



# Programming of the EU funds to achieve the biodiversity targets

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# Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



**Protect Nature**



**Enable Transformative Change**



**Restore Nature**



**EU For An Ambitious Global Agenda**

**20 billion EUR/year**



## Where will the money come from?

**Next Generation EU  
2021-2023**

**Temporary reinforcement  
€ 750 billion**

**Multiannual Financial  
Framework  
2021-2027**

**€ 1 074.3 billion**

**min. 7,5% (2024)  
min. 10% (2026)**



# Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)



## **New mechanism:**

- **CAP strategic plans (both pillars)**

## **Two pillars, two funds:**

### **EAGF:**

- **Eco-schemes**
- **No back-sliding**

### **EAFRD:**

- **30% for environment**



**Budget: 5.45 billion EUR;**

**Environment (3.5bn/5.32 bn - 73,2%):**

- **Nature & Biodiversity (44,9%)**
- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life**

**Climate Action**

- **Climate Adaptation and Mitigation**
- **Clean Energy Transition**

**Max co-financing rates up to 60% and up to 75% in the case of projects funded under the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity**

**Types of project**

- Traditional**
- Integrated – including strategic nature projects (SNPs) to implement PAFs**
- Technical assistance**



## Regional and cohesion funds



### Specific thematic objective:

- **2b(vii) "enhancing nature protection, biodiversity and green infrastructure, in particular in the urban environment, and reducing pollution".**
- **minimum 30% to PO2 ("greener, low carbon Europe")**
- **improved tracking methodology**

## EU Maritime, Aquaculture and Fisheries Fund



**4 main objectives, including 3 for env:**

- Healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture**
- Promoting blue economy**
- International governance, safety and security**

**• Budget: 6.14 billion EUR + 500 million from Next Generation EU**

**• Art. 22 - the EMFF may support actions for the protection and restoration of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, including in inland waters:**

- the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 areas in accordance with the PAFs;
- the protection of species pursuant to the Birds and Habitats Directives.

- Art. 23 – support for sustainable aquaculture**
- Art. 26 – Community-led Local Development**
- Art. 27 – support for collection of data/monitoring**



- no specific biodiversity or nature objective; but **biodiversity and natural capital** related research can be funded under the „Food and Natural Resources“ cluster
- specific multiannual programme to set out objectives and rules for the implementation;
- funding primarily delivered through calls for proposals;





## THE INVESTEU FUND

Mobilising public and private investment using guarantees from the EU budget.

- **€10 billion investment initiative for natural capital and circular economy under InvestEU;**
- **investments in nature and ecosystems restoration by using public/private blended finance solutions;**
- **builds on Natural Capital Financing Facility experience.**

**Just Transition Fund**



Bridge between MFF and InvestEU; landscape restoration incl. biodiversity



# PAFs – planning tools to achieve the goals of nature legislation



## Article 8 Habitats Directive

- First cycle 2014-2020;
- Second cycle 2021-2027;
- Priorities and measures for funding;
- Planning tools for EU funds (operational programmes, CAP strategic plans, LIFE integrated projects [SNAPs]).

# Financial needs for Natura 2000 in 2021-2027



- EUR 10.2 billion per year
- EUR 7 bn (69%) - annual costs
- EUR 3.2 bn (31%) - one-off costs
- maintenance and restoration (EUR 5 bn, 49%)
- additional green infrastructure measures beyond Natura 2000 (EUR 2.5 bn, 25%)
- horizontal and administrative measures (EUR 2 bn, 19%)
- species specific measures (EUR 0.8 bn, 7%)
- costs average EUR 151 /ha (terrestrial)

Data: March 2021

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