



# Biodiversity and Marine Protection in EUSAIR:

A contribution to EU biodiversity strategy 2030

A future EUSAIR for a Greener Agenda in the macro-region

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# The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

**CLIMATE  
PACT AND CLIMATE  
LAW**

**PROMOTING  
CLEAN  
ENERGY**

**INVESTING IN  
SMARTER, MORE  
SUSTAINABLE  
TRANSPORT**

**PROTECTING  
NATURE**

**STRIVING  
FOR GREENER  
INDUSTRY**

# The European Green Deal

**FROM FARM  
TO FORK**

**ELIMINATING  
POLLUTION**

**LEADING THE  
GREEN CHANGE  
GLOBALLY**

**ENSURING  
A JUST TRANSITION  
FOR ALL**

**MAKING  
HOMES ENERGY  
EFFICIENT**

**FINANCING  
GREEN  
PROJECTS**



# Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



Enable  
Transformative  
Change



Restore  
Nature



EU For An  
Ambitious Global  
Agenda



#COP15

Have restoration completed or underway on at least

**30%**

of degraded terrestrial, inland waters, & coastal & marine ecosystems



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Effective conservation & management of at least

**30%**

of the world's lands, inland waters, coastal areas and oceans...



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Reduce by

**HALF**

both excess nutrients and the overall risk posed by pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals



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Cut global food waste in

**HALF**

and significantly reduce overconsumption and waste generation



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# To remember...

TURN AT LEAST **30%** OF EU'S LAND AND **30%** OF SEAS INTO EFFECTIVELY MANAGED AND COHERENT PROTECTED AREAS

RESTORE **DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS** AND STOP ANY FURTHER DAMAGE TO NATURE

RESTORE AT LEAST **25000 KM** OF THE EU'S RIVERS TO BE FREE-FLOWING

REDUCE THE USE AND RISK OF PESTICIDES BY AT LEAST **50%**

TACKLE **BYCATCH** AND SEABED DAMAGE

REVERSE THE DECLINE OF **POLLINATORS**

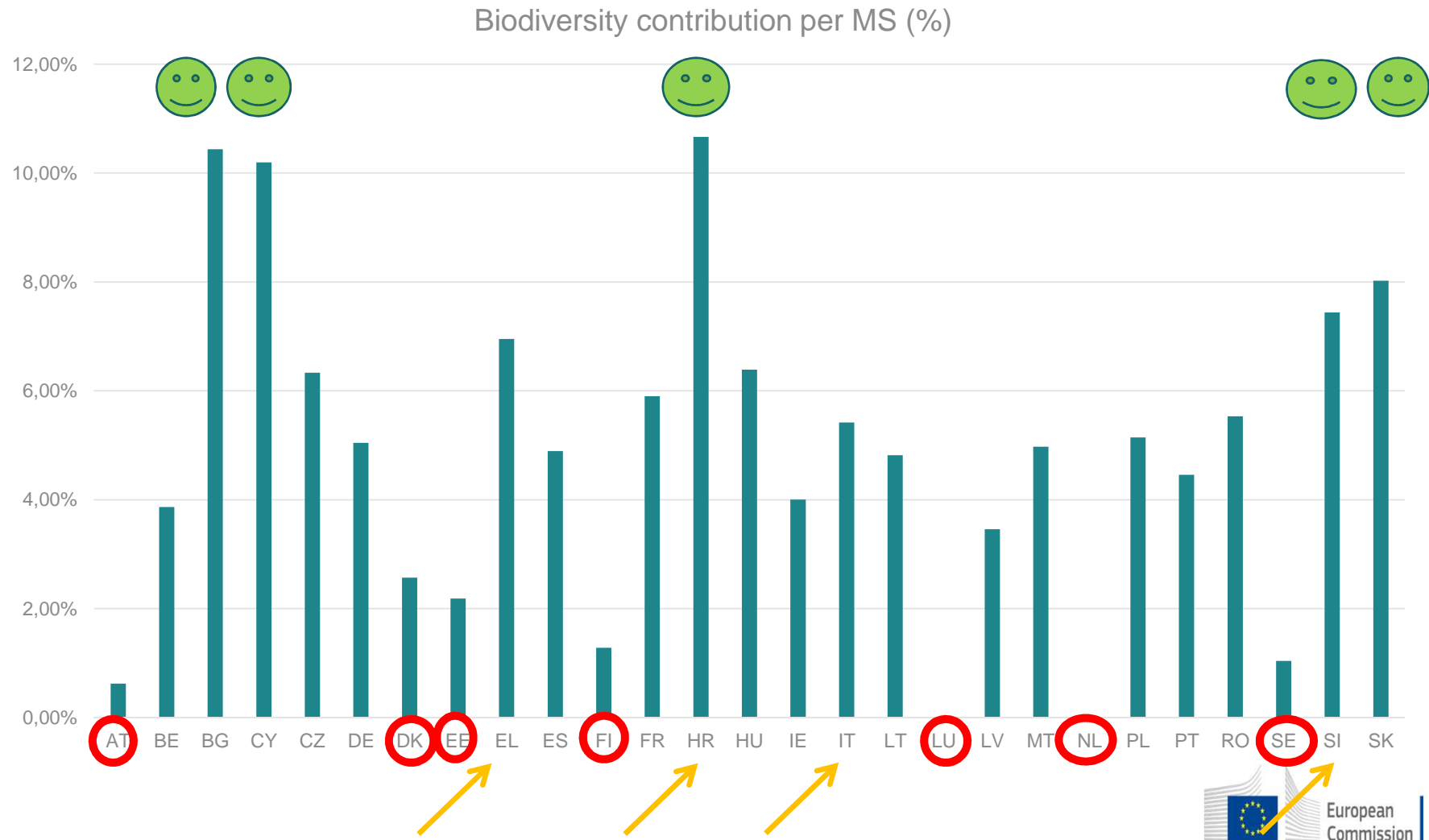
ESTABLISH BIODIVERSITY-RICH LANDSCAPE FEATURES ON AT LEAST **10%** OF FARMLAND

MANAGE **25%** OF AGRICULTURAL LAND UNDER ORGANIC FARMING, AND PROMOTE THE UPTAKE OF AGRO-ECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

PLANT OVER **3 BILLION** DIVERSE, BIODIVERSITY RICH TREES.



# 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy allocations to biodiversity





## 2 EUSAIR under revision



# Revision of EUSAIR: state of play and main points of discussion

- Input papers almost finalised
- Main points of discussion:
  - **Social Dimension in the EUSAIR:** Introduction of the 5th Pillar
  - **Continental (green) component**
  - **Enlargement:** new key cross-cutting topic
  - **Other new cross-cutting topics:** skills, youth, digitalisation, circular economy, smart specialisation, capacity building

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The EUSAIR should have a more distinct value!

# IPA Adrion & EUSAIR MRS facilitating the Enlargement process of the Western Balkans

- A regional dimension that reconnects the WB to the EU;
- A horizontal cooperation based on equal footing;
- A convergence of interests on the enlargement between EU member and IPA countries;
- A capacity building effect;
- An emphasis on the relevance of territorial cooperation and cohesion;
- An inclusive approach towards stakeholders with participatory processes (consultation, engagement and mobilisation).



# EUSAIR expected achievements and value

## Key Achievements

- Increase in cooperation capacity (generation of joint actions/policy)
- Increase in dialogue
- Bringing actors together
  - Across countries and sectors
  - Across levels comes with maturity (time) and capacity
- Cooperation with the EC is a sign of maturity.

## Added-value


- Cooperation brings legitimacy to the work - key added value.
- Working with issue on a transnational basis can increase awareness and attention (nationally).
- Facilitate synergies across sectors (closely linked with policy dialogue).

# Why is EUSAIR so needed?

## 1. The EUSAIR is strategic, political, not bureaucratic (through the 3 NOs rule ) and reversible:

- It allows a **sector by sector integration** (currently mainly in the areas of environment, climate change, connectivity, energy, transport and innovation).
- It is built on **participatory approaches** which bring together different perspectives in scoping and approaching the challenge, and work both by on the level of policy and that of action on the ground.
- Finding and financing common solutions require **aligning different funding sources**, too – another reason to bring together various partners with access to funding, on national, regional and local levels. -> Embedding process is critical.


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2. The revised approach we suggest through EUSAIR would strengthen the much-needed **feeling of ownership of the process, of acceptance and equality**, the lack of which is the strongest argument of anti-EU forces in the IPA countries.

*“If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together.”*

*African proverb*



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a black sleeveless top, black pants, and black boots, is captured in a dynamic pose against a bright yellow wooden plank wall. She is holding a purple umbrella with her right hand, and her left arm is extended outwards. The text "Any Questions?" is overlaid in white on the image.

Any Questions?

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on solidarity

# Thank you

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