

Our Mission

Recognizing that the well-being of humankind is severely affected by climate change and biodiversity loss and that it depends on healthy and resilient ecosystems, the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development aims to constitute a cross-sectoral political platform to lead to the integration of these issues in the legislative activity of the European Parliament.

Our Approach

- Find and maintain a balance between environmental, social and economic needs.
- Mainstream climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development issues into relevant EU policies (agriculture, forestry and fisheries etc.).
- Increase the focus of EU decision-making on climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development.

Your Opportunity

- To contribute to the work of the European Parliament.
- To listen, interact and exchange with MEPs, NGOs, the private sector and renowned experts in the presence of the European Commission and Presidency representatives.
- To share your concerns and knowledge.
- To jointly develop strategies.

Established in 1994 at EBCD's initiative with the support of IUCN, the cross-party and cross-committee Intergroup on Sustainable Development of the European Parliament has provided a forum for MEPs to learn, debate and create policy geared towards sustainable development.

It was renamed in February 2009 as the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development to provide an even stronger focus on the two most fundamental environmental if not societal challenges of the coming decades: biodiversity loss and climate change.

With the support of four main political groups and MEPs of all political colours, the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development remains the largest and most influential Intergroup within the European Parliament.

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EBCD, European Bureau for Conservation and Development, is a Brussels-based international environmental NGO which was set up in 1989 to promote conservation and sustainable management of renewable natural resources.



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IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges.



European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development are the greatest challenges of our time and essential elements of the EU and international political agendas.

The European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development brings together Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from all political groups to discuss solutions to these challenges. Parliamentarians learn, debate and form ideas and policies in a cross-sectoral and cross-party manner, making use of outside expertise and participation of stakeholders and the Presidency.

"The Union [...] shall work for the sustainable development of Europe based on balanced economic growth and price stability, a highly competitive social market economy, aiming at full employment and social progress, and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment [...]"

Article 3(3) of the consolidated Treaty of Lisbon



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MEETING CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Working Groups:

Agriculture

Forestry

Energy

Transport and Tourism

Islands and Overseas Entities

Cooperation and Development

Water

Fisheries and Aquaculture

Maritime Affairs

Arctic

Mediterranean



Chair of the Intergroup:
MEP Struan Stevenson
(UK, ECR, PECH Committee)



Chair:
MEP Luís Manuel Capoulas Santos
(Portugal, S&D, AGRI Committee)

Retargeting the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013, Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy



Chair:
MEP Gaston Franco
(France, EPP, ITRE Committee)

Promoting forestry conservation and sustainable exploitation



Chair:
MEP Vittorio Prodi
(Italy, S&D, ENVI Committee)

Meeting and going beyond the 3x20% target



Chair:
MEP Dieter-Lebrecht Koch
(Germany, EPP, TRAN Committee)

Developing sustainable transport and tourism



Chairs:
MEP Spyros Danellis
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MEP Maurice Ponga
(France, EPP, DEVE Committee)

Improving territorial cohesion



Chair:
MEP Charles Goerens
(Luxembourg, ALDE, DEVE Committee)

Achieving Millennium Development Goal 7



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(Spain, EPP, ENVI Committee)

Promoting sustainable water management



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Ensuring sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy



Chair:
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Tackling maritime challenges



Chair:
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Achieving sustainable growth of the Arctic



Chair:
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Ensuring harmonious development of the Mediterranean

Food security
Agricultural systems for Europe
Agriculture in developing countries
Innovation/Biotechnologies
Organic food
Food safety/Food quality
Energy and biofuels

Deforestation/Illegal logging
EU Forest Strategy
Wood energy
Forest protection against calamities
Payments in relation to carbon fixation
Rural development
Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

Smart and super grids
Securing raw materials supply
Energy savings/Energy efficiency
Externalities
Technologies transfer
Sustainability of nuclear energy
Smart cities
Micro generation

Sustainable tourism
Decarbonisation of transport
Future of transports
Technologies transfer
Intelligent Transport System
External costs of transport
Urban mobility projects
Air emissions

The coherence of the Natura 2000 network
Desertification
EU Overseas Countries and Territories and Outermost Regions
Specific fund for biodiversity
Network and regional cooperation
Redefinition of less favourable areas

Access to renewable energy
Efficient use of resources
EU Sustainable Development Strategy
Climate justice
Global governance
Revision of the Cotonou Agreement

Water use efficiency/Water shortage
Water quality
Water footprint
Use of natural resources
Hydropower energy
Global governance of water
Water Framework Directive

Aquaculture
IUU fishing
Discards
Relations with third countries
Industrial versus artisanal fisheries

Ship emissions
Ship recycling
Off shore energy
Invasive alien species
Emission trading system
Maritime Spatial Planning
Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Use of living resources
Transport
Energy
Rights of indigenous communities
Research/Science
Tourism
Education

Research, policy and raising awareness
Seamounts and canyons
Governance
Marine Protected Areas
Transport
Water management
Forestry