



# **The role of cross-border cooperation in the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030**

**Transboundary Protected Areas:  
cooperation in COVID time**

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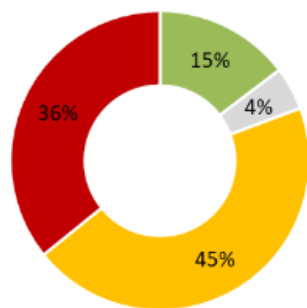
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# State of the nature in the EU

## Conservation status of habitats

Figure 4a: Conservation status of habitats at EU level

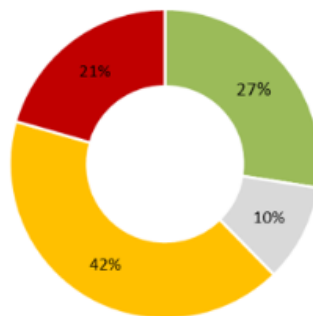


■ Good

Note: Statistics based on number of EU habitat assessments (818).

## Conservation status of species

Figure 6a: Conservation status of species at EU level

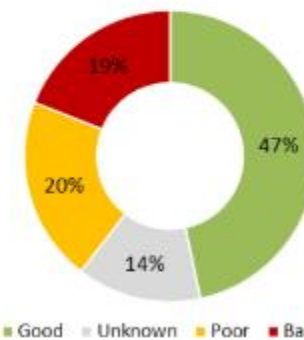


■ Good ■ Unkn

Note: Statistics based on number of EU species assessments (2 825).

## Birds — population status at EU level

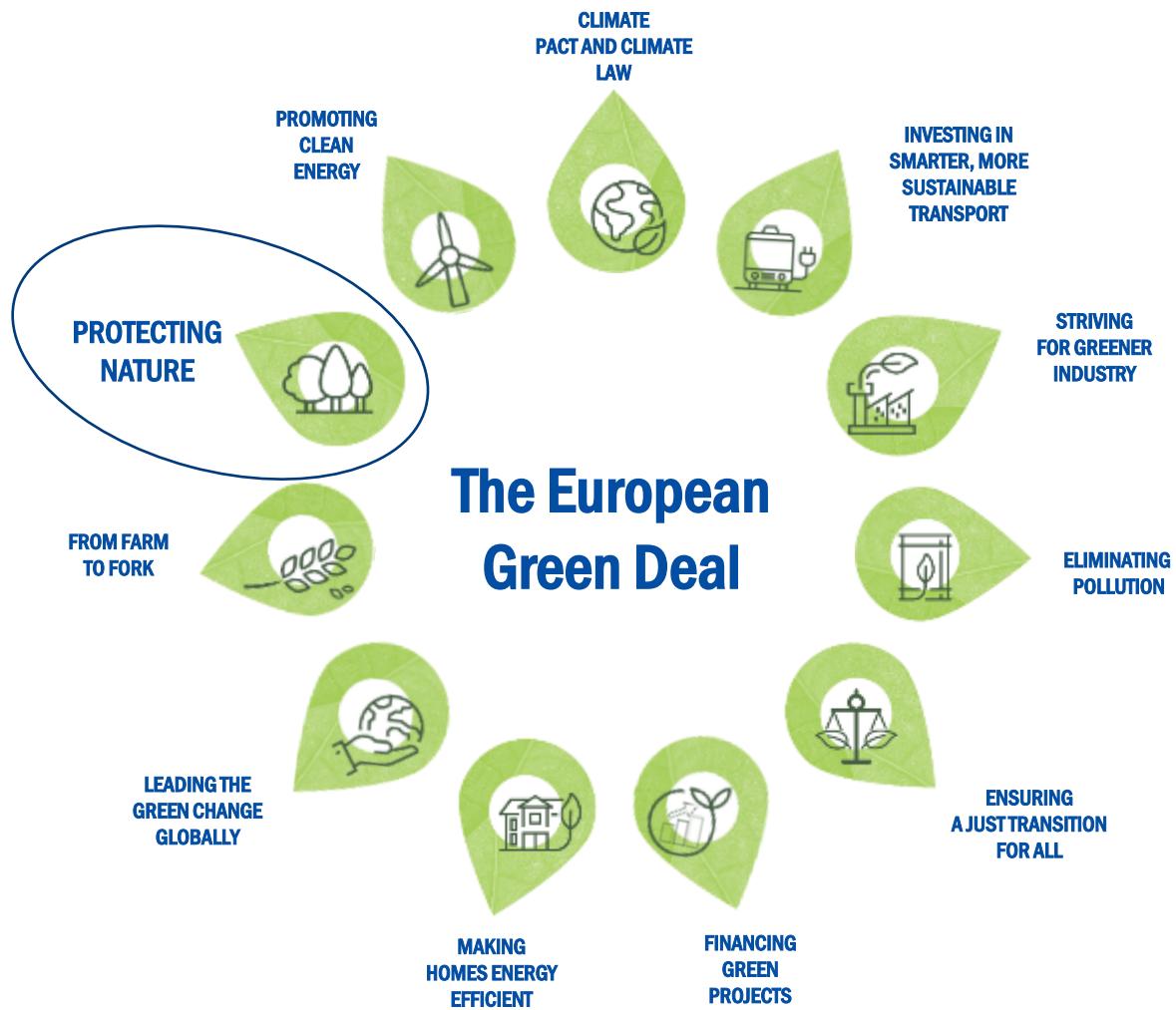
Figure 1: EU population status of bird species



■ Good ■ Unknown ■ Poor ■ Bad

Note: The total number of assessments is 463 (one assessment per species).

# The European Green Deal



# | Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



Enable Transformative  
Change



Restore Nature



EU For An Ambitious  
Global Agenda



# I Protect Nature



## Protect 30% of EU land and sea

- Based on Natura 2000 and nationally designated areas
- EU wide target, take into account specific situation in MS
- Integrate ecological corridors to build coherent network →  
specific reference to the role to cross-border cooperation  
(green and blue infrastructure) within ETC



## Strictly protect a third of these areas

- Covering areas of very high biodiversity value & important for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, including all primary and old growth forest



# | Restore Nature



## **EU Restoration Plan with 2030 commitments (1):**

- ✓ Legally binding targets to be proposed in 2021
- ✓ No deterioration of any protected habitats and species by 2030: trend to be positive for at least 30%
- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming >25%
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features >10%
- ✓ 50% reduction of use and risk of pesticides
- ✓ Reduction of pollution from fertilisers by 50% and by 20% their use
- ✓ Plant 3 billion additional trees respecting ecological principles
- ✓ Reverse decline in pollinators
- ✓ Restore 25,000km free flowing rivers



# | Enable Transformative Change



- Unlocking financing
- Business engagement
- Knowledge, education
- Promotion of Nature-Based Solutions



# | EU for an ambitious global agenda



## **EU's position for the post-2020 biodiversity framework**

- 2050 goals in line with UN vision: *“living in harmony with nature”*
- Ambitious global 2030 goals and targets
- 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity







## Cross-border cooperation and Biodiversity Strategy

- Interreg

<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/financing/docs/Interreg%20Natura2000.pdf>

- Macro-regional strategies (2020 report on the implementation of MRSs)
- Regional Multilateral Environmental Agreements (The Alpine Convention, The Carpathian Convention)
- LIFE Programme



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OF NATURA 2000  
AND BIODIVERSITY  
(2000-2020)



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