



# Vorschlag für eine Verordnung über die Wiederherstellung der Natur

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# | EU proposal for a regulation on nature restoration

- A key initiative under the European Green Deal & the Biodiversity Strategy to 2030
- Continuing ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss across the EU
- Voluntary targets of the 2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy: not met
  - **Protection needs to be strengthened but is not enough**
  - **A reinforced approach is needed**
- Conclusion: The Commission needed to come forward with a proposal for legally binding targets for nature restoration



# Considerations behind the proposal

- Use the legal form of a **regulation** - applies directly, no transposition
- **Complement & build on existing policy framework** (nature directives, WFD, MSFD,...)
- Focus on the **synergies between climate change & nature policy**, restore ecosystems with the most potential to capture and store carbon and to prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters
- There is a need for **large scale restoration** effort
- Proposed targets that are **area-based / effort based** or **indicator based**



# Legislative train schedule on the NRL



# Nature Restoration Regulation

Overarching objective



Objectives to which the regulation contributes to

- *biodiverse, resilient nature across the EU through the restoration of degraded ecosystems\**
- *climate change mitigation, adaptation, food security, land degradation neutrality\**
- *meeting the EU's international commitments*

Restoration targets

Implementation framework

Framework for effective and area-based restoration measures

- *By 2030 → restoration measures will cover **20%** of EU's land and sea*
- *By 2050 → measures in place for **ALL ecosystems in need** of restoration*

National  
Restoration  
Plans

Monitoring and  
Reporting



\* Pending trilogue negotiations

# | So, what is nature restoration?



[Restoring nature - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](https://european-council.europa.eu/media/en/press-photos/2024/04/Restoring_nature.pdf)

‘restoration’ means... the **process** of actively or passively assisting the **recovery of an ecosystem** towards or to good condition...

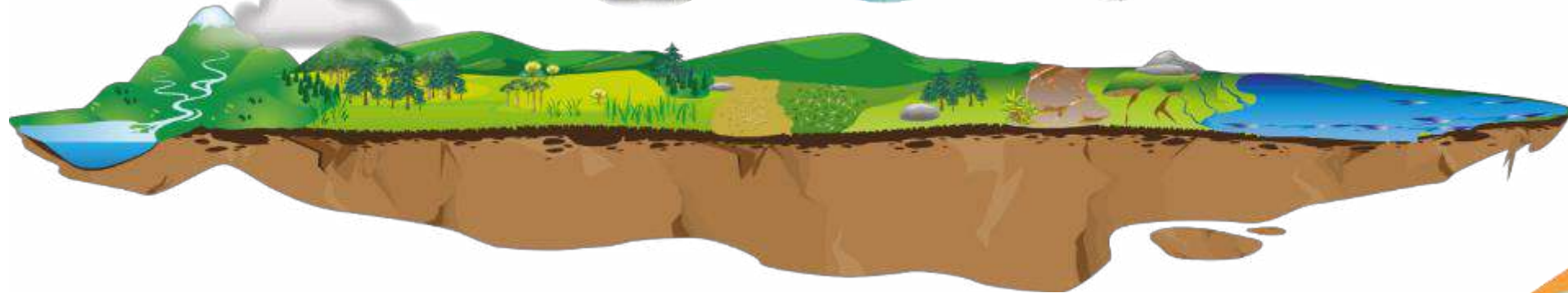
This includes....

- Improve condition of habitat types
- Re-establish habitat types
- Increase the quality and quantity of species habitats
- Enhance connectivity habitat types / habitats of species
- Achieve satisfactory levels of a range of indicators
- ...





## Specific restoration targets



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# *National restoration plans (NRPs)*

Member States shall prepare national restoration plans:

1. identifying the restoration measures to meet each of the targets
2. quantify the area that needs to be restored to reach the targets for protected habitats, habitats of species and marine ecosystems
3. define satisfactory levels for each of the indicators related to the remaining targets
4. coordinate the development of their NRPs with the designation of the “renewables go-to areas”
5. ensure consistency with existing plans (RBMPs, PAFs, Natura 2000 SSCIs, etc.)



# Thank you