

The European Green Deal – an overview

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#EUGreenDeal

Overcome existential threat to Europe and the world

The European Green Deal is our roadmap for making the EU's economy sustainable. This can only happen if we turn climate and environmental challenges into opportunities across all policy areas and making the transition just and inclusive for all.



https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-greendeal_en





CLIMATE PACT AND CLIMATE LAW

PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY



INVESTING IN MORE SUSTAINABLE, SMARTER MOBILITY



PROTECTING NATURE



STRIVING FOR GREENER INDUSTRY





The European Green Deal



ELIMINATING POLLUTION





MAKING HOMES ENERGY EFFICIENT



FINANCING GREEN PROJECTS ENSURING A JUST TRANSITION FOR ALL





Need for action

There is only one planet Earth, yet by 2050, the world will be consuming as if there were three



From 1970 to 2017, the annual global extraction of materials **tripled** and it continues to grow.



More than 90% of biodiversity loss and water stress come from resource extraction and processing.

Source: The International Resource Panel, Global Resources Outlook, 2019

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Annual waste generation will increase by

70% by

Source: World Bank What a waste 2.0, 2018



Only 12% of the materials used by EU industry come from recycling.

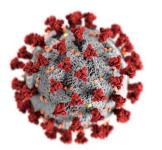
Source: Eurostat, 2016 figures







Disruption of global supply chains



Job insecurity

Circular economy is expected to:





For a cleaner and more competitive Europe



Legislative and non-legislative measures in areas where action at the EU level brings real added value:

- 1 Promoting sustainability of products by design;
- 2 fostering sustainable consumption;
- aiming to ensure that the resources used are kept in the EU economy for as long as possible.





Some examples of suggested measures

Focus on the sectors that use the most resources and where the potential for circularity is high



Providing incentives for productas-a-service: companies keep the ownership and responsibility for the product throughout its lifecycle.



Waste prevention and reduction,
increasing recycled content minimising
waste exports outside EU
An EU model for separate collection
and labelling of products



Driving new business models

sorting, reuse and recycling of textiles consumers choose sustainable textiles. Ecodesign for broader range of products: clothes to last longer



Acting on microplastics

restricting intentionally added microplastics, increasing the capture of microplastics at all relevant stages of the product lifecycle.



Legislative initiatives on substitute single-use packaging tableware and cutlery by reusable products



Single-use products phased out wherever possible, replaced by durable products for multiple use.



Products placed on EU market designed to last longer, to be easier to repair and upgrade, recycle and reuse.



Directive on single-use plastics and fishing gear



Different measures for **each item** taking into account:

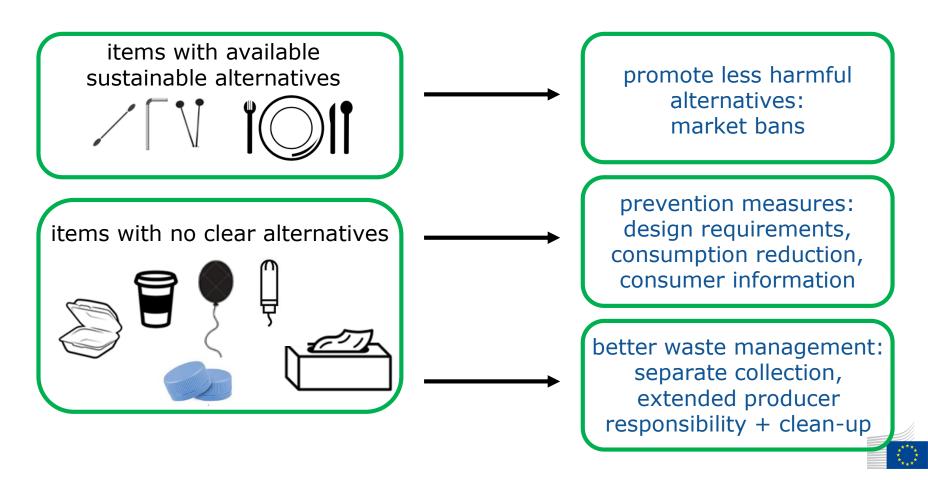
- consumer behaviour/needs
- opportunities for businesses



Adopted by EP: March 2019 **Council's vote:** April 2019



Directive on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment

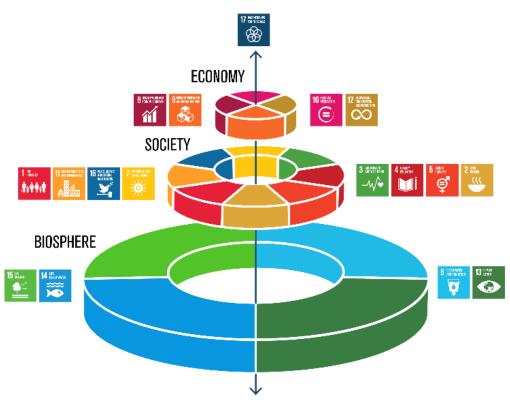


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Biodiversity underpins sustainable development

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



A coherent Trans-European Nature Network

1 Establishing protected areas for at least:



30% of land in Europe



With stricter protection of remaining EU primary and old-growth forests



30% of sea in Europe



An EU Nature Restoration Plan

2 Restoring degraded ecosystems at land and sea across the whole of Europe by:

Legally binding nature restoration targets in 2021



Increasing organic farming and biodiversity-rich landscape features on agricultural land



Halting and reversing the decline of pollinators



Restoring at least 25 000 km of EU rivers to a free flowing state



Reducing the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 50% by 2030

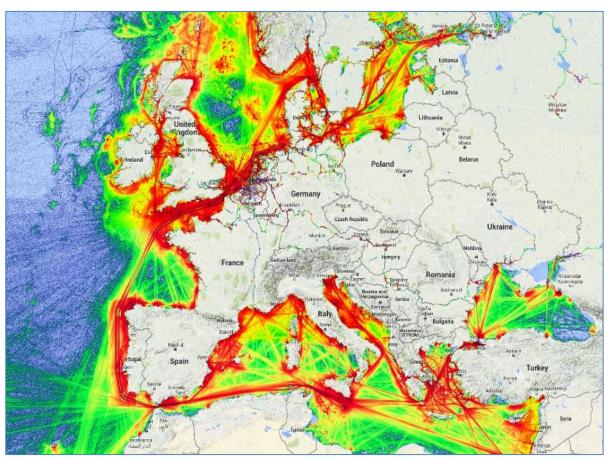


Planting 3 billion trees by 2030



Air pollution -Emissions Control Area (ECA) in the Mediterranean region

Creation of a Mediterranean ECA

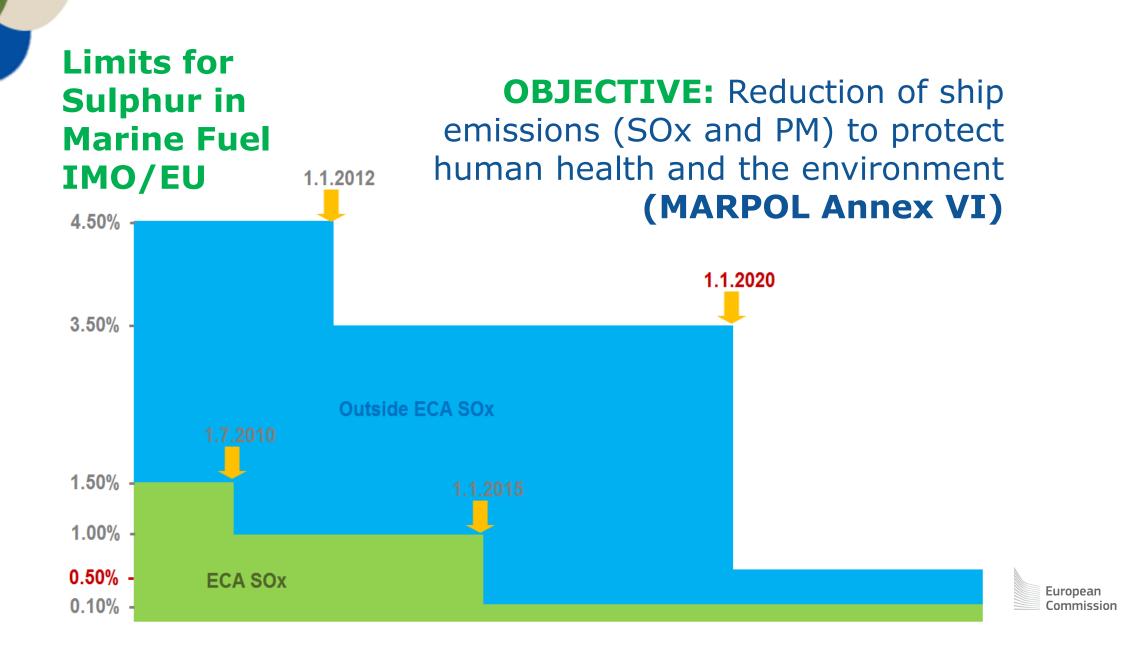


Ship movements in EU and neighbouring countries based on satellite data.

EU and non EU countries are considering joint measures to address ship pollution to air and water

Maritime transport need to contribute to the EGD and ZPAP





Climate change and environmental degradation need a global solution



The European Union firmly committed to: •

Lead by example

Use diplomacy, trade and development cooperation to advance global action

Set standards for sustainable growth across global value chains

