

EU Roadmap for enhanced implementation of the EU Biodiversity strategy to 2020

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Introduction

The Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature (CGBN) is the operational steering group for the implementation of the [EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020](#). Its primary task is to review the outputs of the technical working groups, ensure that linkages between them are made, discuss cross-cutting issues such as financing, communication/awareness and the outcomes of the work on monitoring, assessment and reporting, and take decisions as needed and appropriate. It gives its views on issues that require strategic decisions or guidance from the Nature Directors, and communicates discussions and decisions taken by the Nature Directors back to the working groups, as appropriate. Finally, the CGBN serves as a forum for exchange of information, knowledge and national experience on the process of revising and/or updating national biodiversity strategies. The CGBN work is guided by a multi-annual work plan developed by the Commission in conjunction with the Member States. The first multi-annual work plan was intended to cover the period until the mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020.

On 2 October 2015, the Commission published its report on the [Mid-term review](#) of the Strategy. While acknowledging progress in many areas, the report concludes that overall, biodiversity loss and the degradation of ecosystem services have continued, and that much more ambitious implementation efforts and more effective integration with a range of policies would be needed to reach the 2020 biodiversity targets. In response to the mid-term review, the [Council Conclusions](#) of 16 December 2015, and the European Parliament's [Resolution](#) of 2 February 2016 both called for enhanced actions by the Commission and the Member States in order to deliver on the EU's global biodiversity commitments.

At their meeting in Luxembourg in November 2015, the Nature Directors agreed that a Roadmap for enhanced implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy by 2020 would be useful in order to steer efforts towards achieving the biodiversity targets¹: *“Request the CGBN, in light of the EU Biodiversity Strategy Mid-Term Review, to develop a underlying road map/work programme for adoption at the next Nature Directors meeting, with a view to support in the most effective way the full implementation of the actions included in the EU Biodiversity Strategy and to deliver on its Targets by 2020.”*

¹ See also CIF, page 3: “Longer-term programming (e.g. Trio Presidency) of priority discussion items will be foreseen.”

The present paper, produced in response to this request, was developed by the Commission following discussions at the CGBN meetings of 17 March 2016, 22 September 2016 and additional comments received by CGBN members in writing, and was endorsed by the EU Nature Directors at their meeting of 10-12 October 2016 in Tále, Nízke Tatry, Slovakia.

Purpose, scope and structure of the EU Roadmap

The purpose of the Roadmap is to guide the CGBN activities and inputs to the Nature Directors' Meetings (NDM) in support of enhanced efforts by the Commission and the Member States to deliver on the biodiversity targets by 2020. The Roadmap will serve as a basis for planning the CGBN agenda and CGBN inputs to the NDM over the next three years.

The Roadmap focuses on actions that (i) require increased efforts and (ii) require CGBN coordination and input. It does not imply any review of the strategy's targets or actions, all of which remain valid until the 2020 deadline. Some of the enhanced actions put forward may be subject to validation and decisions beyond the scope of the CGBN. The Roadmap also does not prejudge **the results of the Fitness Check of the Nature Directives** conducted by the Commission and planned for 2016. With a view to the above, the Roadmap will remain an open and flexible planning framework, allowing for adjustments and the addition of new elements as necessary.

The Roadmap compiles and draws upon the key calls for action contained in the Council Conclusions and in the EP resolution on the mid-term review in order to put forward, target by target, key areas for CGBN action and support over the next three years. A tentative timeline is also provided in annex A with an indication of relevant milestones. The table also includes a suggestion about which group of the CIF is mainly in charge. In case no specific group is dealing with the matter, the CGBN will directly be in charge of it. Those suggestions which have been made by the EP which are going beyond the actions in the existing EU Biodiversity Strategy or the CGBN mandate are not included in the Roadmap.

Key areas needing increased efforts by 2020, relevant WG and fora, and the role of the CGBN

The enhanced actions presented below draw on the calls contained in the Council Conclusions and in the EP resolution on the mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy, while also taking into account CGBN Members' and Nature Directors' suggestions on priorities for enhanced CGBN efforts. The actions are presented target by target. The headline target addresses the status of biodiversity and ecosystems and draws on the whole range of actions. It is therefore not addressed separately in the Roadmap, but will be reviewed in the context of the final evaluation of the EU biodiversity strategy to 2020. Some of the actions may be subject to **validation and decisions beyond the scope of the CGBN**, and may need to be revised based on the results of the **Nature Directives' Fitness Check**.

A tentative timeline of relevant policy processes and milestones is provided in **Annex A**.

An overview of key working groups and relevant fora is provided in **Annex B**.

Target 1: Fully implement nature legislation
 (See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input:

- Provide a forum for exchanging information on relevant policy processes and milestones;
- Provide regular input into the implementation of the listed actions, in the context of the Nature Directives' Fitness Check follow-up, and draft NDM conclusions;
- Liaise with relevant actors at the national level in order to:
 - o provide input into policy processes and documents as appropriate;
 - o provide information and training in order to encourage and support the implementation of the listed actions.
- Provide feedback from national implementation experience and exchange views within CGBN on good practice, possible gaps and needs;
- Provide a platform for exchange with EU level stakeholders on implementation challenges and conflicts; liaise with EU umbrella organisations.

| Actions : | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Fitness Check: appropriate follow up to its findings to achieve the objectives of the Nature Directives ² | CGBN |
| B. Member States complete the Natura 2000 network ³ and ensure that conservation measures and/or management plans are put in place as necessary. | Nature Directives Expert Group (NADEG) |
| C. Member States and the Commission ensure the funding needed for the full implementation of Natura 2000 and biodiversity policies, through the targeted use of available instruments under the ESIF, national budget lines and other funding sources ⁴ | Habitats Committee (only for comitology decisions) ORNIS Committee (only |

² EP Resolution on the [Mid-term review of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy](#), para 18;

³ Enhanced efforts are needed in particular for the completion of the Natura 2000 marine network

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| D. Member States and the Commission develop tools and take action to prevent, detect and sanction breaches of the Nature Directives, such as illegal killing or illegal developments | for comitology decisions) Biogeographical seminars |
| E. Member States and the Commission facilitate dialogue with all relevant stakeholders and encourage exchange of experience in order to address implementation challenges and resolve conflicts. | Reporting Expert Group Marine Expert Group |
| F. Commission provides improved guidance on key aspects of implementation and clarification of legal definitions | Natura 2000 and Forests Working Group |
| G. Member States and the Commission raise public awareness on biodiversity and the benefits of Natura 2000. | Aquaculture and Natura 2000 |
| H. Member States and the Commission improve data collection and the monitoring of habitats and species, in particular in areas where there are major gaps. | MSFD WG |
| I. Member States and the Commission provide more information on the status of implementation in the Member States as appropriate in the context of the upcoming Environment Implementation Review. | WFD Strategic Coordination Group |
| J. Member States and the Commission explore how to improve coordination and communication between Nature/Water/Marine policy constituencies, in order to ensure synergies between MSFD, WFD and BHD implementation and on how to produce a common understanding of threats to the environment and secure the protection and restoration of ecosystems in order to enable them to deliver their full range of services. ⁵ | |

⁴ Action also relevant to Chapters 3: Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry; 4: Sustainable Fisheries and 7: Financing.

⁵ Point of relevance also to Target 2 and Target 4

Target 2: Protect and restore ecosystems and their services

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- Provide a forum for exchanging information on relevant policy processes and milestones;
- Provide input to methodology development.
- Support and encourage national implementation.
- Liaise with relevant actors, including in other sectors, at national and regional level to ensure synergies.
- Provide feedback and exchange national experience with implementation.
- Prepare NDM conclusions in support of the listed actions.
- Explore how to improve coordination and communication between Nature/Water/Marine policy constituencies (see Target 1).

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Member States, with the Support of the Commission, close knowledge gaps and inform policy and planning decisions, in particular with regards to the valuation and accounting of ecosystem services, promoting synergies between natural and cultural capital, links to SDG monitoring indicators, to Europe 2020 and climate change strategies. | CGBN MAES / KIP-INCA WG |
| B. Member States complete and implement restoration prioritisation frameworks, effectively integrating them within other relevant processes, such as SDGs, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and climate change strategies. | CGBN GIIR WG Biodiversity and climate change |
| C. Member States complete and implement GI strategies and integrate GI in spatial and urban planning | GI WG |
| D. The Commission puts forward a TEN-G proposal ⁶ | |

⁶ This action is also related to the Horizontal aspect of Financing

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| E. The Commission launches an initiative on No Net Loss / Net Gain of Biodiversity and ecosystem services | CGBN NNL WG |
| F. The Commission launches a European Initiative on Pollinators taking into account the IPBES report and recommendations | CGBN |

Target 3A: Sustainable agriculture

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- Provide a forum for exchanging information on relevant policy processes and milestones;
- Coordinate with ministries of agriculture and other relevant ministries and provide regular input in the implementation of the listed actions.
- Support, encourage and build capacities for the integration of biodiversity objectives into agriculture and rural development programmes. In particular, work to improve mutual understanding and exchange of knowledge with the agriculture sector and to strengthen links and dialogue between relevant fora coordinated by DG AGRI and DG ENV, between Member State Nature and Agriculture policy makers, as well as with stakeholder organisations (farmers, land managers).
- Provide feedback and exchange experience with implementation.
- Prepare NDM conclusions in support of the listed actions.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. The Commission and the Member States review and improve the effectiveness of greening and rural development biodiversity support measures under the CAP 2014-2020, and take full account of findings in the CAP mid-term review with a view to improving performance in the current CAP | CGBN Agriculture and Biodiversity Working Group |
| B. The Commission and the Member States fully evaluate the effects of the CAP on biodiversity taking account of scientific input, and apply findings to maximise biodiversity protection under the next period of the CAP | |
| C. Member States encourage regional and local stakeholders and land managers to make full use of the biodiversity support instruments available under the CAP for 2014-2020 | CGBN Agriculture and Biodiversity Working Group |

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| Target 3B: Sustainable Forestry |
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CGBN role / input :

- Provide a forum for exchanging information on relevant policy processes and milestones, and review of policy documents;
- Liaise with national and regional forestry authorities, forest managers and other relevant actors in order to reinforce dialogue and cooperation, promote and build capacities for the integration of biodiversity conservation and restoration into forest management plans or equivalent instruments
- Provide input into the definition of policy and guidance documents and related NDM conclusions; promote and disseminate guidance.
- Provide feedback and exchange experience in implementation.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Member States encourage the integration of biodiversity measures as defined in Action 12 of the Biodiversity Strategy, into forest management plans or equivalent instruments. | CGBN Enlarged Natura 2000 and Forests WG |
| B. The Member States and the Commission improve the forest knowledge base and further collaborative work on the Pan-European information base | Standing Forestry Committee CDG on Forestry and Cork |

Target 4: Sustainable Fisheries

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- Provide a forum for exchanging information on relevant policy processes and milestones, and review of policy documents;
- Coordinate with ministries of fisheries, marine resources and other relevant ministries, and provide regular input in the implementation of the listed actions.
- Support and encourage integration of biodiversity objectives into fisheries management and operational programmes.
- Provide feedback and exchange experience with implementation.
- Prepare NDM conclusions in support of the listed actions.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Member States implement and enforce the MSFD to achieve Good Environmental Status | CGBN MSFD Marine Strategy Coordination Group |
| B. Member States and the Commission strengthen implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the CFP in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore and maintain populations of all harvested species above levels which can produce MSY by 2020 • Gradually eliminate discards and avoid by-catch of non-target species including marine mammals and sea birds • Minimise the negative impacts of certain fishing methods on non-target species and vulnerable marine ecosystems including by means of adopting and implementing appropriate technical measures | MSFD WG on Good Environmental Status Marine Natura 2000 EG Technical WG for the implementation of fisheries management in marine PA (i.a. Scheveningen Group, BALTFISH) |
| C. Member States establish fisheries measures in marine protected areas in line with Article 11 of Regulation 1380/2013 in order to comply with their obligations under Article 13(4) of Directive 2008/56/EC, Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC | EG on data collection in the |

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| <p>D. The Commission and the national environmental authorities liaise with fisheries authorities at the national and regional level to ensure synergies of proposed fishing technical measures (Commission Communication of 11/03/2016), discard plans and future multiannual management plans with the implementation of the Nature Directives and MSFD.</p> | <p>fisheries sector</p> <p>EG on the conservation of fisheries resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures</p> |
| <p>E. The Commission provides a solid contribution to the sustainable management of marine resources with a Communication on Ocean Governance.</p> | |

Target 5: Combat Invasive Alien Species

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- With support from the Commission (e.g. via regular written updates), the CGBN will keep informed of relevant policy processes and milestones, as well as the drafting or adoption of policy documents;
- Provide input to the development of measures and implementation guidance, and prepare ND conclusions as necessary
- Communicate, support and encourage national implementation, including by liaising with relevant actors at national and regional level.
- Provide feedback and exchange experience with implementation.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Member States and the Commission keep up to date list and implement measures to address IAS of Union concern | Committee on IAS Scientific Forum on IAS |
| B. Commission strengthens implementation of relevant provisions in plant and animal health regimes, and provides co-financing for IAS measures | WG IAS |
| C. The Commission develops guidance to assist MS in implementing the EU IAS Regulation. | CGBN |

Target 6: Avert global biodiversity loss

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- With support from the Commission (e.g. via regular written updates), the CGBN will keep informed of relevant policy processes and milestones, as well as the drafting or adoption of policy documents;
- Coordinate with ministries of development and foreign affairs and provide regular input in the definition and implementation of the listed actions.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. The Commission and the Member States ensure coherent implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy and the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the use of coherent sets of indicators and the agenda on policy coherence for development (PCD) | CGBN Biodiversity and development cooperation platform |
| B. Commission and Member States enhance global governance, synergies, coherence and effective cooperation between biodiversity related conventions, including the UNFCCC, and ensure that the achievement of the Strategy's targets will contribute to achieving the global commitment on biodiversity contained in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 30 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. | |
| C. The Commission and the Member States enhance action to address the biodiversity impact of EU consumption patterns for key commodities (including in the framework of the sustainable production and consumption package under the Circular Economy) and reduce the EU's footprint on other regions | |
| D. The Commission strengthens biodiversity provisions in EU trade agreements and ensures their full implementation | |

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| E. The Commission and the Member States fully deliver on their international commitments for resource mobilisation for biodiversity | |
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Horizontal aspect: Financing

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- With support from the Commission (e.g. via regular written updates), the CGBN will keep informed of relevant policy processes and milestones, as well as the drafting or adoption of policy documents;
- liaise with relevant ministries and actors, provide input in the implementation of the listed actions and facilitate capacity building, knowledge transfer and a common understanding of the biodiversity-relevant evaluation and reporting processes at national and EU level within the ESIF's.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Commission and MS exchange from biodiversity perspective on strategic points of the mid-term review of MFF (2014-2020) and for the preparation of the future EU funding period (post 2020) | CGBN |
| B. The Commission, with input from the Member States, evaluates the effectiveness of an integrated approach to biodiversity financing and considers a range of options for financing instruments for biodiversity-related measures, including dedicated funding | |
| C. Member States and the Commission apply the biodiversity proofing framework to national programmes for 2014-2020, improve it as appropriate or needed, and apply it to EU and national frameworks under the next MFF | |
| D. The Commission, with input from the Member States, further develops the biodiversity-tracking mechanism and completes a robust analysis of financing for biodiversity under the MFF for 2014-2020 | CGBN |
| E. The Commission and the Member States increase work on identifying and phasing out environmentally harmful subsidies and on developing positive market signals for biodiversity protection | |
| F. The Commission and the Member States link LIFE projects to funding from other programme streams such as the | |
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| Structural Funds, so as to scale up and replicate successful projects. | |
| G. The Commission and the Member States mobilise both EU and national financial resources for biodiversity from all appropriate sources, including innovative financial mechanisms | |
| H. The Commission and the EIB draw up specific criteria for the Natural Capital Financing Facility to guarantee that projects deliver appropriate, positive and scientifically tangible results | |
| I. The Commission steps up measures in support of the greening of the European Semester | |

Horizontal aspects: Partnerships

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- Liaise with relevant actors, including in other sectors, at national and regional level to ensure synergies.
- Provide feedback and exchange experience with implementation.
- Provide a platform for exchange with key EU level stakeholders on implementation challenges and conflicts; liaise with EU umbrella organisations.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. Member States work with a range of sectors, both public and private, and stakeholders at the national, regional and local level in order to raise awareness and mobilise efforts to deliver on biodiversity commitments | CGBN |
| B. MS and the Commission communicate on the importance of biodiversity, focusing on the links between biodiversity preservation and benefits to human well-being and socio-economic development, as well as on the cultural and intrinsic values of nature | |
| C. The Commission and the Member States continue supporting the work of the EU Business Biodiversity Platform as well as of national B@B platforms | |
| D. The Commission and the Member States continue supporting the work of the Natural Capital Coalition to mainstream the application of the Natural Capital Protocol and its sector guides | |
| E. The Commission and the Member States recognize the vital role of national, regional and local actors and seek their active input and involvement in the implementation of the Strategy's actions. | |

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| F. The Commission and the Member States establish a sustainable partnership running a participative support mechanism for biodiversity action in the EU's ORs and OCTs, building on the experience gained through the implementation of the BEST preparatory action and the BEST 2.0 Programme . | BEST platform |
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Horizontal aspects: Knowledge

(See also Annex A for the tentative timeline and main policy milestones)

CGBN role / input :

- Support and encourage national implementation to complete knowledge gaps.
- Liaise with relevant actors, including in other sectors, at national and regional level to ensure synergies.
- Provide feedback and exchange experience with implementation.

| Action | Key WG and relevant fora |
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| A. The Commission and the Member States continue work to fill in major knowledge gaps and to integrate knowledge on biodiversity, ecosystems and their services into decision-making. | CGBN MAES/KIP INCA Working Group on Reporting Eionet |
| B. The Commission and the Member States ensure integration and open access to data from biodiversity monitoring and reporting under relevant EU legislation and policies (including agriculture, fisheries and regional policy). | |
| C. The Commission and the Member States develop further a coherent and open framework for monitoring, assessing and reporting on progress in implementing the Strategy, streamlined as much as possible with existing obligations at EU (e.g. EIR) and global (e.g. CBD) level. | |
| D. The Commission and the Member States ensure the enhancement of synergies among biodiversity related conventions in improving the knowledge base. | |

Annex A: Tentative timetable and milestones in view of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020⁷

| | Quarters 2016-2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final Evaluation process (from preparation of contract to adoption of SWD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support study contract (3-year) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEN-G initiative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU Pollination initiative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EU NNL / LAR initiative (linked to Fitness check follow-up) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ENV MILESTONES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State of Nature Report 2013-2018 (MS and EU) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | MS | MS | MS | EU | EU | EU | | | | |
| Fitness Check Nature legislation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final Review 7EAP & 8EAP (tbc) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marine Strategy Framework Directive: Review and preparation of the next cycle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - MS reports on Programmes of Measures (Art. 13) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM assessment of Art. 13 reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - MS interim reports on Programmes of Measures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM evaluation of implementation of the Directive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - 2020 MS monitoring programmes under Art. 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM assessment of MS monitoring programmes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Framework Directive assessment process (EEA reports 2017, 2018) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LIFE mid-term review report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LIFE 2018-2020 MAWP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| OTHER MILESTONES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CAP review to new CAP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Greening simplification (refit) - delegated act on greening review | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM report to EP on first greening evaluation and EFA evaluation (5 to 7%?) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - CAP 2014-2020 performance evaluation report (2 COM reports to EP and Council) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CFP review to new CFP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM yearly reporting on MSY as part of the yearly fishing opportunities communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - COM Report on functioning of CFP (December 2022) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

⁷ To be completed, also including work related to e.g. Energy and Horizon 2020

| | Quarters 2016-2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | | | 2021 | | |
| MFF review | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New MFF proposal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication on MFF mid-term review | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| SDG mapping Communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| European Consensus on Development Communication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CBD MILESTONES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6NR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First IPBES global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GBO5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discussion and adoption of new strategic plan 2021-2030 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Annex B: Revised CIF governance: Key working groups and other relevant fora (September 2016)

| Target | Name of core groups | Links | Access rights |
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| All | Coordination Group for Biodiversity & Nature (CGBN) | Europa (Register of Expert Groups or similar entities): http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=2210&NewSearch=1&NewSearch=1 Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/0f2f0fdb-be41-4f65-9ea3-3d171b135c22 | Restricted (members only) |
| 1 | Nature Directives Expert Group NADEG | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/fcb355ee-7434-4448-a53d-5dc5d1dac678 | Public |
| | Habitats Committee (only for comitology decisions) | Europa (Contact details of Habitats Committee members on ENV Nature): http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/habitatsdirective/index_en.htm Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/fcb355ee-7434-4448-a53d-5dc5d1dac678 | Public |
| | ORNIS Committee (only for comitology decisions) | Europa (Contact details of ORNIS Committee members on ENV Nature): http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/birdsdirective/index_en.htm Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/4f0995cc-c7f4-4cab-8168-e3912d432672 | Public but no item |
| | N2000 Expert group on marine (see T4) | | |
| | Biogeographical seminars | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/a92e7480-a87d-4ce7-a95d-6937f8d54c37 | |
| | Aquaculture and Natura 2000 | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/cb9e7a34-32ad-4fe2-93d3-1a23b0afa70e | Restricted (members only) |
| | Reporting Expert Group | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/c2fe7bc6-847b-45ed-9271-437fa4458b8b | Public |
| 2 | MAES WG | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/4580a3d6-f93d-4c21-be5c-f46235201aec | Public |
| | GIIR WG | Circa WG GIIR https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/be9ac4c8-f65f-487a-9f30-a9b5b6019ca0 Circa GI WG https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/4580bb0e-e5bd-47a8-9308-40d379480c6b Circa GI contract https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/be9ac4c8-f65f-487a-9f30-a9b5b6019ca0 | Restricted (members only) Public |
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| | NNL WG* | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/85920ad3-a101-4f7c-a811-20b4f2146473 | Restricted (members only) |

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| | MSFD Marine Strategy Coordination Group | (see Target 4) | |
| | WFD Strategic Coordination Group | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/3eaafe7c-0857-47d4-a896-8022df48d3ba | Public |
| | Biodiversity and Climate Change WG | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/d6dc0707-5649-4107-ae04-72d20db0182e | Public |
| 3a | Agriculture & Biodiversity WG* | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/507b11f4-f576-4f3f-bad6-41402a787550 | Public (quite empty) |
| | Civil Dialog Group on Agriculture & Environment | Circa | |
| | WG on Agri-environment indicators | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/65de9dac-bcc4-4c7f-8519-b734b62cf853 | Restricted (members only) |
| 3b | Standing Forestry Committee | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/2d82b98d-15ce-4ef7-be88-8c21ddb5f2b2 | Restricted (members only) |
| | Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry & Cork | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/96ca1b04-13ce-4818-b681-23c40ac02c87 | Restricted (members only) |
| 4 | MSFD Marine Strategy Coordination Group | Europa (list of meetings and reports but stops end 2014) http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/news-archive/index_en.htm#calendar-archive Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/f088529c-41a7-4b2e-b92a-e8838a6b3396 | Public with clear description |
| | MSFD Working Group on GES | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/4ec98393-1c8c-45dd-a31c-ba7be6483408 | Public |
| | Natura 2000 Marine Expert Group | https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/d93ae1d6-59b2-4107-8f51-b872e08f4615 | |
| 5 | Committee on IAS | Europa (ENV Nature) http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm Europa (Register of Expert Groups or similar entities) http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regcomitology/index.cfm?do=List.list Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/ba4f9e73-7946-4b88-af89-5ea15417b36c | Restricted (members only) |
| | Scientific Forum on IAS | Europa (ENV Nature) http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm Europa (Register of Expert Groups or similar entities) http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3276&NewSearch=1&NewSearch=1 | public |

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| | | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/ed95cea1-4f6a-4a3b-b27d-b2fb8288c42 | |
| | WG IAS | Europa (ENV Nature) http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm Europa (Register of Expert Groups or similar entities) http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=2210&NewSearch=1&NewSearch=1 Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/e55d2b6b-533d-4c8b-a6f2-29ada6f47850 | public |
| 6 | Biodiversity & Development cooperation platform* | Circa https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/2329f2b6-8ea1-4660-b4d7-de4bc89b124d | Restricted (members only) |
| | BEST Group** | group under consideration | |