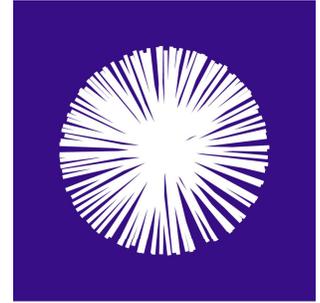


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7th EU Environmental Action Programme

The EEB have been doing quite a lot of work on this, but so far, the Commission has not confirmed it will develop such a 7EAP. Despite this the EEB will be hosting a conference jointly with the Belgian presidency in November 2010. It'll be free to attend, although delegates will need to meet own travel and accommodation costs.

New UK MEP?

18 new MEPs are being created under the Lisbon Treaty. One of these 18 seats will be in the UK. The decision on which region would gain a MEP was delayed until after the General Election. One we'll be keeping an eye on amidst the reform of UK politics.

Bluefin Tuna

A new system for tracking bluefin tuna from catch to sale, so as to protect Atlantic stocks, was voted on, on the 17th June. The new rules will require documentation at every stage, including caging, harvesting, importing, exporting and re-exporting, so as to ensure complete and reliable traceability. If agreement can be reached, they would come into effect for the next tuna fishing season,

Following reports that the tuna quotas have been reached already for this year and the European Commission has imposed a ban on bluefin tuna fishing this year from 9 June 2010 (the season was due to end on 15 June).

More: [BBC News](#) on early close | [Parliament press release](#) on new tracking |

George Lyon MEP's CAP Report

George Lyon, Liberal Democrat MEP for Scotland, has been appointed by the European Agriculture Committee to draft a report setting out the Committee's priorities for the

upcoming reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. The joint LINKs have met with and written to Lyon twice during the drafting of the report.

The report will be presented to the Agriculture committee this week (Thursday 8th July).

More: [LINKs Letters to George Lyon](#) | [Draft Report](#)

2. The European Commission

Eurobarometer Poll on Biodiversity & Agriculture

The European Commission has published a Eurobarometer survey which shows that many Europeans do not understand what is meant by biodiversity and do not feel well informed about biodiversity loss. Only 38% of Europeans know the meaning of the term, although another 28% have heard of it but do not know its meaning. A majority feel that biodiversity loss is a serious issue, although they do not think they will be personally affected by the decline.

Also recently released was a survey on Cap and Agriculture

See also: [Press Release](#) (bio) | [Draft Report – Attitude of Europeans on Biodiversity](#) | [Europeans, Agriculture and the Common Agricultural Policy](#)

Consultations - EU Strategy on Invasive Species

The EU consultation on Invasive species strategy is currently open – It's open until September, but you need to register by 14 July to attend the consultation meetings

The Commission Communication "[Towards an EU Strategy on Invasive Species](#)" noted that while EU instruments exist to deal with other drivers of biodiversity loss - habitat change, climate change, overexploitation and pollution – there is currently no comprehensive instrument at EU level to tackle invasive species. The Environment Council, the Committee of Regions and the European Social and Economic Committee all called for an effective strategy. The Commission intends to bring forward this strategy in 2011, as a component of the post-2010 biodiversity strategy. The objective of the consultation is to obtain a representative picture of the positions of relevant stakeholders and to collect the views of the participants on the future strategy.

More: [Consultation Webpage](#)

3. The European Council

Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

The council has **adopted** the EPBD which aims to clarify, strengthen and extend the scope of the current Directive [2002/91/EC](#) and to reduce the large differences between Member states' practices in this sector.

Its provisions address different regulatory and information-based instruments and cover energy needs for space and hot water heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting for new and existing, residential and nonresidential buildings. It prescribes that all new buildings must be nearly zero energy buildings by 31 December 2020, that Member States should set

intermediate targets for 2015, and that new buildings occupied and owned by public authorities have to be nearly zero energy buildings after 31 December 2018.

The substance of the directive was agreed between the European Parliament and Council in November 2009 but the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty on 1 December 2009 required modifications concerning in particular the adaptation of the legal basis and the comitology provisions.

11th June Environment Council Meeting

The Environment council met on the 11th June in Luxembourg. The UK was represented by Chris Huhne, Lord Henley and Stewart Stevenson. The 3 main items under discussion were;

- climate targets - where they decided they wanted more info on what extending targets would mean
- Water – drought planning, with some resolutions adopted.
- Forestry – preparing forests for climate change

More: [Council Press Release](#) | [EEB Pre-meet Press Release](#)

4. European Environmental Bureau (EEB) News

Press Releases

- European Commission delays air pollution legislation, yet again (2nd July)
- EU paves the way for better e-waste management 23rd June
- 18th June EU puts industry interests first
- 10th June New EU biofuel sustainability rules 'missing the point'
- 10th June EU Ministers must take action on biowaste and hazardous substances
- 7th June Aiming high for a robust mercury treaty
- 2nd June EU takes tentative steps towards greener electronics
- 28th May EU must find new solutions for energy reduction

EEB In Brief

In-brief is the EEB round up of environmental developments from across Europe.

InBrief -2010/9

- Ocean2012
- UNHRC – getting right to healthy environment in
- Access to Documents – one for the geeks
- Zero Mercury

InBrief -2010/8

- Sustainable production and consumption
- Energy Strategy Consultation
- REACH
- Zero Mercury

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