

# Polish Presidency Of The Council Of The European Union

Summary of activities in the Working Party “ENVI”



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## **7 security dimensions:**

- external
- internal
- information
- economic
- energy
- food
- health

**Polish presidency logo:**



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**Polish presidency motto:**

**SECURITY, EUROPE!**



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# Environment & Climate Programme

**Actions to build the  
resilience to  
climate change for  
the environment  
and society**

**Tangible benefits  
to societies  
brought by healthy  
and stable  
ecosystems**

**Legislative  
proposals dealing  
with access to  
critical resources,  
such as water and  
soil**



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# TENTATIVE COUNCIL AGENDAS

## ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL 27 MARCH 2025 BRUSSELS

Environment dimension of the Clean  
Industrial Deal (proposal pending)  
- Policy debate

Current legislative proposals – *Info from PRES*

## ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL 17 JUNE 2025 LUXEMBOURG

ELV - *General approach*

ECL (proposal pending) - *Policy debate*

(poss.) EU NDC – *Approval*

Water resilience (initiative pending) - *Exchange  
of views*

INF. ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL – WARSAW 28-29 APRIL 2025



Provisional  
DK dates:

informal  
ministerial  
meeting: 10  
to 11 July

ENVI Council:  
21.10  
(Luxembourg)

ENVI Council:  
16.12  
(Brussels)



# LEGISLATIVE FILES

## TRILOGUES:

1) Waste Framework Directive

2) Soil monitoring law

3) Green Claims Directive

4) Priority substances in water Directive

5) Regulation on Reducing Microplastic Pollution (plastic pellets)

6) 'One substance one assessment' (OSOA) package

## Council:

7) End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation – General approach

8) OTHER – poss.: 2040 Climate target



## **MAIN EVENTS:**

**Climate Ambassadors Meeting – 22 Jan, Warsaw**

**Climate Workshop – 28-29 Jan, Gdańsk**

**Directors-General for Environment Meeting – 18 Feb, Warsaw**

**Forum Mission Adaptation to climate change – 6-9 May, Wrocław**

**Directors-General for Forestry Meeting – 13-15 May, Sękocin Stary**

**Directors for Nature & Forestry Combined Meeting – 15 May, Warsaw**

**Water and Marine Directors' Meeting – 28-29 May, Warsaw**

**Conference Science and innovation for resilient forests – 28-30 May, Sękocin Stary**



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# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

COP 16 R2 -Second resumed session of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Rome  
25-27  
February 2025

Triple Conference of the Parties to the Basel (COP 17), Rotterdam (COP 12) and Stockholm (COP 12) Conventions

Geneva  
28 April  
- 9 May 2025



## INDICATIVE LIST OF DG ENV INITIATIVES FORESEEN FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2025<sup>1</sup>

### LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

- BBNJ (Proposal for a directive implementing the UN agreement on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction in the European Union)

### IMPORTANT NON-LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

- Competitiveness Compass (links to ENV policy)
- Vision for Agriculture and Food (links to ENV policy)
- Clean Industrial Deal (links to ENV policy)
- Adoption of the Work Program under the Ecodesign Regulation (with DG GROW and ENER)
- Environment implementation review 2025
- Communication on a Water Resilience Strategy

## **INDICATIVE LIST OF COMMISSION PROPOSALS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE PL PRESIDENCY<sup>1</sup>**

### **Under Article 218(2) to (6) TFEU**

- Draft Council of Europe Convention on protection of the environment through criminal law possible Council decision for signature (and eventually conclusion)
  - *This is a file co-led by DG ENV and DG JUST. It takes place in a different Council Working Party (that for JUST)*
  - *Negotiations on substance have taken place and the operational text and explanatory memorandum has been agreed*
  - The Convention is likely to be adopted in early 2025 and be opened for signatures in spring 2025

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### **Under Article 218(9) TFEU, “Positions of the Union on decisions with legal effects”**

- Basel Convention, COP 17, May 2025, Geneva, Switzerland
  - *Proposal for a submission by the Union concerning amending the list of waste covered by the Convention (tbc)*
- Rotterdam Convention, COP 12, May 2025, Geneva, Switzerland
  - *Proposal for a Council Decision to establish the position to be adopted at COP12 on behalf of the Union as regards the listing of chemicals*
- Stockholm Convention, COP 12, May 2025, Geneva, Switzerland
  - *Proposal for a Council Decision to establish the position to be adopted at COP12 on behalf of the Union as regards the listing of chemicals*
  - *Possible proposal for a submission by the Union concerning the listing of D4, D5 and D6 in Annex B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants*
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), COP 15, March 2026, Brazil
  - *Proposal for a submission, on behalf of Union to amend Appendix I / Appendix II (to be confirmed) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

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- OSPAR ministerial, 23-27 June 2025, (26 June: Ministerial segment):
  - *Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union as regards OSPAR DECISION on the enlargement of the OSPAR Maritime Area;*
  - *Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union as regards OSPAR Decision 2025/XX on the restriction of non-coated expanded polystyrene (EPS), non-coated extruded polystyrene (XPS), and any other form of non-coated foamed plastic in pontoons and buoys, to prevent the release of EPS, XPS and other forms of foamed plastic reaching the marine environment*
  - *Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union as regards OSPAR Decision 202x/xx on ship EGCS discharge water management*

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### **Under the procedure for non-binding instruments<sup>2</sup>**

Potentially: any political statement or initiative by the Union to stimulate progress towards completion of the Plastics Agreement at INC 5.2 and CBD COP 16.2 (Rome, 25-27 February 2025)

### **To be determined**

- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
  - o *Possible declaration by the EU as an affected Party under the Convention*
- OSPAR ministerial, 23-27 June 2025, (26 June: Ministerial segment):
  - o *Numerous other items on the OSPAR Ministerial agenda to be determined for which an information note will be sent to the Council probably in January*

## **INDICATIVE DG CLIMA'S PROGRAMME FOR FIRST HALF 2025**

### **1. 2040 climate target**

As stated in the Commission's Political Guidelines, the Commission is working towards a proposal for a targeted amendment of the European Climate Law to include the 2040 climate target for the EU as an interim target to climate neutrality by 2050, which is linked to the EU's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC.

### **2. EU ETS link with the Swiss ETS**

A proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emission trading systems is foreseen to be adopted, as regards amending Annexes to the Agreement. The purpose of the proposed changes to the Annexes is to reflect the legislative changes introduced by the Fit for 55 package. The legal basis of the proposed decision is Article 192(1) TFEU, in conjunction with Article 218(9) TFEU.