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

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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
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| Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 | € 1 074.3 billion |

min. 7.5% (2024)  
min. 10% (2026)
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


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;
• €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]).