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

Transboundary Protected Areas: cooperation in COVID time

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State of the nature in the EU

Conservation status of habitats

Figure 4a: Conservation status of habitats at EU level

Conservation status of species

Figure 6a: Conservation status of species at EU level

Birds — population status at EU level

Figure 1: EU population status of bird species

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

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

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
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
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
- 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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