

The 6EAP



The 6th Environment Action Programme of the European Community

10 year time-frame (2002-2012)

Four priority areas:

- Climate change;
- Nature and biodiversity;
- Environment, health and the quality of life;
- Natural resources and waste

Two cross-cutting areas:

- international co-operation;
- strategic approaches to policy-making (implementation, cooperation with the market)

In total, the 6th EAP contained 156 actions



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General Findings (1)



- + On balance, 6th EAP was helpful – it provided an overarching framework, a reference point for stakeholders at national, regional and local levels.
- + It provided comprehensive stock-taking and better understanding of EU environment policy as a whole.
- + 7 Thematic strategies (air, pesticides, waste, resources, urban, soil, marine) developed in order to strengthen policy integration and improve knowledge base.



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General Findings (2)



- Large number of actions with varying scope resulted in lack of a clear message and varying progress towards objectives
- Inadequate implementation and enforcement
- Lack of longer-term vision, 10-year horizon not always appropriate and overall timing affected financing opportunities



A new EU Environment Action Programme



- **29 November 2012: Commission proposal for a Decision of the EP and Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 – COM(2012)710**
- **Impact Assessment** accompanying the proposal – SWD(2012)398
- **Executive summary** of the Impact Assessment – SWD(2012)397
- **Annexes** to the Impact Assessment:
 - Annex 1: Details of the responses to the public consultation
 - Annex 2: Linkages of environment policy issues
 - Annex 3: Targets set by EU environment policy
 - Annex 4: The outlook to 2020 and beyond to 2050
 - Annex 5: The link between the environment and competitiveness
 - Annex 6: The underlying analysis of priority objectives
 - Annex 7: Overview of the evaluation of the 6th EAP
 - Annex 8: Overview of the main studies used for the IA
 - Annex 9: Glossary





- **2020** timeframe, **2050** vision, **9** priority objectives
- Commitment by EU and its **Member States**

THEMATIC OBJECTIVES:

- Protect, conserve and enhance our natural capital base
- Put in place the right conditions for resource-efficient, low-carbon growth, which is at the core of the green economy we want to create
- Help safeguard the health and well-being of Europe's citizens

ENABLING FRAMEWORK:

- Implementation
- Information, knowledge base
- Investment
- Integration, coherence

SPATIAL DIMENSION:

- Urban environment
- International



Thematic priority objectives



PO 1: Protect & enhance natural capital

- Biodiversity
- Water, Marine
- Land and soil
- Forests
- Nutrient cycle

PO 2: Transition to resource efficient, low-carbon economy

- Climate mitigation
- SCP, Waste
- Eco-innovation
- Industrial emissions
- Water stress

PO 3: Safeguard health & wellbeing

- Chemicals
- Air quality
- Drinking and bathing water quality
- Noise
- Climate adaptation



