

Political Monitoring

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Nature Restoration Law enters into force



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On **18th of August**, the EU's Nature Restoration Law came into effect, aiming to restore biodiversity, achieve climate neutrality by 2050, and enhance food security. The law mandates that by 2030, Member States must restore **at least 20% of the EU's land and sea areas**, extending these efforts to all necessary ecosystems by 2050.

Key goals include improving habitats, increasing urban green spaces, restoring rivers, reversing pollinator decline, and planting three billion trees by 2030. Member States will develop **national restoration plans**, detailing actions, timelines, and funding strategies. The European Environment Agency will monitor progress, ensuring the law's effective implementation across the EU.

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Road to the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity



COP16, the first Biodiversity COP since the adoption of the Global Biodiversity Framework (**The Biodiversity Plan**), will be held in October in Cali, Colombia, under the theme "Peace with Nature." It's a call to reflection to improve the relationship we have with the environment, to rethink an economic model that does not prioritize the extraction, overexploitation and contamination of nature. Governments will review **progress in implementing the Biodiversity Plan** and assess how well National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) align with it.

Governments plan to further negotiate the **monitoring framework**, **advance resource mobilization** (in particular how the implementation will be financed), and **finalize the multilateral mechanism on fair and equitable Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)** from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources and others important topics.

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Public consultation on the draft "Update of the Belgian National Biodiversity Strategy to 2030"

As part of the implementation of Decision 15/6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Belgium has committed to revising its National Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. This update aims to align Belgian objectives with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework ("The Biodiversity Plan") and the European Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

From 24 June to 24 September 2024, the FPS Public Health, Food Chain Safety, and Environment is organizing a public consultation on the draft update of the Belgian National Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.


This will give you the opportunity **to share your opinion** and contribute to shaping a sustainable future.


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