



So close yet so far towards an EU Nature Restoration Law

The future of the proposed EU Nature Restoration Law is very much at stake. As the text was making its way through the hurdles of the EU legislative process, last week saw both European Parliament's agriculture and fisheries committees issue their opinion votes whereby they rejected the ambitious proposals put forward last year, which had been [widely welcomed](#) by the scientific community. The environment committee, which is leading Parliament's work on the proposed legislation, will hold its crucial vote on 15 June.

Reluctance to the EU's proposed targets has also reared its head from national level, with EU leaders wary of the farming sector's reaction to this new legislation calling for a focus on tackling the block's greenhouse gas emissions instead. However, as it was stressed again by EEA's Hans Bruyninckx on Friday, nature restoration and emission reductions are very much interlinked and must be addressed if the EU is serious about its ambitions to achieve climate neutrality. Additional information as to how the Nature Restoration Law would contribute towards mitigating and adapting to climate change can be found in our [policy brief](#).

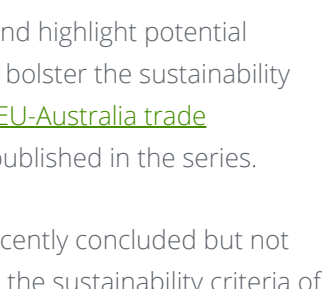
With regards to food security concerns, at the root of the current pushbacks, evidence [reviewed by IEEP](#) emphasises that the recovery of degraded agroecosystems can greatly contribute to making farming systems more resilient and more productive in the long run.

For a summary of the benefits of nature restoration for climate and agriculture, check out Monday's [Twitter thread](#) for International Biodiversity Day.

On a brighter note: in March of this year Greece became the first Member State to adopt a legally binding commitment to establish national monitoring to reverse the decline of pollinators, in line with the targets presented in the European Commission's text. This is a prime example of national endorsement of the Nature Restoration Law proposal. All the details can be found in [our new blog](#).

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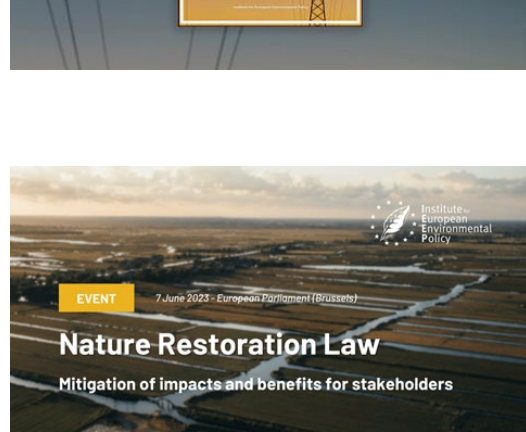
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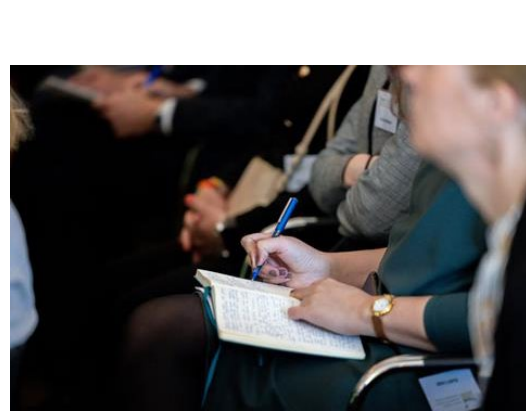
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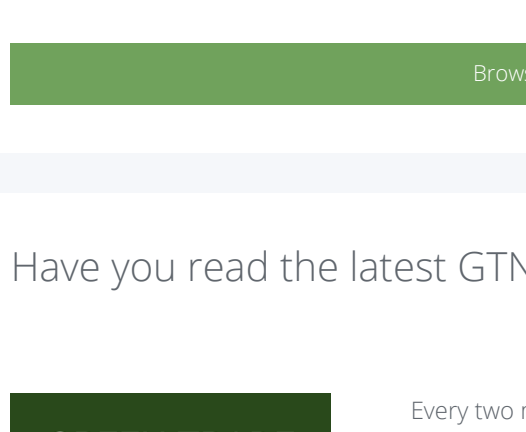
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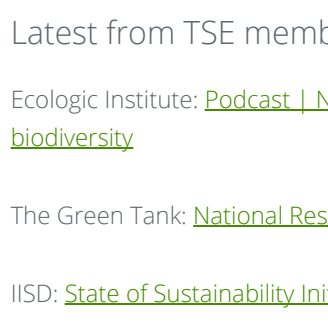
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