

Programming of the EU funds to achieve the biodiversity targets – cross-border aspects

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Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy











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
- Agri-env-climate payments
- Natura 2000/water payments
- Others





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

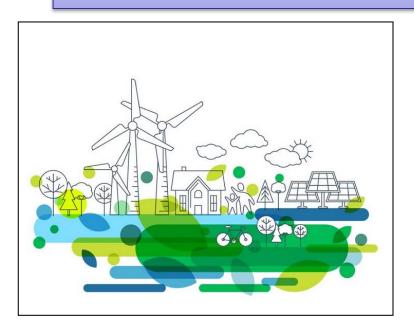
Types of project

- □ 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





Interreg and Natura 2000

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THE EU INTERREG PROGRAMME IN SUPPORT OF NATURA 2000 AND BIODIVERSITY (2000-2020)





EU Maritime, Aquculture 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 milion 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.





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]).

