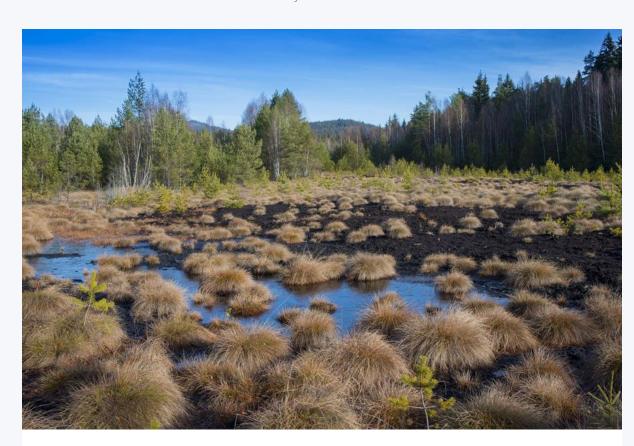


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Climate mitigation potential of large-scale nature restoration in Europe This study and its accompanying analysis explore the climate mitigation potential of restoring

the habitats protected under the EU Habitats Directive. As part of this, the feasibility of ranking these habitats based on the climate mitigation benefits of their restoration is evaluated.

The European Commission is expected to propose a set of legally binding nature restoration

targets on 23 March 2022. Alongside their primary objective to restore degraded ecosystems for nature, the targets will address habitats with the greatest potential to capture and store carbon, thereby contributing to the achievement of both EU biodiversity and EU climate goals. This creates a great opportunity for Member States to design restoration plans which maximise synergies between climate adaptation and biodiversity conservation, including restoration of habitats protected under Annex I of the Habitats Directive.

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The new EU Soil strategy offers a policy framework to achieve good soil health in Europe by 2050. To reach this goal, there is a

Building robust and coherent soil

protection by 2050

strong need to ensure an effective legal framework for soils coherent with other key EU policies such as the proposal for a nature restoration law, the CAP, and the LULUCF regulation. Read the blog Politics over science: Nuclear and



the EU's green taxonomy threatens sustainable finance and Europe's climate ambitions. Read the blog by Dr. Ben Allen

fossil gas in the Taxonomy

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Carbon farming: Making agriculture

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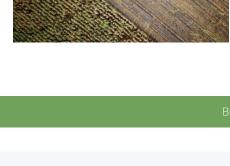


uncertain mitigation potential in the EU, can deliver co-benefits to farmers and society, but also carries risks that need to be

Carbon farming offers significant but

managed. Read the report Designing environmental regulation of agricultural imports

This Think Piece examines the potential for designing Core Environmental Standards (CES) to agri-food products and aims to offer



some practical ideas for bringing environmental standards into UK trade

policy. Read the think piece



research organisations (think tanks, University research centres and NGOs) working towards the aim of

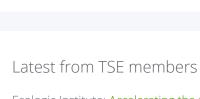
developing a positive agenda for the greening of trade policies in the EU and beyond.

GREEN TRADE NETWORK

In the first edition of the newsletter, we will look back at some of the most crucial moments of the past few months, including the European Parliament's discussions on the design of the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), as well as on the Commission's initiative on imported deforestation, and the release of the sustainable corporate governance initiative (due diligence) on 23 February. The editorial will also examine the key issues and challenges for the year ahead. We will guide our readers through the trade priorities of the French Presidency of the Council, as well as the conclusions of the EU-Africa summit, the preparation of the postponed WTO Ministerial Conference and many more issues at stake in 2022!

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recommendations.

Ecologic Institute: Accelerating the Global Transformation of Industry at the G7 IDDRI: <u>Design principles of a Carbon Farming Scheme in support of the Farm2Fork & FitFor55 objectives</u> SEI: Swedish policy positions and perspectives on CBAM

Ecologic Institute, the Green Tank, IDDRI, IISD, SEI, WiseEuropa and

TMG. The network aims to provide policymakers across the

continent with sound, science-based analysis and

Sustainable Development Foundation: <u>Italia del Riciclo 2021 (Italy of Recycling)</u> (executive summary in English <u>here</u>)

BC3: <u>Are Green Taxation and the Just Transition Compatible?</u>

The Green Tank: <u>Does Greece give priority to nature?</u>

IISD: <u>How to Enforce the Polluter-Pays Principle</u>

WiseEuropa: Coal's Swan Song. Systemic risks of delaying the restructuring of the mining and coal energy sectors in Poland

AMO - International Affairs Organization: <u>Climate Dividend in the Environment of Emission Trading in the</u>

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