



Manual of European Environmental Policy

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Anticipated policy developments

Forthcoming Policy contains two Sections: A section on 'Proposed Policy' briefly summarises items of potential legislation formally proposed by the European Commission and awaiting adoption by the Council and Parliament. If adopted, these measures will be covered in more detail in the relevant sections of the *Manual*. 'Anticipated Policy' contains proposals not yet formally presented by the Commission but noted as being under development in, for example Environmental Action Programmes, the annual Programmes of the Commission, or in Declarations of the Council, or replies to questions in Parliament.

We provide here a list of proposals for EU environmental legislation that are being developed. It only includes those items where there has been a clear indication that new, or revised, law is forthcoming. It does not assume, for example, that a review period in a Directive would lead inevitably to revised legislation.

Air quality

Revision of the [National Emissions Ceilings Directive](#).

Amendment to [Directive 2005/33/EC on sulphur content of marine fuels](#) so as to align EU legislation with international standards.

Revision of EU [Air Quality policy](#).

Water and marine policy

Revision of the [Drinking Water Directive](#).

Blueprint to safeguard Europe's waters (see section on [Overview of EU Policy - Water and Marine](#)).

Waste policy

Directive amending [Directive 86/278/EEC on sewage sludge](#) with the aim of promoting the use of sludge on non-agricultural land.

Planned legislation on safety rules for ship dismantling.

Chemicals and hazardous substances policy

Amendments to Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 on persistent organic pollutants (see section on [international cooperation and conventions: hazardous substances and pesticides](#)).

Noise Policy

Regulation setting common noise assessment methods to be used by Member States (see section on [assessment and management of noise](#)).

Revision of the [outdoor equipment noise emissions Directive](#).

Supporting policy for the environment

Revision, including possible changes to type of legal instrument, of [Recommendation 2001/331/EC providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections](#).

Review of the [Environmental Impact Assessment](#) Directive

Review of the [Environmental Liability Directive](#).

Sectoral policies

Forestry: [Update EU Forest Strategy in 2012-2013](#).

Forestry: Review of the Forestry Action Plan

[Energy](#): regulatory framework for smart Grids in the EU.