



EU Verordnung zur Wiederherstellung der Natur

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Timeline

The regulation was signed on June 24, 2024, by the then EP President Roberta Metsola and BE Minister Alain Maron.

On July 29, 2024, the regulation was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

It came into force 20 days after this date, and the deadlines began to apply.

Reasons for a Nature Restoration Law

- Background: Ongoing biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation.
- Basis: EU Green Deal, EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, Natura 2000, Water Framework Directive, Marine Strategy, etc.
- **Objectives: Legally binding restoration targets with clear deadlines to enhance biodiversity, protect the climate, and mitigate natural disasters.**
- Scope: Includes ecosystems not previously covered by directives, e.g., urban areas.
- **Key for Implementation: Restoration Plans.**



Key Objectives for Ecosystems (Art. 1 and 4)

- Restoration measures to cover at least 20% of the EU territory by 2030 and all degraded ecosystems by 2050.
- Restoration measures for all FFH (Habitat Directive) land, coastal, and marine habitats in poor condition within Member States:
 - At least 30% by 2030,
 - 60% by 2040,
 - 90% by 2050.
- Priority for areas within Natura 2000 sites.



Central Goals for Urban and River Ecosystems (Art. 8 and 9)

- no net loss of urban green spaces and tree canopy cover by 2030.
 - Increasing trend beginning in 2030
- Restoration of 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers by 2030.



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Temporary Suspension (Art. 27)

Implementation of Article 11 can be suspended in

- exceptional,
- unforeseeable,
- and extraordinary circumstances.



Process Proposal

- Two years for drafting restoration plans.
- Transparent and inclusive process involving various stakeholders.
- Collaboration across administrative levels and ministries is essential.

Thank you for
your attention!



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