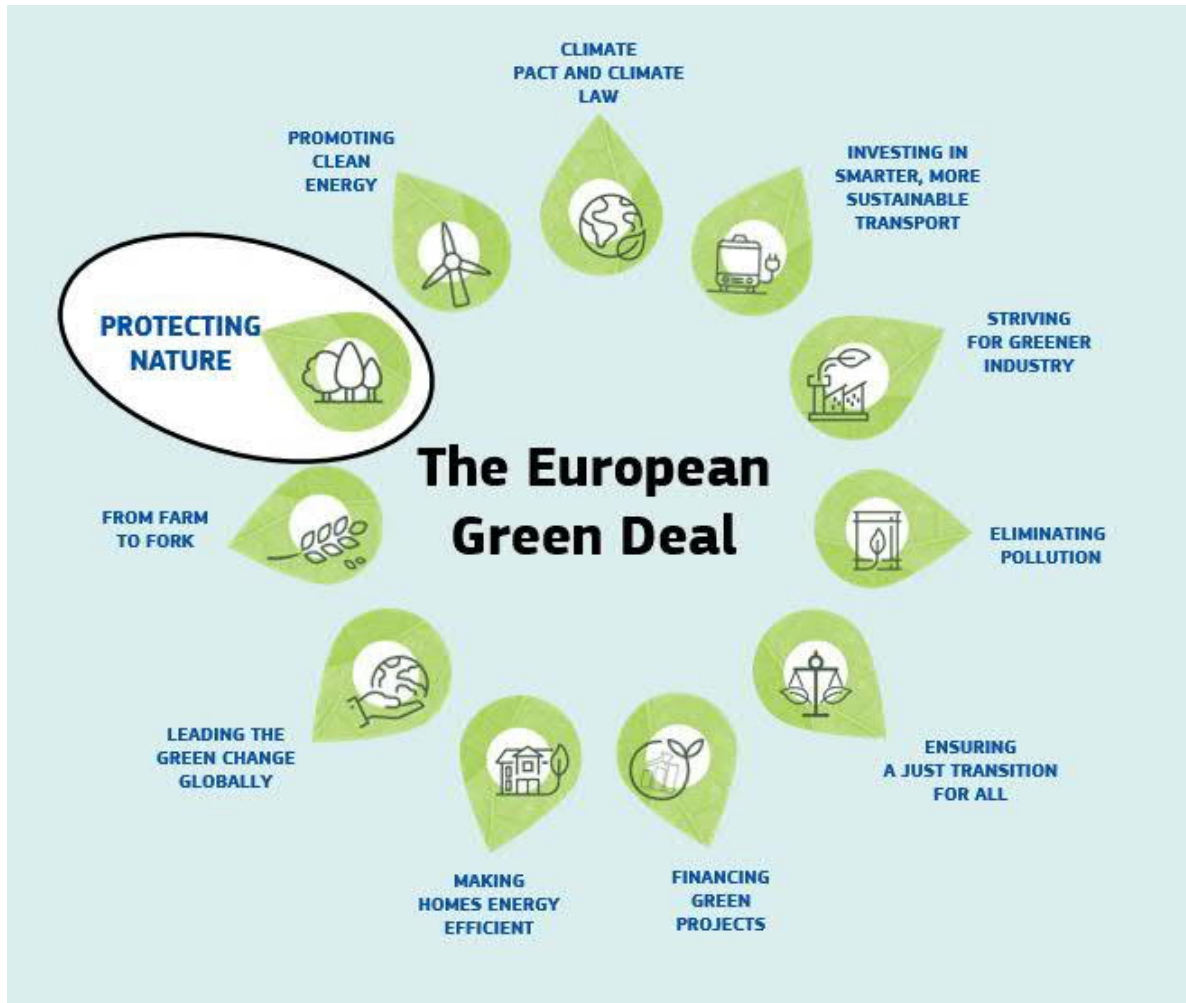
20.10.2020:

Council Conclusions on the Strategy (expected date)





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The Strategy is:

- part of the European Green Deal
- represents the EU contribution to the Global Commitments under the CBD



Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



**Enable
Transformative
Change**



**Restore
Nature**



**EU For An
Ambitious Global
Agenda**



A COHERENT NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS: key commitments

- Legally protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's land area and 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a "Trans-European Nature Network"
- Strictly protect at least one third of the EU's protected areas, including all remaining primary and old-growth forests.
- Effectively manage all protected areas, defining clear conservation objectives and measures, and monitoring them appropriately.



A COHERENT NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS: actions to be taken

“The Commission, working with Member States and the European Environment Agency, will put forward in 2020 criteria and guidance for identifying and designating additional areas, including a definition of strict protection, as well as for appropriate management planning. In doing so, it will indicate how other effective area-based conservation measures and greening of cities could contribute to the targets.”





Criteria and guidance for identifying and designating additional areas

- Commission and EEA to develop guidance on criteria for identification, designation and management of protected areas outside Natura 2000, including OECMs and greening of cities
- To be proposed and discussed with MS and stakeholders in 2020
- Ecological corridors – clearly integrated in the 30% protected areas targets
- Their contribution is largely recognised in terms of co-benefits for people, for the conservation status of species and habitats and for increasing ecosystem services





EU NATURE RESTORATION PLAN:

Strengthening the EU legal framework for nature restoration

- No deterioration in conservation trends and status of all protected habitats and species by 2030
- At least 30% of species and habitats have reached favourable conservation status or at least show a positive trend by 2030.
- Significant areas of degraded and carbon-rich ecosystems are restored
- At least 10% of agricultural area is under high-diversity landscape features

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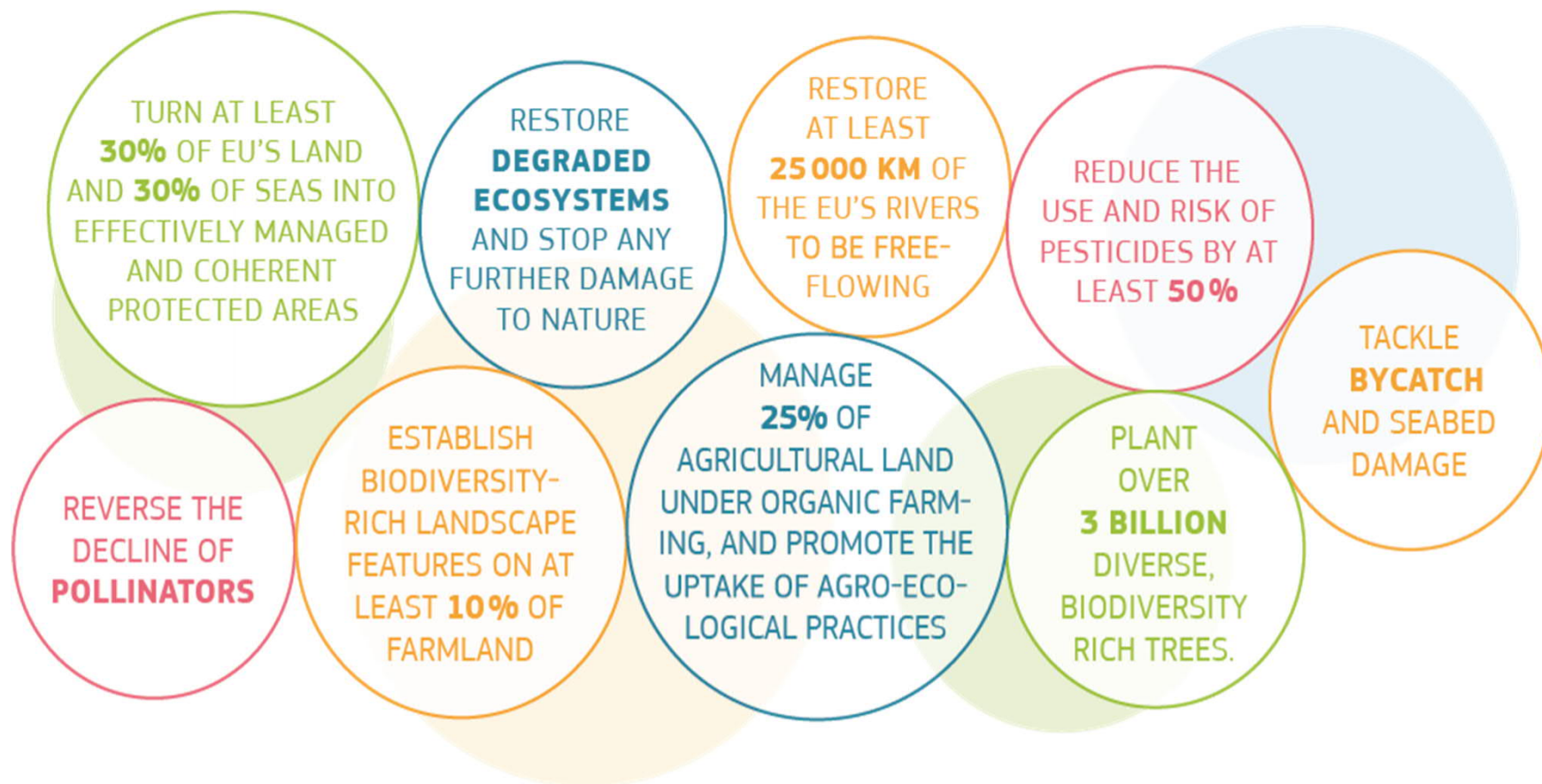
“The Commission and the EEA will provide guidance to Member States in 2020 on how to select and prioritise species and habitats.”

“Subject to an impact assessment, the Commission will put forward a proposal for legally binding EU nature restoration targets in 2021 to restore degraded ecosystems, in particular those with the most potential to capture and store carbon and to prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters.”





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Thank you for your attention!

EU BDS for 2030: https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/actions-being-taken-eu/EU-biodiversity-strategy-2030_en#why-do-we-need-to-protect-biodiversity

EEA's briefing on Building a coherent Trans-European Nature Network: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/biodiversity/green-infrastructure/building-a-coherent-trans-european>

IEEP's study on Green Infrastructure Implementation and Efficiency: <https://ieep.eu/publications/green-infrastructure-implementation-and-efficiency>

