

# Biodiversity policy context

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# EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and mid-term review

Protect Nature



Enable  
Transformative  
Change



Restore Nature



EU for an  
ambitious  
Global Agenda



# Nature restoration - improved governance

Continuing ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss across the EU

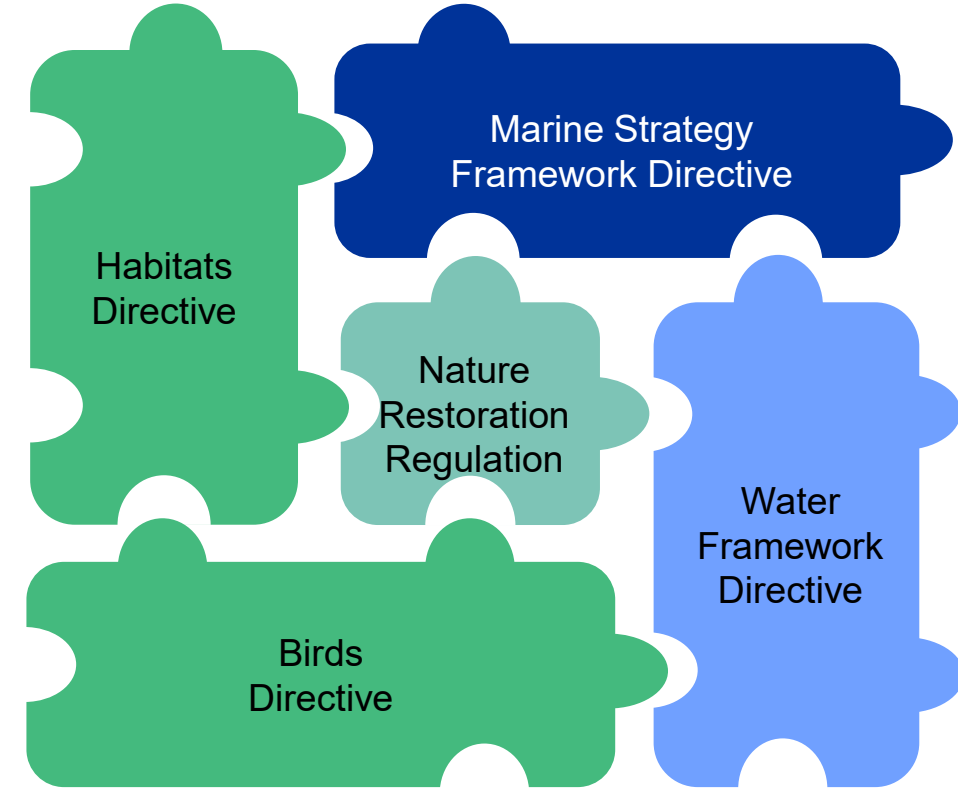
Existing framework not enough

- **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

Restoration targets

Implementation framework

Financing



General objectives

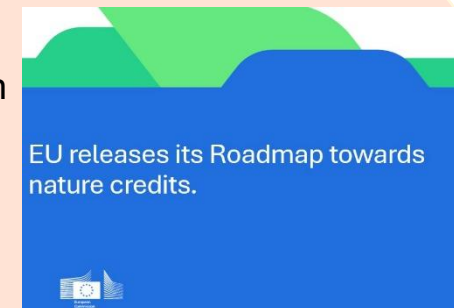
- Long-term and sustained recovery of **biodiverse and resilient ecosystems** through the restoration of degraded ecosystems
- Contribute to climate change **mitigation**, climate change **adaptation** and **land degradation neutrality**
- Enhance **food security**
- Meeting the EU's **international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

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**

**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 [...]*

Communication  
Roadmap  
towards nature  
credits



# Specific restoration targets

Protected  
Habitat  
Types



Habitats of  
protected  
species



Marine  
Habitats



Urban  
ecosystems



River  
connectivity



Pollinators



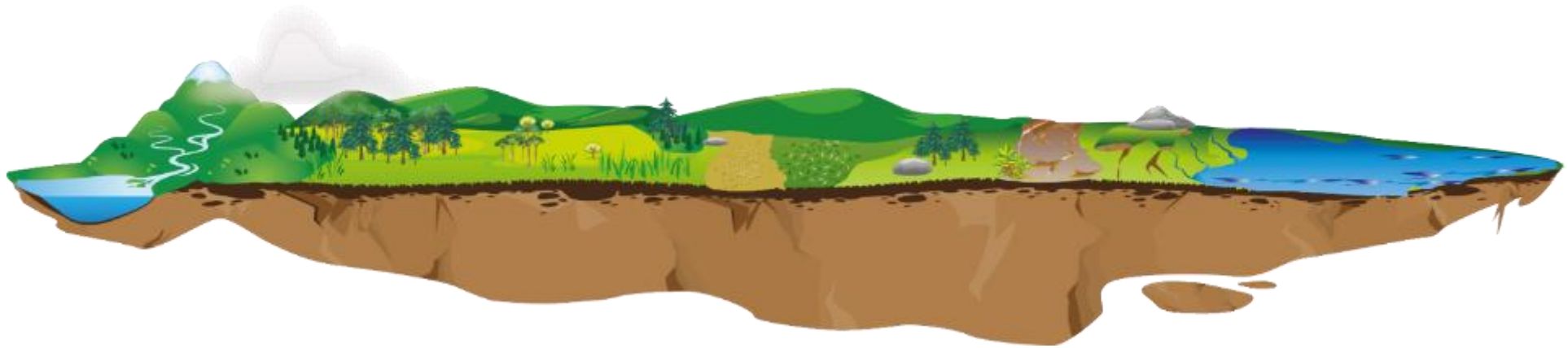
Agro-  
ecosystems



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

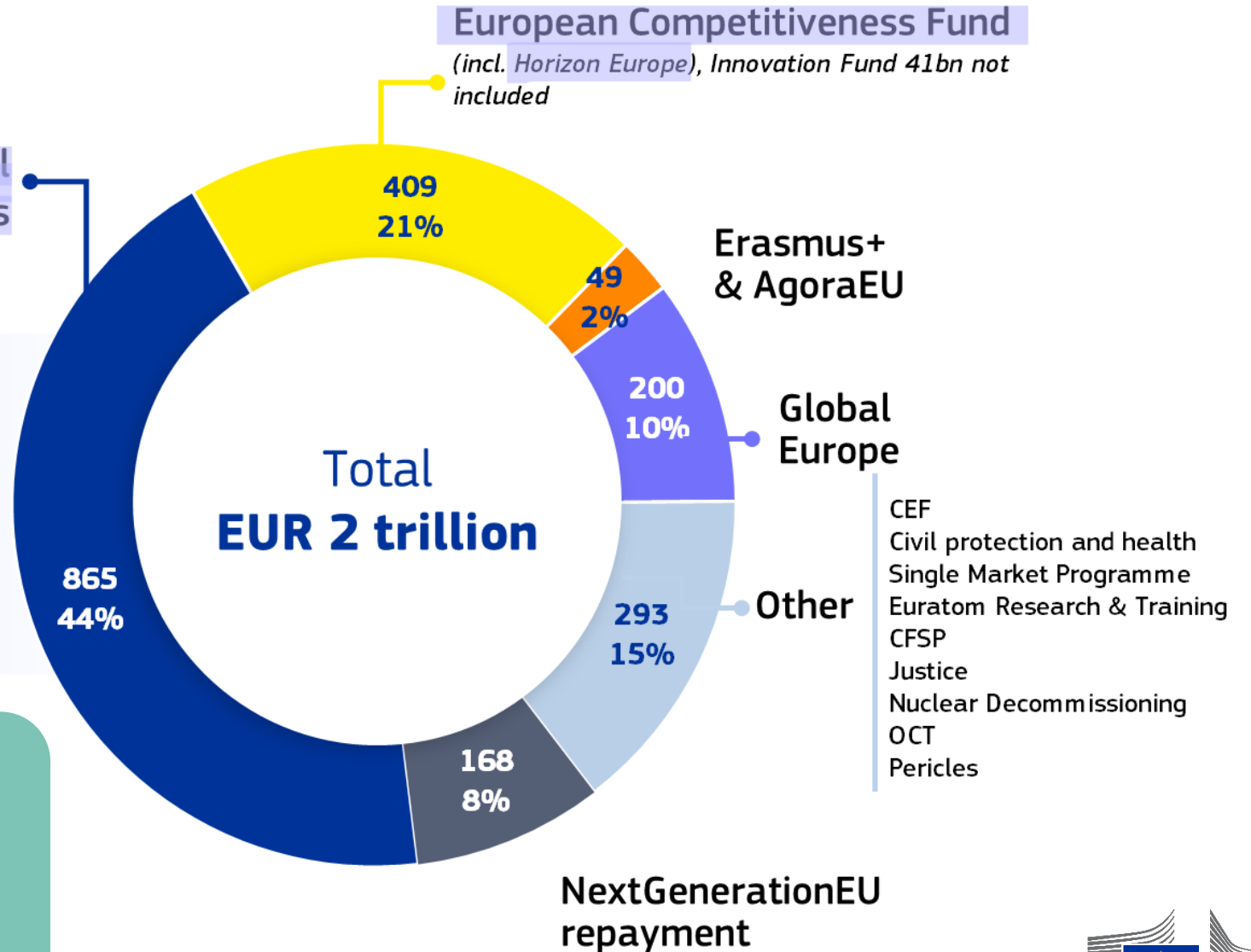
**Directive (EU) 2025/2360 on soil monitoring and resilience (Soil Monitoring Law)**



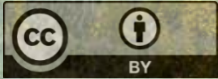
# Toward the next MMF - A more ambitious budget

- 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](#)

