

Biodiversity policy context

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EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and mid-term review

Protect Nature



Restore Nature



Enable
Transformative
Change



EU for an
ambitious
Global Agenda



Nature restoration - improved governance

Continuing ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss across the EU

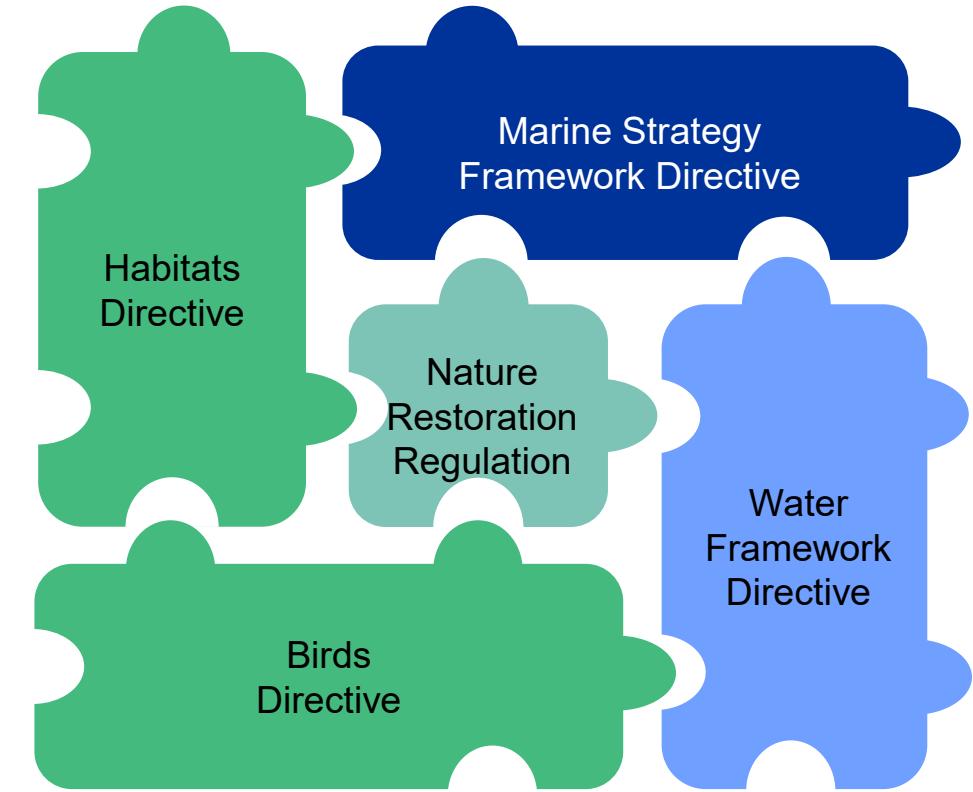
Existing framework not enough

- **Protection needs to be strengthened but is not enough**
- **A reinforced approach on large-scale restoration is needed**

Regulation - applies directly, no transposition (urgency!)

Complement & build on existing policies

Focus on synergies between climate change and biodiversity



Nature Restoration regulation

Overarching objective



General objectives

- Long-term and sustained recovery of **biodiverse and resilient ecosystems** through the restoration of degraded ecosystems
- Contribute to climate change **mitigation**, climate change **adaptation** and **land degradation neutrality**
- Enhance **food security**
- Meeting the EU's **international commitments**

Implementation framework

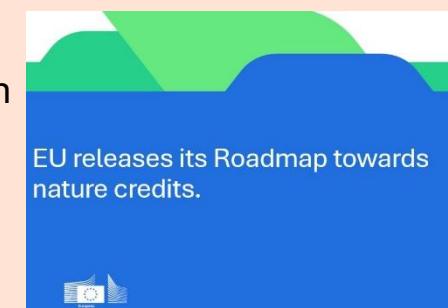
Financing

Article 3(3): 'restoration' means the **process of actively or passively assisting the recovery** of an ecosystem *in order to improve its structure and functions with the aim of conserving or enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem resilience* [...]

Commitment to put restoration measures

- On **20%** of EU's land and sea areas **by 2030**
- On all ecosystems in need of restoration **by 2050**

Communication
Roadmap
towards nature
credits



Specific restoration targets

Protected
Habitat
Types

Habitats of
protected
species

Marine
Habitats

Urban
ecosystems

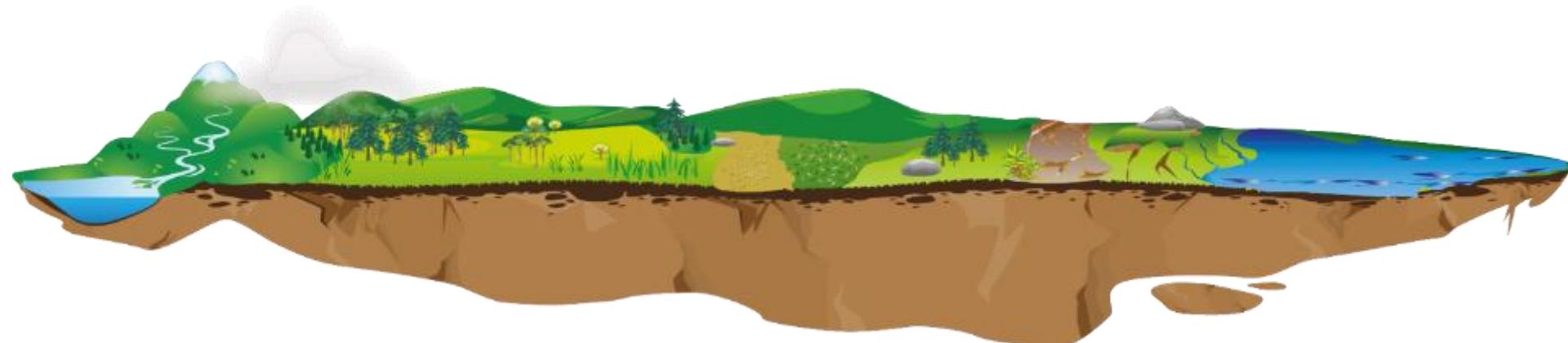
River
connectivity

Pollinators

Agro-
ecosystems

Forest
ecosystems

3 billion
additional
trees by
2030



Agricultural ecosystems (Art. 11)

Enhance biodiversity of agricultural ecosystems

- Beyond habitats and habitat of species of Union's interest (Art. 4)

Indicators at national level

- Achieve an increasing trend until satisfactory levels are reached
- At least 2 out of 3 indicators
 - Grassland butterfly index;
 - Stock of organic carbon in cropland mineral soils;
 - Share of agricultural land with high-diversity landscape features;

Common farmland bird index

- Specific target to enhance by 2030/40/50 at national level

Peatlands restoration and rewetting targets

- At least 30% by 2030, 40% by 2040 and 50% by 2050 of drained peatlands under agricultural use,
- 1/4 (2030) and 1/3 (2040 and 2050) of which shall be rewetted.
- Flexibilities and modalities
 - Possibility to count peat extraction sites and partly other types of drained peatlands.
 - Exemptions possible for reduced rewetting.
 - Rewetting to be incentivised, no obligation on farmers and land-owners.



Temporary suspension (Art. 27)

- Unforeseeable, exceptional and unprovoked event outside the control of the Union, with severe Union-wide consequences for the availability of land required to secure sufficient agricultural production for Union food production
- Implementing act to suspend Art. 11 for a period not exceeding 12 months



EU action on pollinators

2023 Revised EU Pollinators Initiative

- 42 reinforced actions to improve knowledge, tackle causes of pollinator decline & mobilise society

2024 Nature Restoration Regulation (Art.10)

- By 2030, reverse pollinator decline
- After 2030, maintain the population recovery
- Monitor pollinators – **Delegated Act** **NEW**

A New Deal for Pollinators

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Directive on soil monitoring and resilience

- Monitoring and assessment
- Support for soil health and resilience
- Land take mitigation principles
- Contaminated sites
- Transposition within 3 years

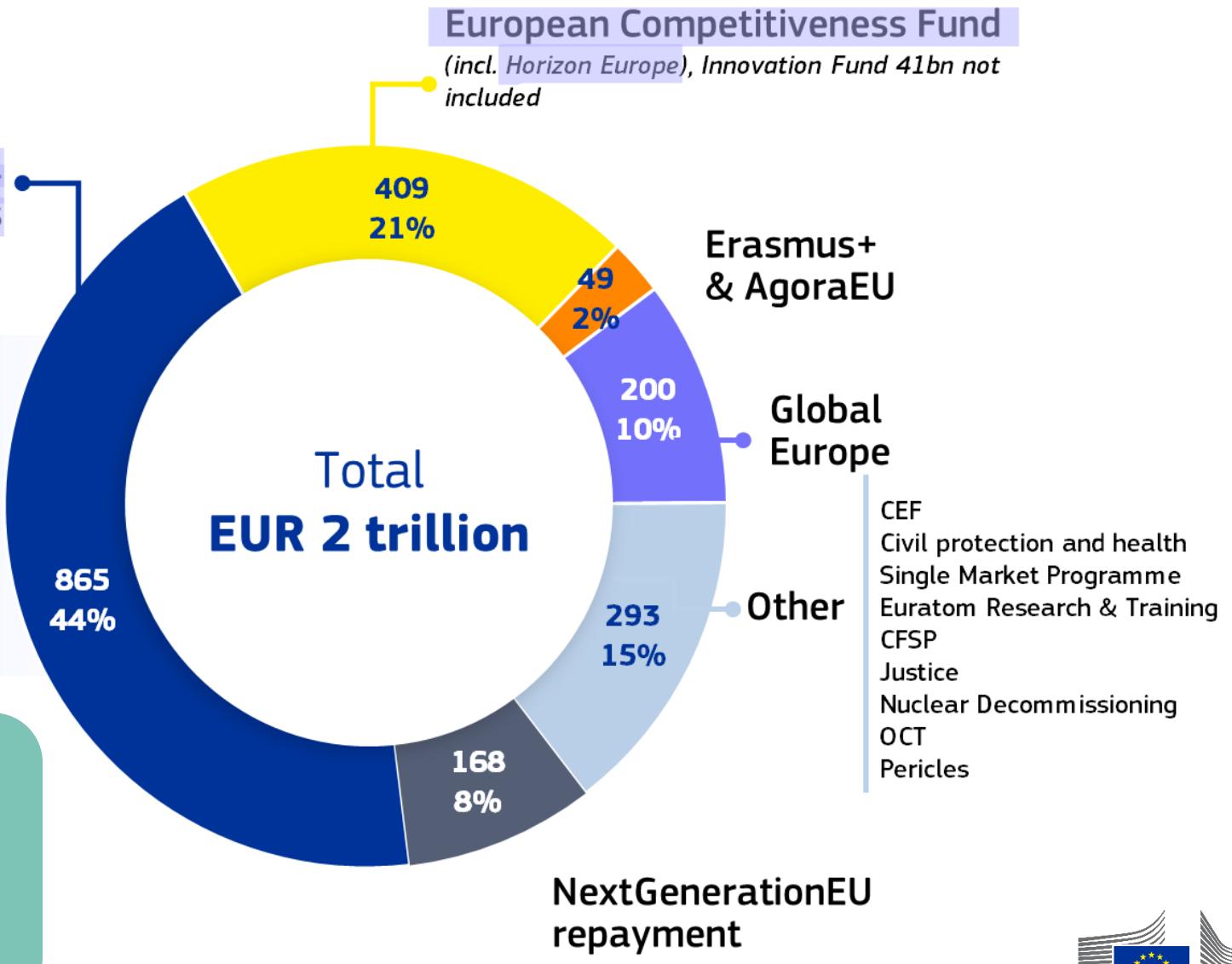
**Directive (EU) 2025/2360 on soil monitoring and resilience
(Soil Monitoring Law)**



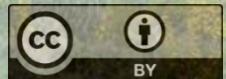
Toward the next MMF - A more ambitious budget

- From 52 to **16 programmes**
- **Simpler** for beneficiaries
- **Results** oriented
- More **agile**

- An ambitious **green spending** target of **35% of the EU budget**, circa. **€700 bn**
- A consistent and simple application of the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle



Thank you



More info:

[The EU #NatureRestoration Law](#)

[NRR reference portal](#)

