

Legal, political and financial instrument for protection of biodiversity in the EU

Ecological networks and coherence according to article 10 of the Habitats directive

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The political commitments

Presidency Conclusions, Göteborg
European Council , June 2001, #31:

EU Heads of State have made clear political commitments to “halt the decline of biodiversity by 2010”



The political commitments

The Message from Malahide, the Stakeholder conference held in Malahide, Ireland, 2004

presents priority objectives and detailed targets designed to meet the 2010 goal



The political commitments

Environment Council Conclusions, 2004

agreed Conclusions on Halting the Loss of Biodiversity by 2010;

highlighted a number of issues identified in the *MfM*.



The way forward

Biodiversity Communication 2005 (the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Halting the Loss of Biodiversity by 2010)

- in preparation and undergoing inter-service consultations
- based on the Message from Malahide
- Annex I Road Map – an action plan for achievement of Göteborg Commitment



The Road Map

The Road Map is supposed:

- to elaborate time-bound actions;
- to identify lead actors for each action (the Commission – several DGs and subordinated services, member states, civil society)



Target from *MfM*

Protected areas integrated in to broader landscapes and seascapes by applying the ecosystem approach, and where appropriate, developing tools for ecological connectivity, such as ecological corridors



Planned activities:

- Revue of the current situation in the Member states and at the Pan-European level (PEEN, CoE, EEA, 2005)



Optional activities

- To establish an ad-hoc working group involving interested countries, experts,
- To provide information on available EU legislation supporting maintenance of species and habitats outside protected areas (a tool kit)



Optional activities

- To describe examples of good practice in member states
- To advise on necessity for new instruments or amendments in existing legal, planning and programming documents



Biodiversity Communication 2005

Integration of the biodiversity protection in policies and legislation of both – environmental and non environmental sectors covered by the Community law and policy



Horizontal environmental legislation

Water, soils, marine, liability, eco-labelling,
Environmental Monitoring and Auditing
Schemes (EMAS), IPP, EIA, SEA,
Orhus, chemicals and GMOs



Broader EU policies, especially

- Agriculture (CAP);
- Fisheries (CFP);
- Cohesion Policy and Structural Funds



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