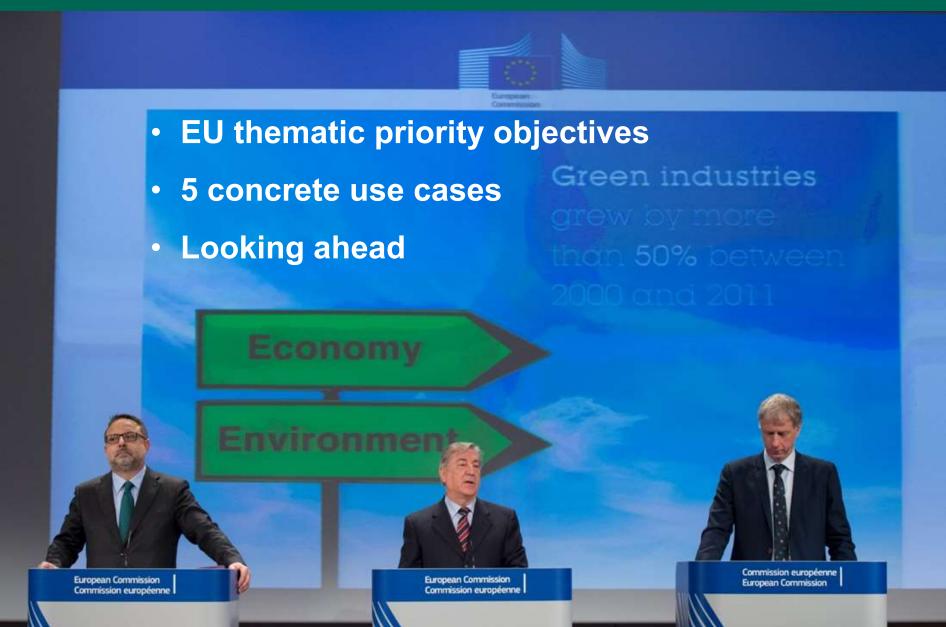
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Use of Copernicus land monitoring service to support environmental policies in Europe

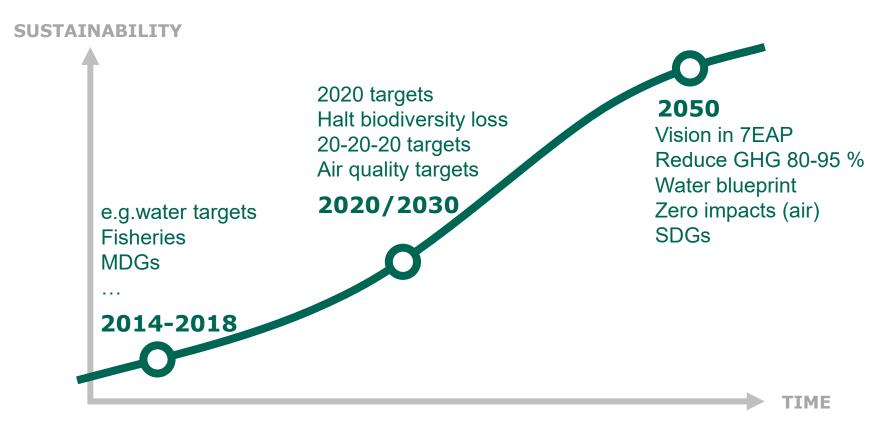




Outline



The developing policy framework



2014-2018 thematic policies timelines and deadlines.

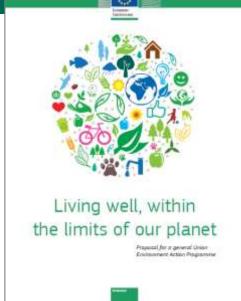
2020/2030 comprehensive policies (Europe 2020, 7th EAP), or specific targets.

2050 long-term visions and targets with a societal transition perspective.

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EU thematic priority objectives





2. Turn the EU into a resourceefficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy

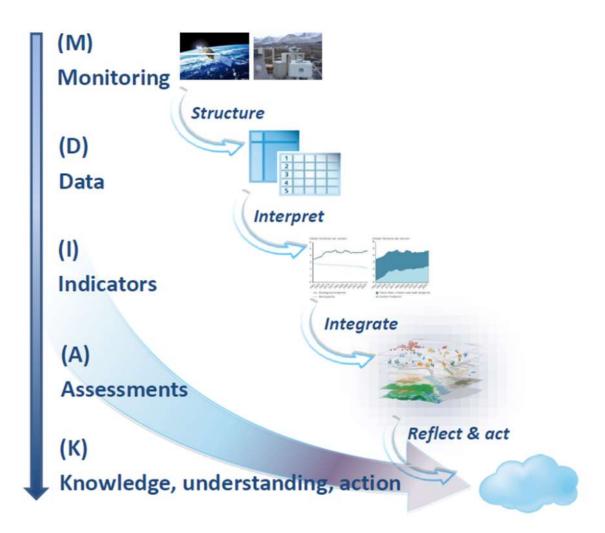
3. Safeguard EU citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing





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Sentinel-2&3 for evidence based decision making







Developing a sustainable urban environment





Copernicus Urban Atlas

Copernicus Land Monitoring Services



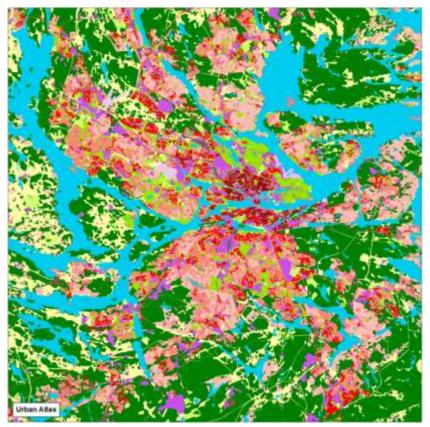
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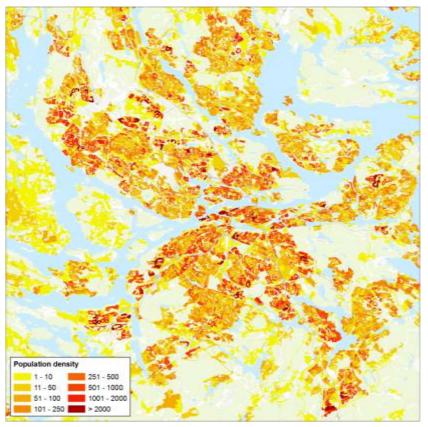




Urban Atlas



Population by block



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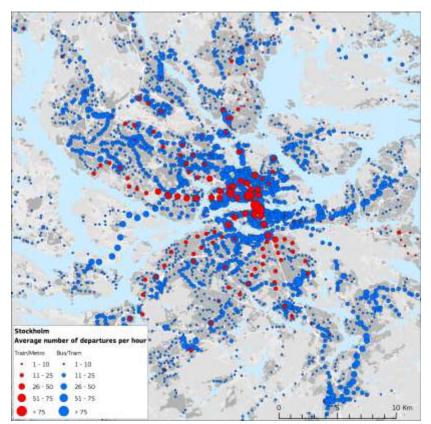


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Frequency of departures

Average number of departures per hour

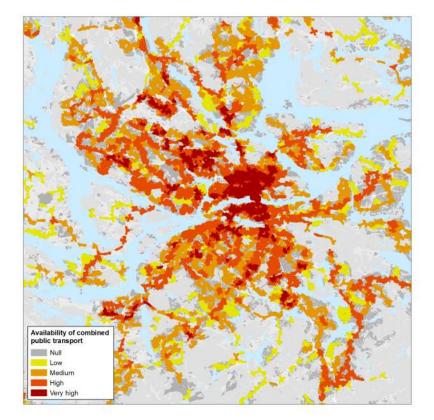
- Location of all public transport stops
- Timetables in 2 groups:
 - bus and tram
 - train and metro
- For each stop:
 average number of departures
 an hour between 6:00 and
 20:00 on a normal weekday

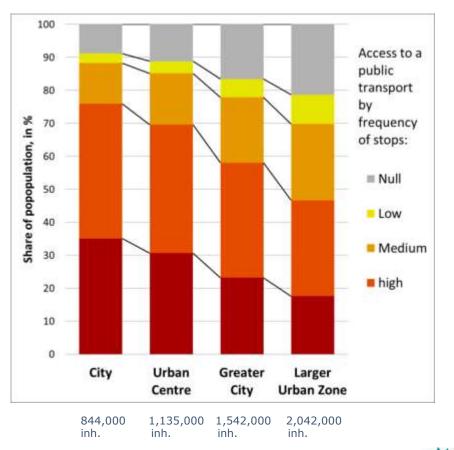




Access to public transport and its frequency

• Availability of combined public transport

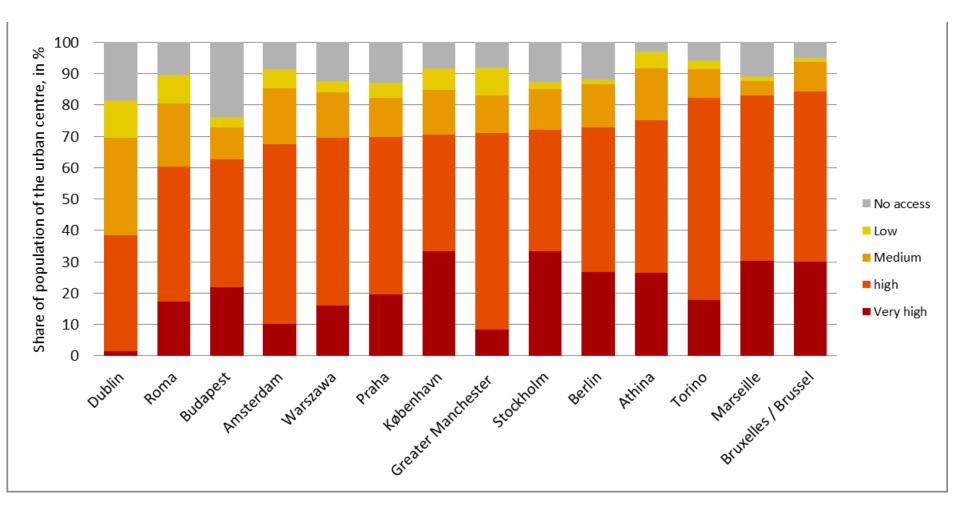




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Access to public transport in large European cities

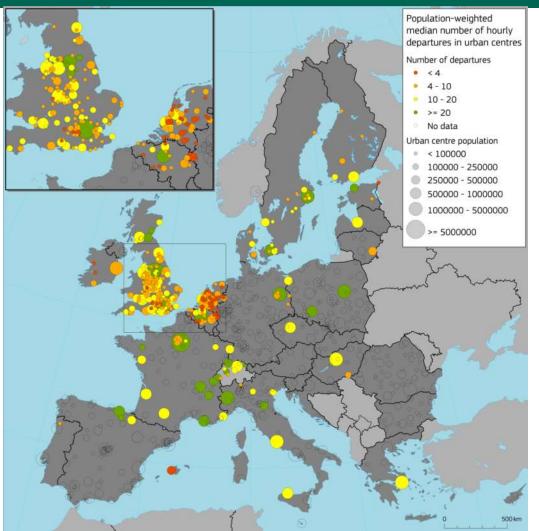




Median number of departures an hour

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- Number of departures to which 50% of the urban population has easy access
 - Varies between 7 and 33 departures in bigger cities
 - Between 4 and 35 in medium-sized cities





Climate impacts and adaptation

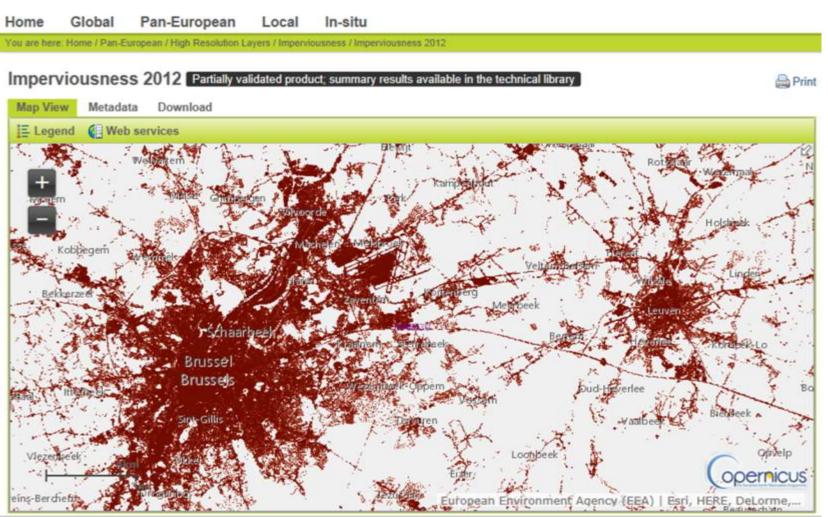






Copernicus imperviousness service – soil sealing

Copernicus Land Monitoring Services

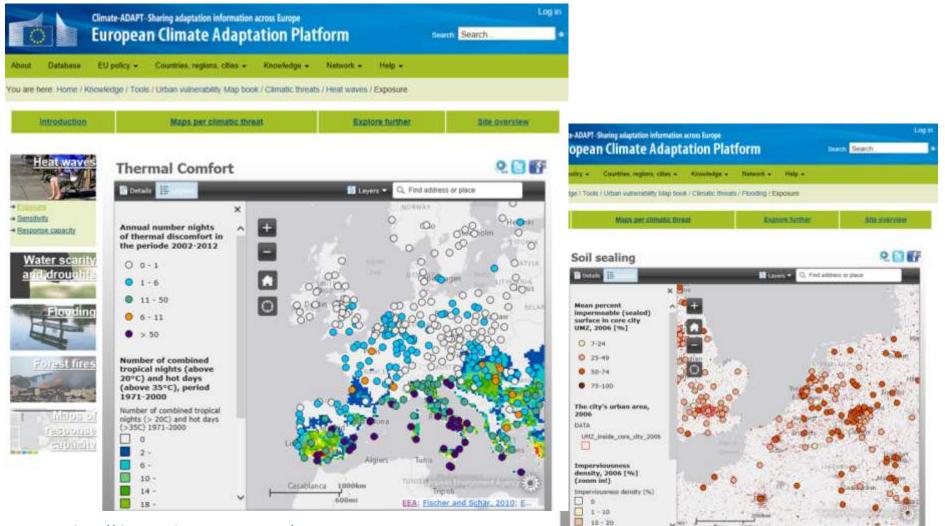


Source: Land.copernicus.europa.eu





Urban vulnerability mapping



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Source: http://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/





EEA: Histher and Schar 2010

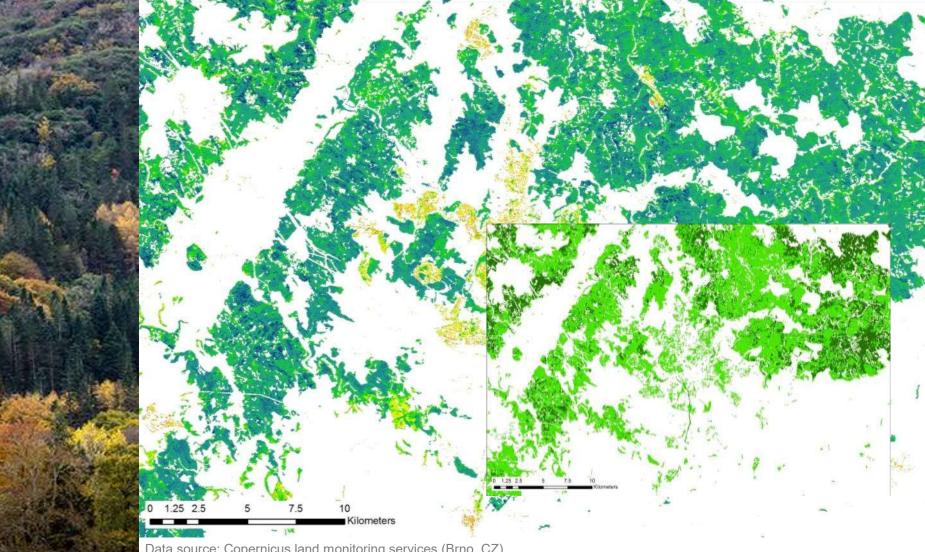
Natural capital accounting







Copernicus forest type and tree cover density monitoring



Data source: Copernicus land monitoring services (Brno, CZ)

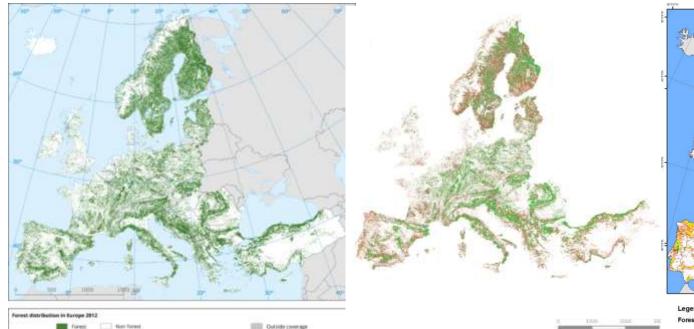


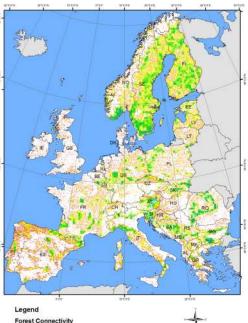
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Forest infrastructure, fragmentation and connectivity based on Copernicus Land Monitoring Service





Source: Copernicus HRL forest EEA, 2013-2015

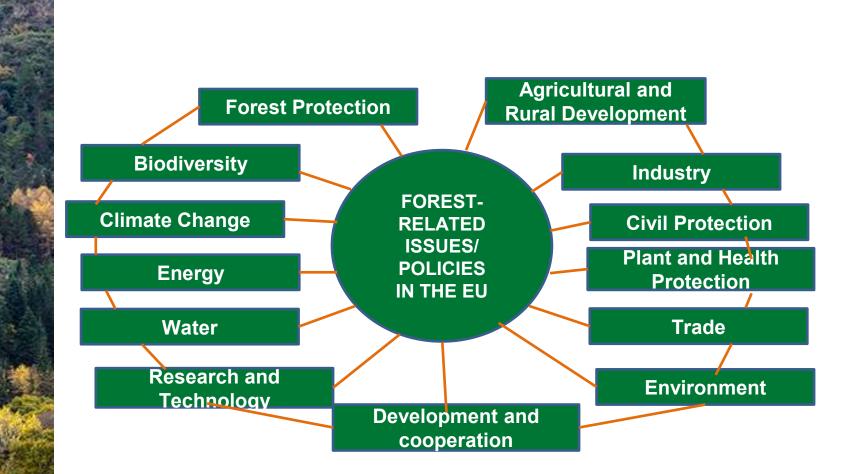
	Policies	Area	Area change	Biomass	Fragmentation
Reporting obligations	FRA/RSS	У	У	n	-
	CBD	n	n	n	У
	KP	У	У	n	-
	LULUCF	У	У	n	-
	Forest Europe	n	n	n	У
	Natura 2000	n	n	-	-
	EU BD 2020	У	У	n	У
	САР	n	n	n	-





Increasing need for forest information

los Farias Pardo,





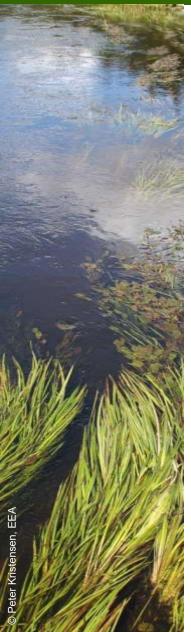
Mapping ecosystem services

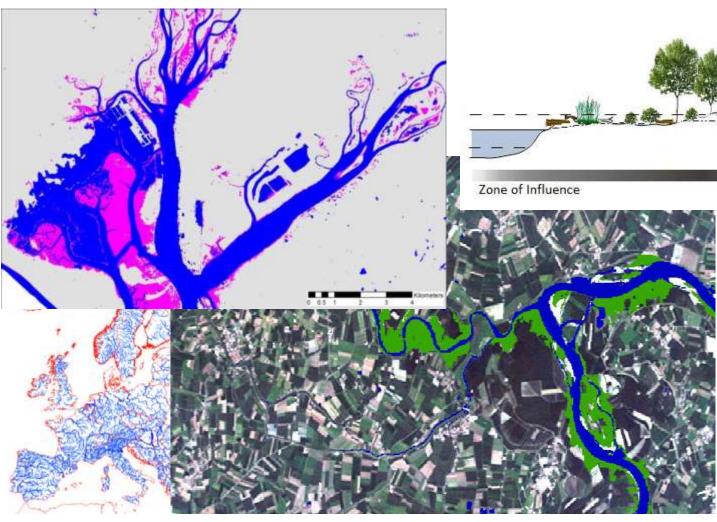






Copernicus land cover change monitoring in wetlands and riparian zones





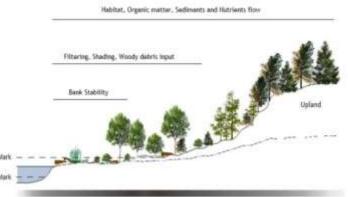
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Copernicus land cover change monitoring in wetlands and riparian zones

- Regulation of water flows
- Moderation of extreme events
- Erosion prevention
- Climate regulation
- Maintenance of soil fertility
- Maintenance of life cycles of migratory species (incl. nursery service)
- Aesthetic information
- Recreation and tourism



Zane of Influence

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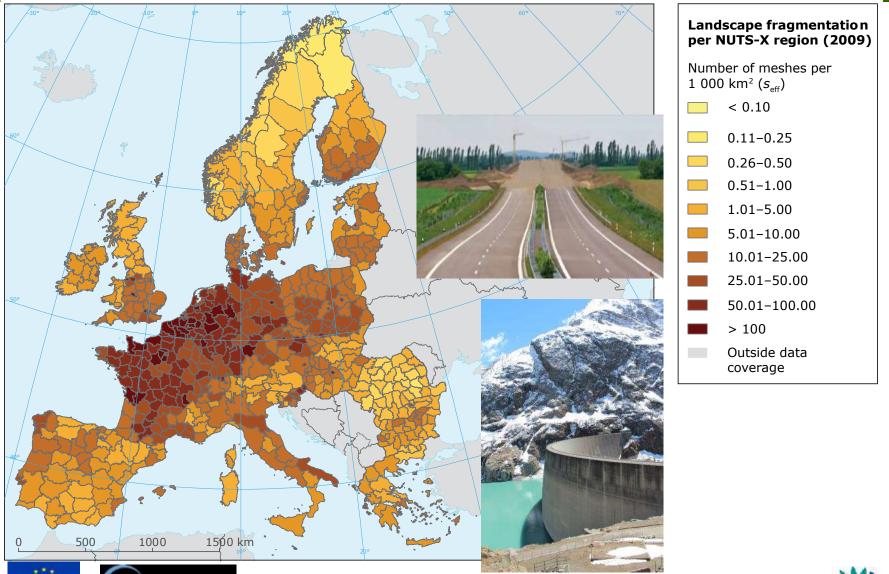
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Landscape Fragmentation

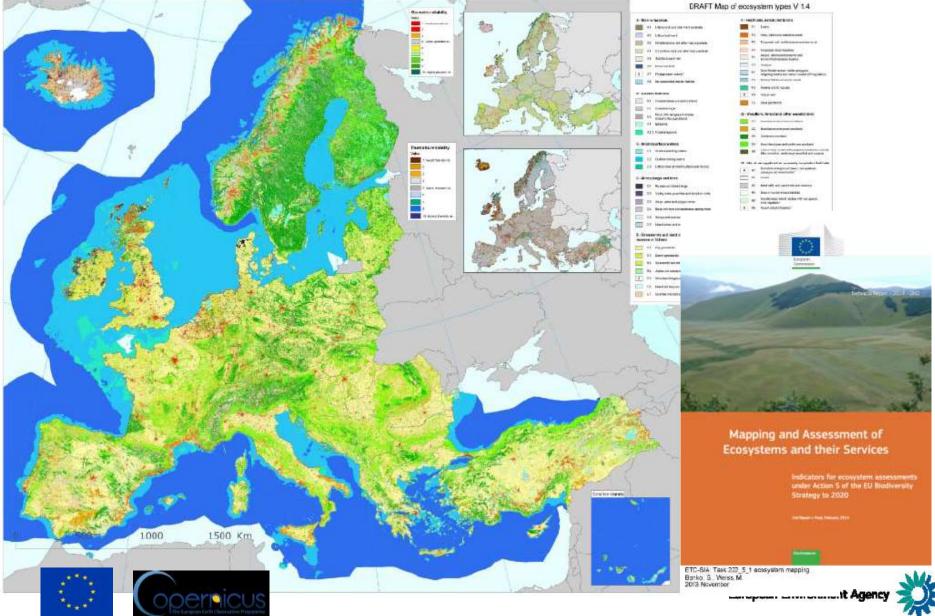


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Supporting the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2020

Monitoring ecosystem restoration, green infrastructure, no-net-loss



Greening the Common Agriculture Policy







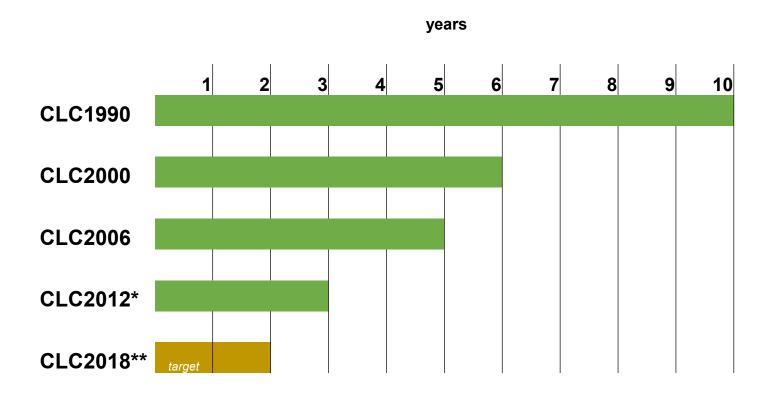
CORINE Land Cover updates 1990-2018







Production time European coverage Corine Land Cover

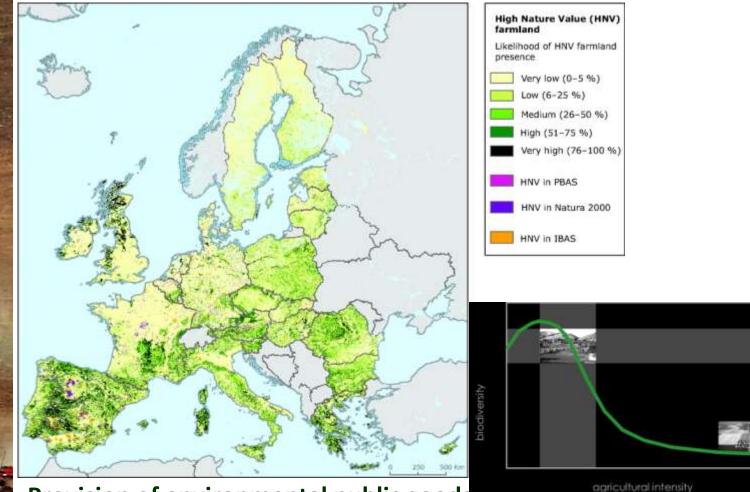


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High nature value farmland

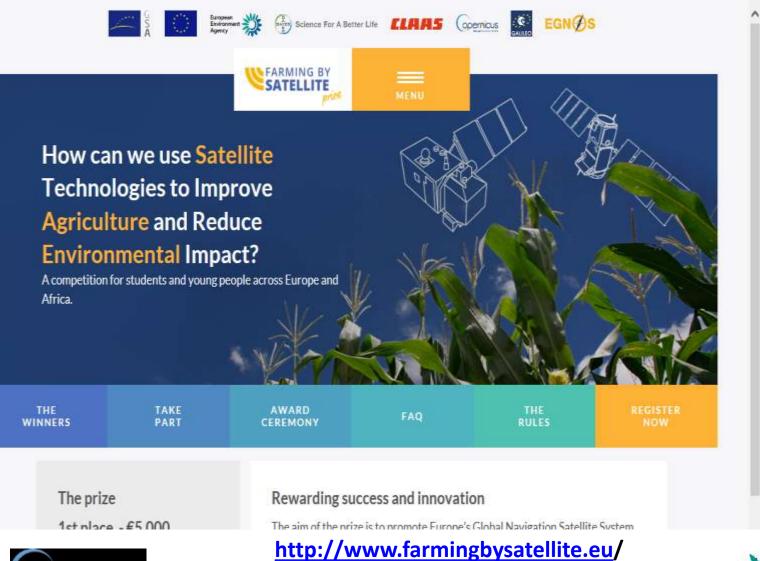


Provision of environmental public goods.

- Biodiversity value
- Landscape cultural value



Farming by satellite





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Looking ahead







1. Protecting, conserving and enhancing natural capital



		5–10 year past trends	20+ yo outlo		Progress to policy targets	
\checkmark Terrestrial and freshwater biodi	iversity					
\checkmark Land use and soil functions					No target	
 Ecological status of freshwater 	bodies				×	
\checkmark Water quality and nutrient loadi	ing					
? Air pollution and its ecosystem	impacts					
? Marine and coastal biodiversity	,				×	
✓ Climate change impacts on eco	osystems				No target	
	Improving	g trends dominate		-	ely on track	Z
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	Deteriorating	g trends dominate	e la	Largely	not on track	×

Source: EEA. SOER 2015 Synthesis report.



2. Resource efficiency and the low-carbon economy



✓ Copernicus current and potential contributions

	5–10 year past trends	20+ years outlook	Progress to policy targets
✓ Material resource efficiency and material use			No target
? Waste management			
✓ Greenhouse gas emissions and cc mitigation			V / X
\checkmark Energy consumption and fossil fuel use			
? Transport demand and related environ. impacts			
✓ Industrial pollution to air, soil and water			
✓ Water use and water quantity stress			×
Improvin	g trends dominate	Large	ly on track 🗹
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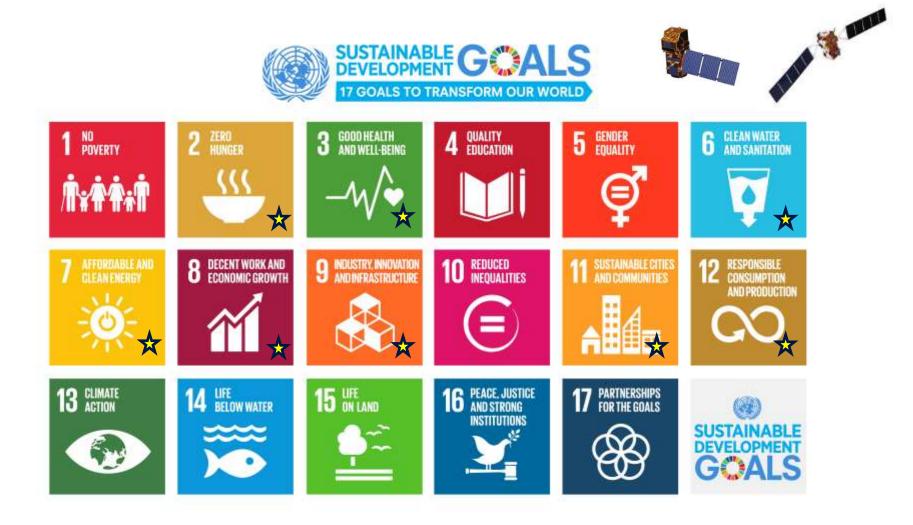
3. Safeguarding from environmental risks to health

✓ Copernicus current and potential contributions

	5–10 year past trends	20+ years outlook	Progress to policy targets
\checkmark Water pollution and related environmental health risks			☑ / 🗖
✓ Air pollution and related environmental health risks			
? Noise pollution (especially in urban areas)		n.a.	
✓ Urban systems and grey infrastructure			No target
\checkmark Climate change and related environmental health risks			No target
? Chemicals and related environmental health risks			🗌 / 💌
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Thank you for your attention

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