



## February 2023 Newsletter



### EU countries could make better use of CAP money to help reach climate and biodiversity objectives

The latest reform of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) has introduced a new delivery model covering ten specific objectives, three of which are environmental and climate-related: climate action, the protection of natural resources, and the conservation of biodiversity.

Under this new structure, EU Member States are required to submit a National Strategic Plan presenting the country's needs for each specific objective, the interventions they plan to implement to address these needs, and the budget allocated to these interventions.

These four reports, prepared by IEEP in collaboration with the Ecologic Institute, look at the CAP Strategic Plans submitted by Member States with large agriculture sectors and where the potential for addressing national and EU climate and environmental challenges is high, namely [France](#), [Germany](#), [Poland](#), and [Spain](#).

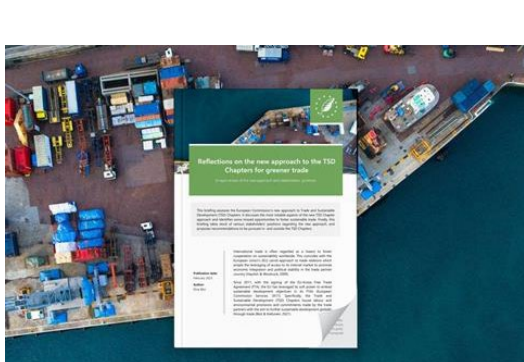
The main takeaway from this fourfold analysis: **countries are failing to address the urgency of the ecological transition of agri-food systems by not allocating enough money for interventions that could benefit the environment and climate.**

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#### Reducing the use of pesticides before new Commission mandates

The revision of the EU pesticides regulation is a crucial step in Green Deal implementation, yet it is also its most threatened piece of legislation. Postponing it presents a real risk for our ecosystems and public health. [Read the blog](#)



#### Reflections on the new approach to the TSD Chapters for greener trade

This briefing assesses the EC's new approach to TSD Chapters. It discusses the most notable aspects of its new approach and takes stock of stakeholders' positions on the subject. [Read the briefing](#)



#### The EU as a diplomatic leader in biodiversity negotiations

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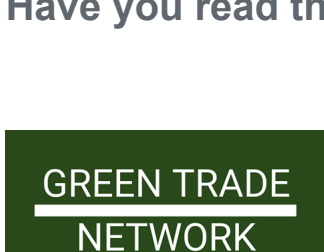


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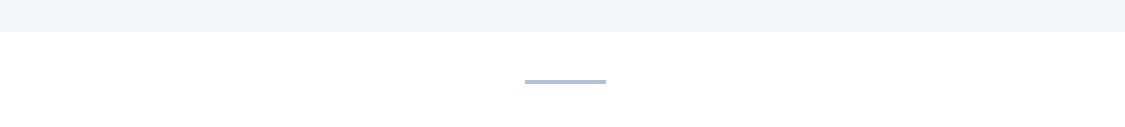
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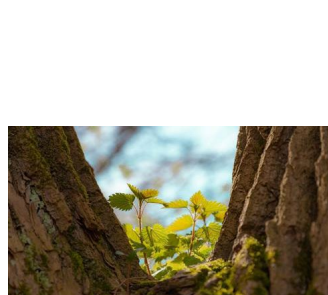


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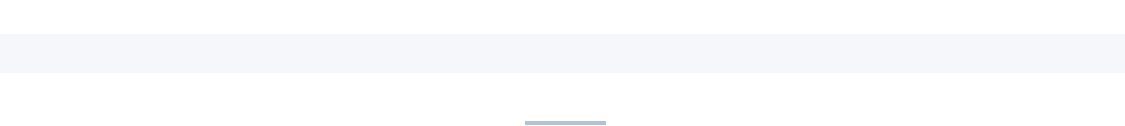
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