



Nature and the EU Restoration Law

What can the Labour Government take from Europe to deliver on its five environmental priorities?

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Restoring nature is about our future



Preservation

... is about preventing and protection from ongoing degradation.

Restoration

... seeks to revers the damage caused.

- changing the status quo
- active engagement
- future oriented

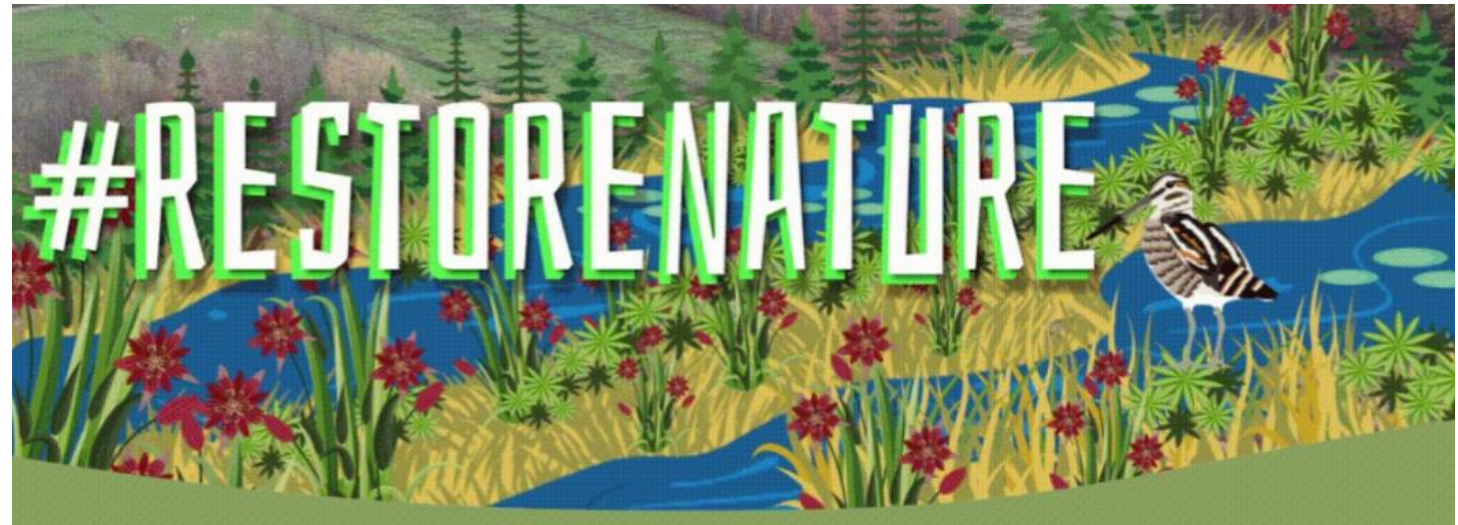


Importance of restoring nature



The decision to restore nature in the EU is

- a) a recognition that something went wrong in the use of our land and oceans,
- b) a recognition to change and
- c) a recognition of bringing back (more) nature.



About the EU Nature Restoration Law/NRL (1)



About the EU Nature Restoration Law/NRL (2)



Article 1.2.

“This **Regulation** establishes a framework...to put in place effective and **area based** restoration measures...at least **20% of land areas and at least 20% of seas by 2030...**”

Article 16:

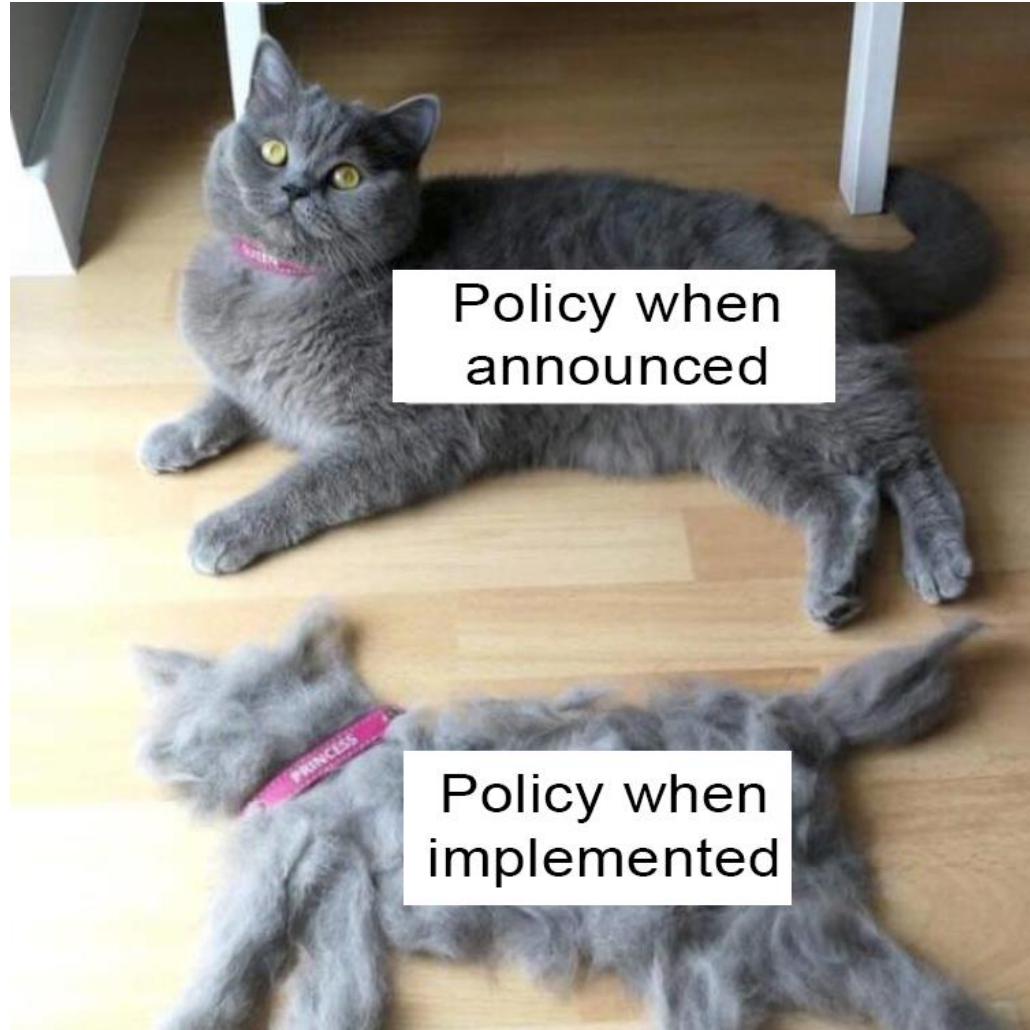
“Each Member State shall submit a draft of the **national restoration** plan to the Commission **by 1 September 2026.**”



EU legislation can provide some stability






Our next challenge

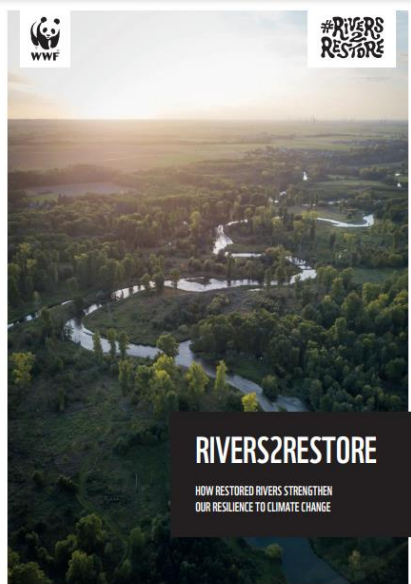


























Rivers2Restore sites



12 R2R sites

-  2 - dam removal
-  6 - lateral connectivity and/or floodplain restoration
-  4 - both



-  Palokinkoski rapids 
-  Dienvidsusēja 
-  Geul 
-  Ammer 
-  Belá 
-  Morava 
-  Danube delta 
-  Mura-Drava 
-  Adige 
-  Kalentzis 
-   Vascão
-   Guadalquivir

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

