

Policy debate

Nature Restoration Law

Mitigation of impacts and benefits for stakeholders



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8:00-9:30 CEST



MEP Salon, Spinelli Building, Block G, Level 0 (*near the multifunctional institutional restaurant*)

Breakfast will be offered during the meeting.

Agenda

Time	Session	Speakers
8:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Sirpa Pietikäinen, MEP, EPP
8:10	Scene-setting presentation	Irina Levinsky, Nature Restoration Lead, European Environment Agency (EEA)
8:20	Roundtable discussion	Moderated by Evelyn Underwood, Head of programme Biodiversity, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jutta Paulus, MEP, Greens/EFA Sabien Leemans, Senior Biodiversity Policy Officer, WWF Niall Curley, Senior Policy Advisor, Biodiversity, COPA-COGECA Daniel Voces, Managing Director, Europêche
9:00	Q&A for audience and open discussion with MEPs	MEPs, in-person participants
9:20	Closing remarks	Cesar Luena, MEP, S&D
9:30	Closing of the meeting	Sirpa Pietikäinen, MEP, EPP

About the event

The Nature Restoration Law sets out binding targets to restore all degraded ecosystems in the EU by 2050, based on the evidence that nature restoration can increase ecosystem resilience, capture and store carbon, prevent and reduce the impacts of natural disasters, and provide health and economic benefits for society.

How the new regulation will in practice support food transition and food security, helping farmers, foresters, and fishers who are already under pressure from rising energy costs, droughts and floods?

The proposal is currently being negotiated at the EU Parliament. The negotiations and public debates are now focusing mainly on the topic of food security, particularly in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine and fears of reduced food production and shortages. Concerns are also being raised on the direct and indirect impacts the law will have on farmers, foresters and fishers who will bear the costs of restoring ecosystems.

[The Institute for European Environmental Policy](#) (IEEP), [Think Sustainable Europe](#) (TSE) members (IEEP's membership network of sustainability think tanks) and the [Think2030 platform](#) (IEEP-led sustainability stakeholder platform) are committed to engaging with policy makers to support a science-informed and transparent debate to around the Nature Restoration Law's targets, a key proposal in the framework of the European Green Deal implementation for all stakeholders involved in food systems.

To that end, The Institute for European Environmental Policy ([IEEP](#)), with MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen and with the support of the European Parliament "[Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development](#)", as well as of the [ThinkSustainableEurope](#) network of think tanks, is pleased to invite you to our discussion on "*Nature restoration law – Mitigation of impacts and benefits for stakeholders*".

The panellists will discuss **why the Nature Restoration Law proposal is needed for food security**, and **how to best support farmers, foresters and fishers** in their costs and restoration activities, while benefitting from the opportunities the law will create.

For more information about the event, please contact us at events@ieep.eu.