

# EU Environment Policy for Sustainable Food Systems

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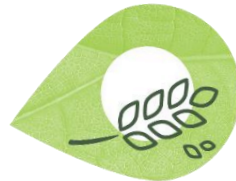


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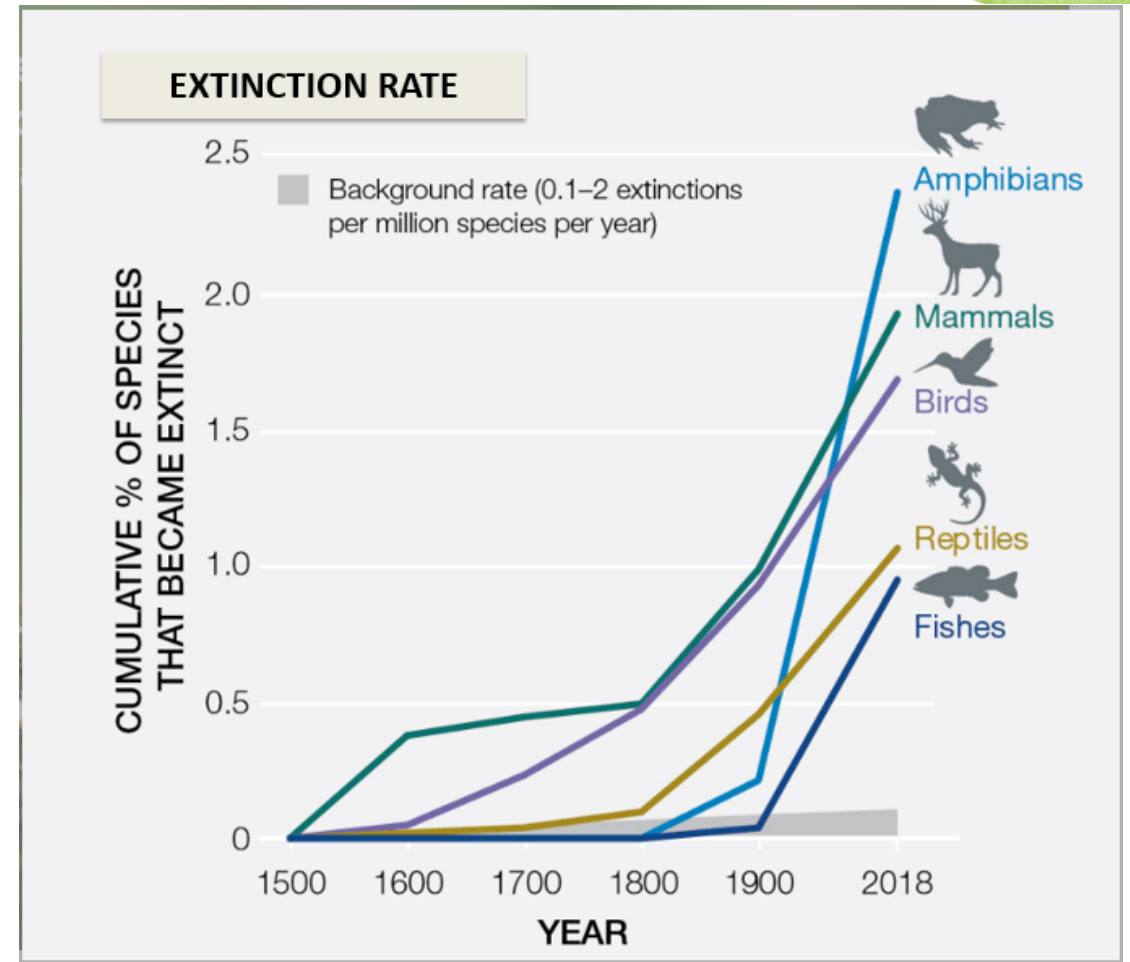
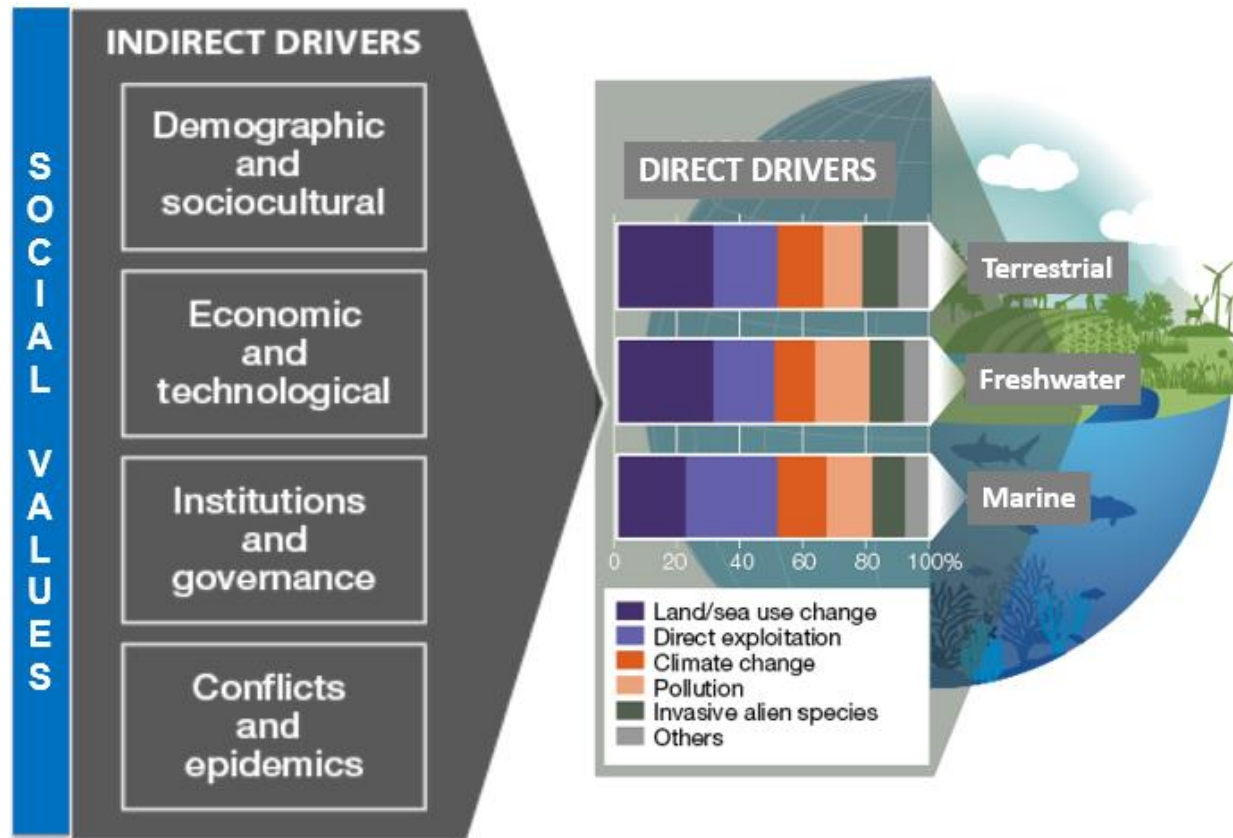
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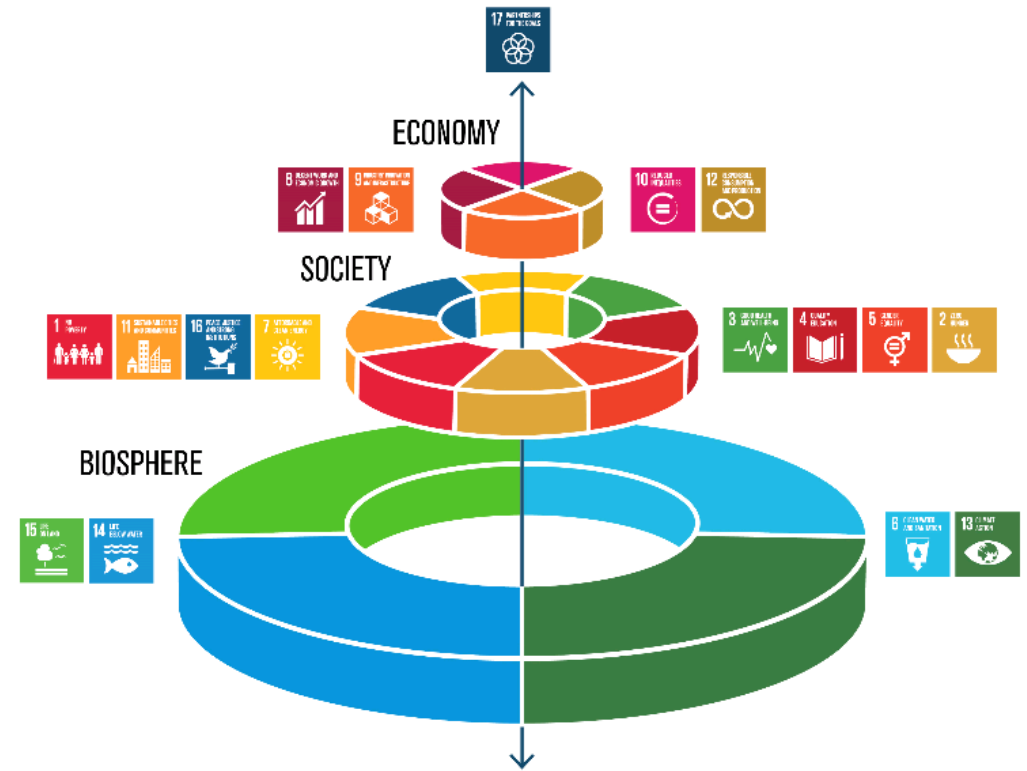


# The global biodiversity crisis



# Biodiversity underpins sustainable development

- Biodiversity loss: key threats for humanity
- Almost half of global GDP is linked to nature
- Interdependence between biodiversity loss and climate change, link to pandemics
- Restoring biodiversity core part of recovery



# Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



Enable Transformative Change



Restore Nature



EU For An Ambitious Global Agenda



# | Land and Sea Use Targets



- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming  $\geq 25\%$
- ✓ 50% reduction of use and risk of pesticides
- ✓ Reduction of pollution from fertilisers by 50% and by  $\geq 20\%$  their use
  
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features  $\geq 10\%$
- ✓ Reduction of damage to seabed, elimination/reduction of bycatch



# EU Restoration Plan



- ✓ Legally binding targets to be proposed in 2021
- ✓ No deterioration of any protected habitats and species by 2030: favourable status or positive trend for at least 30%
- ✓ Plant 3 billion additional trees respecting ecological principles
- ✓ Reverse decline in pollinators
- ✓ Remediate contaminated soil sites
- ✓ Restore  $\geq 25,000$ km free flowing rivers
- ✓ New Urban Greening Platform: the Green City Accord
- ✓ Halve the number of 'red list' species threatened by Invasive Alien Species....
  - ✓ .... And more



# | Enable Transformative Change



- Governance framework
- 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
- Improved means of implementation: finance, capacity, research, know-how and technology
- Stronger implementation, monitoring and review
- A fair and equitable share of the benefits from the use of genetic resources linked to biodiversity.
- Principle of equality – rights of IPLCs, participation,...



# | Reducing EU's contribution to deforestation



To reduce the EU's contribution to **global deforestation and forest degradation**, the Commission will present in 2021 a legislative proposal and other measures to avoid or minimise the placing of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation on the EU market.



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# The Circular Economy Action Plan

## Circular Economy Action Plan

For a cleaner and  
more competitive  
Europe

*35 actions along the entire life cycle of products, to:*

- Make **sustainable products** the norm in the EU
- **Empower** consumers and public buyers
- **Focus also on key product value chains:** electronics and ICT; batteries and vehicles; packaging; plastics; textiles; construction and buildings; **food**; water and nutrients
- Ensure **less waste**
- Make **circularity** work for **people, regions** and **cities**
- **Lead global efforts** on circular economy



# Designing sustainable products

## Sustainable Product Policy Legislative Initiative “Green Products”

### How?

- Legislative proposal to set principles for product policy and requirements on **products placed on the EU market**
- Adoption of the proposal planned for 2021
- Widen the Ecodesign Directive beyond energy-related products

Up to

**80%**



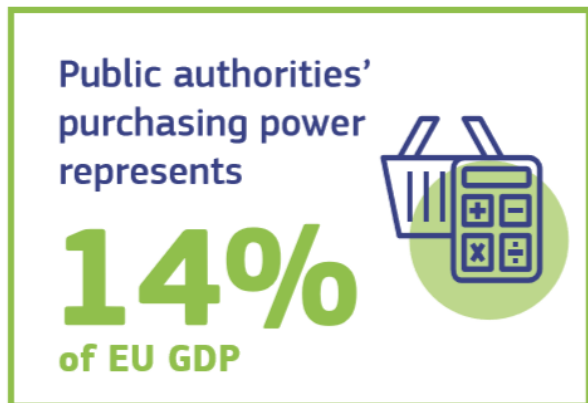
of products' environmental impacts are determined at the design phase

**« Sustainable products should be the norm, not the exception »**



# Empowering consumers and public buyers

- Revision of the **consumer law**: consumers to receive trustworthy and relevant information on products at the point of sale
- Establishing a new “**Right to repair**”
- Legislative proposal to ensure companies substantiate their **environmental claims** using Product and Organisation Environmental Footprint methods
- Include more systematically durability, recyclability and recycled content in EU Ecolabel criteria



- Proposal for **mandatory Green Public Procurement (GPP)** criteria and targets in sectoral legislation
- Phasing-in **mandatory reporting** on GPP



# Less waste, more value



- **Preventing waste from being created in the first place is key**
- **Once waste has been created, it needs to be transformed into high-quality resources**

- **Specific waste reduction targets** for more complex streams
- Enhance the implementation of the requirements for **EPR schemes**
- Continue **modernising EU waste laws** (e.g. batteries, packaging, end-of-life vehicles, hazardous substances in electronic equipment )
- Propose to harmonise separate **waste collection systems**
- Review rules on **waste shipments** facilitating recycling or re-use within the EU; with also the aim to restrict exports of waste that cause negative environmental & health impacts



# Leading efforts at global level



Need to drive efforts at global level:

- Global agreement on plastics
- Global Circular Economy Alliance
- 'Safe operating space' for natural resource use
- Initiate discussions on int'l agreement on natural resource management
- Promote CE bilaterally, regionally and multilaterally, incl. through development and international cooperation programmes
- Regional focus: Africa, Western Balkans
- Free trade agreements to reflect enhanced CE objectives
- Outreach activities through European Green Deal diplomacy, circular economy missions and enhance coordination with EU MSs





# | Zero Pollution ambition



- Water policy
- Air policy
- Industrial pollution policy
- Soil policy
- ...



# | Building Global Partnerships



- Approximation of EU legislation in Accession countries
- Eastern Partnership seminar on the
  - biodiversity/agriculture nexus
- Strategic Partnership dialogues
- Multilateral fora .....



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