



European Commission

Nature Restoration Law

For people, climate, and planet

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Over **half of global GDP depends on nature** and the services it provides. **Construction, agriculture, food and health** sectors all highly depend on it



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More than **75% of global food crops depend on pollinators**



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40% of the world's land is degraded.

Costs associated with soil degradation in the EU already exceed EUR 50 billion a year



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Our global food systems are responsible for **80% of deforestation, 70% of freshwater use** and are **the single greatest cause of terrestrial biodiversity loss**

Restoring wetlands, rivers, forests, grasslands, marine ecosystems, and the species they host will help:



Increase biodiversity and secure the things nature does for free, like cleaning our water and air, pollinating crops, and protecting us from floods



Limit global warming to 1.5°C



Build up Europe's resilience and strategic autonomy, preventing natural disasters and reducing risks to food security

New binding targets suggested by the law:

- 🎯 restore habitats and species protected by the EU nature legislation
- 🎯 reverse the decline of pollinators by 2030
- 🎯 no net loss of green urban spaces by 2030 and a minimum of 10% tree canopy cover in European cities
- 🎯 improved biodiversity on farmland e.g. for grassland butterflies, farmland birds, high-diversity landscape features
- 🎯 restore drained peatlands
- 🎯 healthier forests with improved biodiversity
- 🎯 at least 25.000 km free-flowing rivers by 2030
- 🎯 restore seagrasses and sea bottoms

WHY DO WE NEED TO ACT?

! EU nature is in alarming decline, with **more than 80% of habitats in bad or poor conservation status**. **Peatlands, grasslands and dunes are worst affected**. Wetlands have shrunk by 50% in Western, Central and Eastern Europe since 1970



! **Up to 70% of EU soils are in an unhealthy condition**. Severely eroded croplands are estimated to contribute to a loss in agricultural productivity of **EUR 1.25 billion** per year in the EU



! In the past decade, **71% of fish and 60% of amphibian populations have suffered a decline**



! **One in three bee and butterfly species in the EU are in decline**, and one in ten such species on the verge of extinction

THE NATURE RESTORATION LAW WILL:

Restore at least 20% of EU land and sea by 2030, and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050

Require Member States to develop **National Restoration Plans** taking account of national circumstances

Build on EU nature laws, focusing on all natural habitats, and not just those protected under **Birds and Habitats Directives or Natura 2000**

Demonstrate EU **leadership in protecting and restoring nature** and set the bar for global action ahead of the Biodiversity COP15

By restoring nature, we invest in a sustainable, resilient and more productive future



Every EUR spent in land restoration brings an economic return of EUR 8 to EUR 38



Peatlands store nearly 30% of global soil carbon. Restoring drained peatlands could save up to 25% of Europe's land-based greenhouse gas emissions



Natural rivers, floodplains and wetlands absorb floodwaters more effectively and at lower cost than any human-made structure



Urban green areas provide essential temperature reduction, absorb excess rainfall, and support physical and mental wellbeing.

**Ecosystems support all life on Earth.
The healthier our ecosystems, the healthier the planet – and its people.**

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030