



8th EAP Mid-term Review

Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform

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The 8th Environment Action Programme (EAP) and its mid-term review



- Legally agreed framework for action on environment and climate policy until 2030, building on the European Green Deal.
- Key to achieving the **SDGs** and **multilateral** environmental and climate agreements as well as long-term resilience of the EU economy and society.
- Mid-term review required by **Article 5(1)** 8th EAP decision.
- **Adoption** by Commission on 13 March 2024 - COM(2024) 123 final and SWD(2024) 60

Key take aways on priority objectives:

Zero Pollution



- From tackling point sources of pollution to **systemic and comprehensive approach**
- **Increased ambition for the acquis:** extending scope (soils, forests, more polluting activities) and alignment with science (air, water)
- **Improved mainstreaming** (e.g. air in National Energy and Climate Plans and climate target in the Multiannual Financial Framework)
- Improved **knowledge base** (e.g. Zero Pollution Monitoring and Outlook)
- Increased uptake of the **polluter pays principle** (e.g. extended producer responsibility in revised Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive)
- Increased awareness on links between **pollution, human health and inequalities.**
- Dedicated rules on the most vulnerable in air quality, drinking water and urban wastewater legislation.

Conclusions

Building blocks for reaching 8th EAP 2030 objectives

- **Implementation** of EU climate and environmental legislation
- Increasing **synergies** between different priorities to accelerate reaching the targets
- Mobilizing **investments** (private and public)
- Anchoring climate and environment in **economic governance**
- Boosting **skills and talents** for green transition
- Ensuring **just transition** – including through dialogue and redistributive mechanisms to spread the costs and benefits equally across the population



Thank you

More here:

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