# EUPARLIAMENT SCOREBOARD

**Ranking of 2019-2024 EU Parliament political groups and** national parties on their votes for climate, nature and pollution legislation.



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# CONCLUSIONS

The potential benefits to citizens of a socially just transition to a climate-neutral, nature positive and zero pollution Europe are enormous. An increasing number of Europeans want to see serious action to tackle the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis, as well as to ensure a liveable future.

Over the past five years, the European Parliament has had the power and the opportunity to act boldly to address the crises we face. At the European elections in June 2024, citizens will be able to hold their representatives accountable and demand more ambition from members of the European Parliament (MEPs) as we enter the decisive last years of the 2020s.

Coming into office later this year, the new **European Parliament and European** Commission will play critical roles in setting the course of European policies for the rest of this decade, a period in which it will be essential to place people at the centre of the green transition while ensuring Europe's resilience by limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

This analysis of European Parliament

voting records on key policy files aims to provide citizens with an overview of which political parties were reliable champions of climate action, nature restoration and protection from pollution over the past five years, and which parties dragged their feet. It also reveals the political parties which have totally failed citizens by denying the need for action, instead using their votes to delay and obstruct.

Despite the fact that Europeans across the political spectrum are in favour of politicians taking more action to tackle the climate crisis, not all political parties are listening.

Three EU political groups, representing a courageous minority of MEPs, acted as **Protectors**, taking a stand for the urgent action on nature, pollution and climate that Europeans expect. Groups consisting of the majority of MEPs unfortunately acted as **Procrastinators**, with patchy and inconsistent voting records, or Prehistoric thinkers, who failed to rise to the challenge of the crises facing Europe and instead were in dangerous denial.

It is important to note that there is

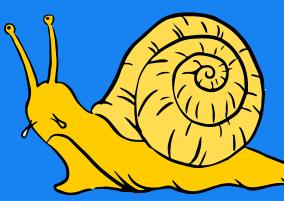
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diversity and nuance within EU political groups and national parties - with the exception of the far-right. It is therefore possible to find climate champions across the political spectrum. As well as the high scores of progressive parties and groups, within the liberal and conservative political families there were a range of scores, with some much stronger records, and others more disappointing.





**PROTECTORS** 



#### PROCRASTINATORS



**PREHISTORIC THINKERS** 



# EU POLITICAL GROUPS OVERALL RESULTS

#### POLITICAL GROUP

**Greens/European Free** Alliance (Greens/EFA) 72 MEPs The Left 36 MEPs The Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) 139 MEPs Renew Europe 102 MEPs European People's Party (EPP) 177 MEPs European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) 68 MEPs Identity and Democracy (ID) 59 MEPs

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OVERALL SCORE	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	
92	93	94	89	
84	81	87	85	PROTECTORS
70	67	71	74	TROTLETORS
56	57	55	55	PROCRASTINATO
25	25	19	30	
10	11	13	7	PREHISTORIC
6	7	4	7	THINKERS



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# MEMBER STATE ANALYSIS



Where do the national parties stand?



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The Austrian *Greens* and *Social* Democrats score highly, while Renew's NEOS party performed slightly better than the Renew group average. All three of these parties were however much stronger in standing up for essential environmental action compared to the two lowestscoring parties: the conservative ÖVP and the far-right FPÖ.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Die Grünen - Die Grüne Alternative Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs

NEOS – Das Neue Österreich

Österreichische Volkspartei Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	97 78	Greens/EFA S&D	97 80	96 80	99 74	3 6	
	60	Renew	80	68	28	1	PROCRASTINAT
	20 12	EPP	18 13	17 3	24 18	9 3	REHISTOR







### **BELGIUM**



Across Belgium's many parties, it is the Dutch-speaking and Frenchspeaking Greens (Ecolo and Groen) who stand out as leaders, together with the bilingual Parti du travail de Belgique / Partij van de Arbeid van België.

They are closely followed by the centre-left parties Parti Socialiste and Vooruit, and then a lowerscoring cluster made up of liberal parties Movement Réformateur and Open VLD, as well as Les Engagés (which scores far higher than the EPP average).

Bottom of the ranking we see the conservative Christen-Democratisch & Vlaams (CD&V) party and the Flemish nationalist Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie (N-VA), but worst of all is the far-right Vlaams Belang with a woeful score.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

#### Groen

**Ecologistes Confédérés** pour l'Organisation de Luttes Originales

Parti du Travail de Belgique

Vooruit

Parti Socialiste

**Mouvement Réformateur** Open Vlaamse Liberalen en

Democraten Les Engagés

**Christlich Soziale Partei** 

Christen-Democratisch & Vlaams Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie

**Vlaams Belang** 

**OVERA** 

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup> I	<sup>2</sup> ollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	97	Greens/EFA	91	100	100	2	
	95	Greens/EFA	94	93	99	2	
	93	GUE/NGL	85	97	100	1	
	85	S&D	82	95	81	1	PROTECTOR
	81	S&D	87	100	59	1	
	60	Renew	60	61	61	2	
	48	Renew	36	52	58	2	
	45	EPP	35	42	59	1	
	41	EPP	39	46	41	1	PROCRASTINA
	36	EPP	34	31	43	3	
	26	ECR	25	32	22	3	
	7	ID	11	3	5	3	

**THINKERS** 







#### NATIONAL PARTY

### **BULGARIA**



None of the Bulgarian parties scored high enough to be called as a Protector. Only the Bulgarian Socialist Party and the Movement for Rights and Freedoms score in the middle category of parties.

Most Bulgarian centre-right parties score below the EU average for the EPP, but the worst result comes from VMRO, which has one of the worst scores across all the national parties in the European Parliament.

Movement for Rights and Freedoms **Bulgarian Socialist Party** 

**Democrats for Strong** Bulgaria

**Union of Democratic Forces** 

Citizens for European **Development of Bulgaria** 

VMRO



	50	Renew	50	45	53	3	
	<b>49</b>	S&D	48	52	47	5	

20	5 EPP	22	47	14	1	
20	EPP	20	17	23	1	
15	EPP	19	12	11	5	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
2	ECR	5	2	0	2	

PREHISTORIC THINKERS









Croatia's leading parties in tackling the environmental crises facing Europeans are the Social Democrats and the Istrian Democratic Assembly. These two parties stand far above the rest of the Croatian representatives from the EPP and ECR groups.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Socijaldemokratska partija Hrvatske

Istarski demokratski sabor -Dieta democratica istriana

KLJUČ Hrvatske

Hrvatska demokratska zajednica Hrvatska konzervativna stranka

Hrvatski suverenisti

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	77	S&D	75	76	82	4	
	60	Renew	56	56	68		ROCRASTINAT
	24	NA	26	30	16	1	
	23	EPP	20	14	33	5	
	10	ECR	0	14	-	1	The second secon
	8	ECR	10	0	10	1	PREHISTOR

PREHISTORIC THINKERS











Parties from Cyprus score relatively well on average. The clear leaders are the *Progressive* Party of Working People (AKEL) from The Left group, followed by the EDEK Socialist Party. Their fellow S&D group party the Democratic Party scores worse, but is still far above the centreright *Democratic Rally*.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Progressive Party of Working People - Left - New Forces

Movement for Social Democracy EDEK

Democratic Party

Democratic Rally

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OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup> I	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	86	GUE/NGL	76	83	100	2	
	80	S&D	80	70	88	1	PROTECTOR
	65	S&D	68	59	66	1	ROCRASTINAT
	35	EPP	42	21	36	3	REHISTOR THINKERS











A clear leader emerges among the Czech parties, in the form of the Pirate Party. Their score is far higher than the rest of the list, in which parties from Renew, The Left, EPP, ECR and ID all score lower than 50. Although scoring better than the *Civic Democratic* Party (ODS) and Freedom and Direct Democracy (SPD), the ANO 2011 party scores the lowest of all parties in the Renew group, dragging down its group average.



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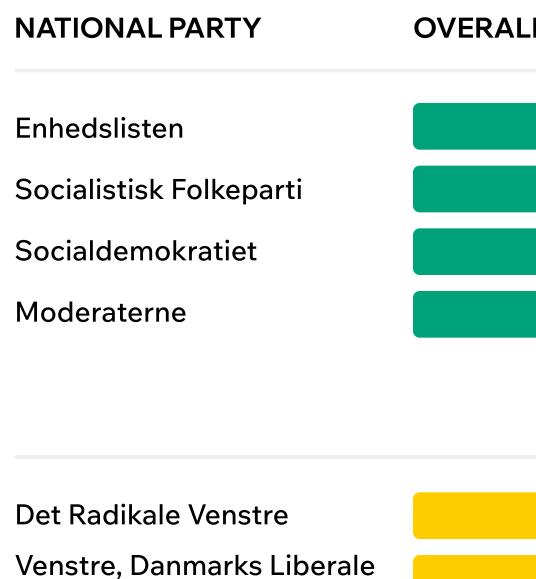




### **DENMARK**



Danish parties generally perform well on the scoreboard, led by The Left's *Enhedslisten*. Greens/EFA's Socialistisk Folkeparti also performs well, together with S&D's Social Democrats and Renew's *Moderaterne*. The other Danish liberal party, Venstre, performs less well. Both the Conservative People's Party (part of EPP) and the Danish People's Party (part of ID) perform better than their group average.



Det Konservative Folkeparti

Dansk Folkeparti

Parti

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	88	GUE/NGL	86	75	100	1	
	83	Greens/EFA	71	94	89	2	
	80	S&D	79	81	79	3	
	73	Renew	65	95	71	1	
							PROTECTOR
	57	Renew	54	68	54	1	
	53	Renew	63	42	51	5	
						F	PROCRASTINA
	37	EPP	33	33	46	1	
	27	ID	32	17	31	2	
							PREHISTOR
							THINKERS







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The Social Democrats score highest among the Estonian parties, joined only by the Keskerakond (Centre Party) in a score above 50. The Reformierakond (Reform Party) performs less well, but with a higher score than the *Isamaa* party from the EPP group. In a clear last place, the ID group's Conservative People's Party scores only 9 out of 100.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

**OVERA** 

Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond

Eesti Keskerakond

Eesti Reformierakond

Isamaa

Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup> N	Nature <sup>2</sup> I	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	70	S&D	60	69	81	2	PROTECTOR
	50 44	Renew	48 40		52 47		ROCRASTINA
	21 9	EPP ID	17 13	16 0	30 11	1 1	PREHISTOR   HINKERS







### **FINLAND**



In Finland, we can see a stark contrast between the dismal score of the ECR's Finns Party and the strong performance of the *Left* Alliance and the Green League. Between these opposites, we find the Swedish People's Party of Finland (Renew) and the Social Democrats (S&D) which score worse than the average for their respective groups. With disappointing results, neither the EPP's National Coalition Party nor Renew's Centre Party reach a score of 50.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Vasemmistoliitto Vihreä liitto

Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue/Finlands Socialdemokratiska Parti

Svenska folkpartiet

Kansallinen Kokoomus

Suomen Keskusta

Perussuomalaiset

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	92	GUE/NGL	89	100	89	1	
	88	Greens/EFA	92	93	80	3	PROTECTOR
	51	S&D	46	46	60	2	
	50	Renew	47	42	60	1	
	47	EPP	47	38	54	3	PROCRASTINAT
	32	Renew	26	19	49	2	
	9	ECR	9	2	15	3	
							PREHISTOR THINKERS







### **FRANCE**



French parties in the European Parliament range from one of the worst scores in the Parliament -*Reconquête* – to one of the best – *Europe Écologie*. Both the Socialist Party and Place Publique score significantly higher than their S&D group average, and slightly higher than *La France insoumise*. French liberal parties in Renew and the EPP's Les Républicains also score higher than their group averages, but there is clearly room for improvement. The dreadful score of *Reconquête* is the second worst, being above only the Rassemblement National among French parties.

NATI	ONAL	PARTY
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Europe Écologie Gauche républicaine et socialiste Parti socialiste Place publique **Régions et Peuples** Solidaires La France Insoumise Nouvelle Donne Agir - La Droite constructive Horizons Renaissance **Mouvement Démocrate** 

Parti Radical **Mouvement Radical Social-**Libéral

Les Républicains

Les centristes

Reconquête!

Rassemblement national

ALL SCORE	EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
95	Greens/EFA	96	99	89	12	
93	GUE/NGL	89	100	94	1	
92	S&D	92	91	92	4	
90	S&D	92	94	85	2	Co/
88	Greens/EFA	93	94	80	2	PROTECTOR
87	GUE/NGL	82	97	84	6	
87	S&D	92	89	79	1	
78	Renew	86	75	71	1	
76	Renew	85	73	69	1	
71	Renew	76	73	63	17	
70	Renew	76	71	61	6	
66	Renew	50	91	68	1	
60	Renew	47	73	65	1	PROCRASTINA
29	EPP	29	18	39	8	
28	EPP	21	21	42	1	
7	ECR	14	6	0	1	
6	ID	8	4	5	21	PREHISTOR THINKERS



### **IATORS**







The German parties forming part of the Greens/EFA group all score highly (Volt, Ecological Democratic Party, Alliance 90/The Greens, *Pirate Party*), but it is *Volt* at the front of the pack with an incredibly high score of 100.

Die Linke also scores well, above the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the satirical party *Die PARTEI*.

The conservative *CDU* and *CSU* score below the EPP group average, with very low scores below 20 out of 100. Renew's Free Democratic Party (FDP) scores even worse than the CDU and CSU. This poor result brings down Renew's group average score.

At the bottom of the scoreboard, the climate-denying AfD scores a very poor 6 out of 100.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

#### Volt

Ökologisch-Demokratische Partei

Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

Piratenpartei Deutschland

DIE LINKE.

Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands

**Die PARTEI** 

Familien-Partei Deutschlands

Freie Wähler

Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern e.V.

Freie Demokratische Partei

**Bündnis Deutschland** 

Alternative für Deutschland

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	100	Greens/EFA	100	100	100	1	
	97	Greens/EFA	92	100	100	2	
	91	Greens/EFA	93	94	84	22	
	83	Greens/EFA	58	100	100	1	(F)
	82	GUE/NGL	82	84	81	5	PROTECTOR
	71	S&D	65	77	74	20	
	62	NA	47	100	50	1 . Pi	ROCRASTINAT
	27	EPP	23	23	37	2	
	21	Renew	29	15	17	2	
	20	EPP	22	5	28	24	
	18	EPP	22	7	23	6	
	17	Renew	20	10	20	6	PREHISTOR
	7	ECR	7	15	0	1	THINKERS
	6	ID	5	11	3	9	











Leading the charge for environmental and climate action in Greece are SYRIZA (the topscoring party) and PASOK-KINAL.

While only managing to score 30 out of 100, New Democracy performs better than most of its EPP sister parties.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

SYRIZA - Coalition of the Radical Left PASOK-KINAL

Communist Party of Greece

Nea Demokratia

Elliniki Lusi-Greek Solution

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OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup> I	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	78 70	GUE/NGL S&D	66 71	85 62	86 76	3 2	
							PROTECTOR



32	NA	18	32	50	2	
30	EPP	36	18	31	7	
24	ECR	23	27	22	1	

PREHISTORIC THINKERS







Hungarian parties perform poorly in the ranking, with *Fidesz* in last place. However, the S&D group's Democratic Coalition is a clear leader, with Renew's Momentum party not far behind.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Demokratikus Koalíció

Momentum

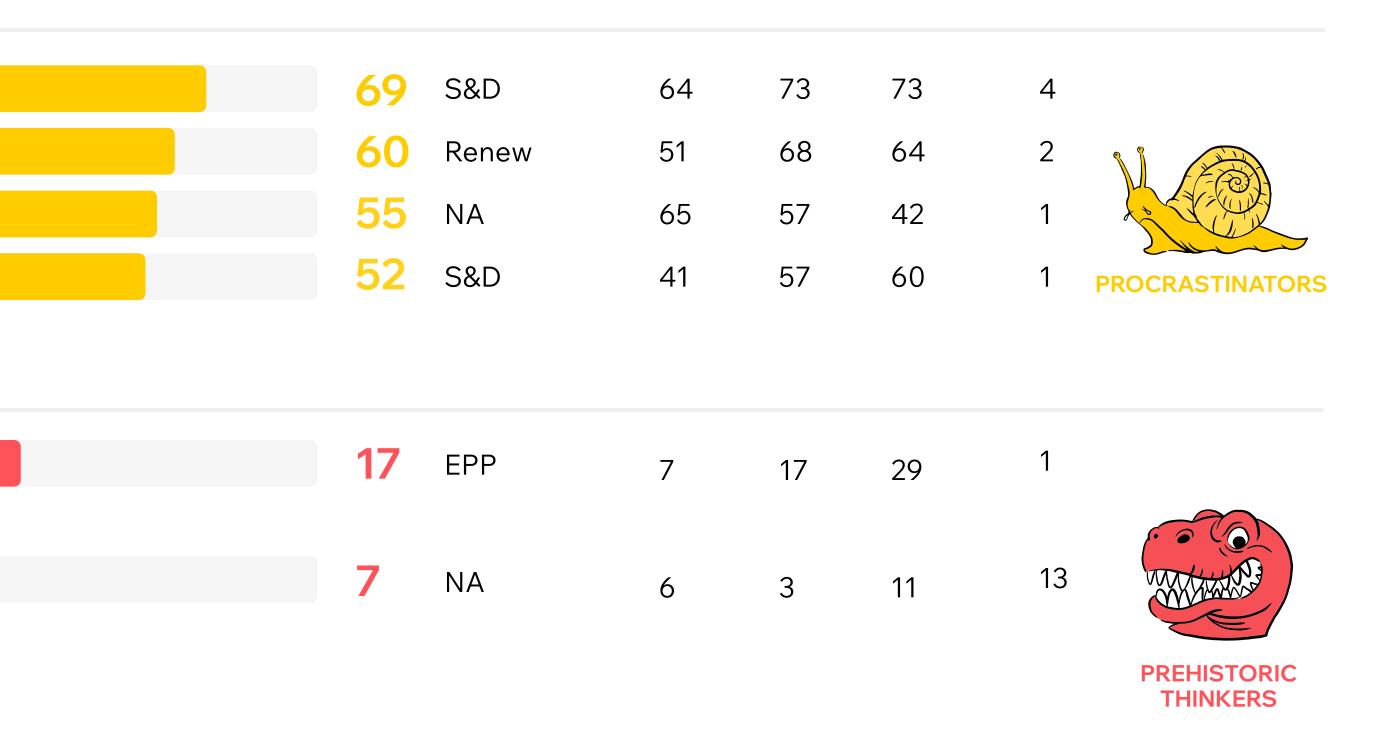
Jobbik – Konzervatívok

Esély Közösség

Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt

Fidesz-Magyar Polgári Szövetség-Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt





### **IRELAND**



In Ireland, political parties tend to be stronger advocates for bold action on pollution, circular economy, nature, climate and social justice. Even the worst performing party (*Fine Gael* of the EPP group) still manages to score 45 out of 100, helping to improve an otherwise even poorer overall score for the group.

There are two parties clearly in the lead: Independents for Change, and the Green Party. Their closely matching scores place them higher in the ranking than Sinn Féin and Fianna Fáil.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

### Independents for change

Green Party

Sinn Féin

Fianna Fáil Party Fine Gael Party

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OVERALL SCORE	EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
98	GUE/NGL	96	100	100	2	
96	Greens/EFA	98	100	91	2	
85	GUE/NGL	96	77	78	2	PROTECTOR
69	Renew	70	48	86	2	
<b>45</b>	EPP	39	55	44	U	PROCRASTINA



PREHISTORIC THINKERS







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The complex landscape of Italian political parties in the European Parliament during the past five years makes the analysis of their performance challenging. Several parties and MEPs switched groups during 2019-24. We see clear leaders in Europa Verde (Greens/ EFA) and *Movimento 5 Stelle* (nonaffiliated). The significant delegation from the Partito *Democratico* (S&D) performs slightly below the social democrats' group average. Meanwhile, the governing parties Fratelli d'Italia and Lega showed an alarming failure to support action to tackle the environmental crises facing Europe. Even Forza Italia performs well below the EPP group average, with a very low score of 19 out of 100. Meanwhile, the Italian Renew Europe delegation (Azione and Italia Viva) is in the middle, with a score also lower than their European group average.

\*Europa Verde was represented in the European Parliament from April 2021 until October 2022.

#### **NATIONAL PARTY**

Europa Verde \*

Movimento 5 Stelle

Partito Democratico



Azione

Italia Viva – Il Centro

Südtiroler Volkspartei Forza Italia Democrazia Cristiana Fratelli d'Italia Lega

1 - Climate-neutral and socially just transition

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	85	Greens/EFA	100	64	-	1	
	79	NA	71	87	81	5	
	70	S&D	67	69	73	19	
							PROTECTOR
	55	Renew	49	61	59	3	
	47	Renew	40	54	51	1	
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	21	EPP	21	17	23	1	
	19	EPP	22	16	18	14	
	10	NA	6	0	23	1	V AND
	9	ECR	13	14	0	10	PREHISTOR
	5	ID	5	0	8	26	THINKERS











Regional and ethnic minority parties performed most strongly among Latvian parties in supporting bold action on the climate and nature crises. Among the rest, the Social Democratic party and the liberal party For Latvia's Development were stronger than the two parties of the right. There is plenty of room for improvement, however, as the Latvian Social Democrats scored worse than average for their group.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Latvijas Krievu savienība

Gods kalpot Rīgai

Saskana sociāldemokrātiskā partija Attīstībai/Par!

Partija "VIENOTĪBA"

Nacionālā apvienība "Visu Latvijai!"-"Tēvzemei un Brīvībai/LNNK"

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup> I	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	98	NA	96	100	99	1	
	70	S&D	78	66	62	1	PROTECTOR
	63	S&D	38	79	80	1	
	62	Renew	56	70	62	I	PROCRASTINAT
	20	EPP	17	25	21	3	
	5	ECR	8	5	0	1	PREHISTOR   THINKERS







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In Lithuania, by far the strongest performer is the Lithuanian Farmers and Greens Union with an excellent score that exceeds the Greens/EFA group average and is one of the highest of any party in the European Parliament. The Social Democratic party scores slightly above the average for the S&D group, and the *Liberal* Movement (LRLS) takes third place. Lagging behind these parties, the non-affiliated *Labour* Party and the EPP's Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats both need to improve their advocacy for environmental action. Bottom of the scoreboard is the Electoral Action of Poles in Lithuania – Christian Families Alliance, which sits in the ECR group. Their terrible score of 4 out of 100 is among the worst in the entire European Parliament.

#### **NATIONAL PARTY**

Lietuvos valstiečių ir žaliųjų sąjunga

Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija

Lietuvos Respublikos liberalų sąjūdis

Darbo partija

Tėvynės sąjunga-Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai

Lietuvos lenkų rinkimų akcija – Krikščioniškų šeimų sąjunga

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	99	Greens/EFA	100	99	97	1	
	75	S&D	74	64	84	2	PROTECTOR
	60 50	Renew NA	56 42	59 57	65 56	1 1	
							PROCRASTINA
	23	EPP	23	14	29	4	
	4	ECR	8	2	0	1	PREHISTOR THINKERS









Luxembourg has historically been home to politicians committed to bold action on the climate crisis. In the 2019-24 Parliament, it's clear that the *Greens* and the *Socialist* Workers' Party were the most reliable in standing up for bold and urgent action. Although both the Democratic Party (Renew) and the Christian Social People's Party (EPP) scored above their group average, it would be favourable if they were to strengthen their commitments over the next five crucial years.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Déi Gréng - Les Verts

Parti ouvrier socialiste luxembourgeois

#### Parti démocratique

Parti chrétien social luxembourgeois

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	<b>95</b> 82	Greens/EFA S&D	100			1 2	FROTECTOR
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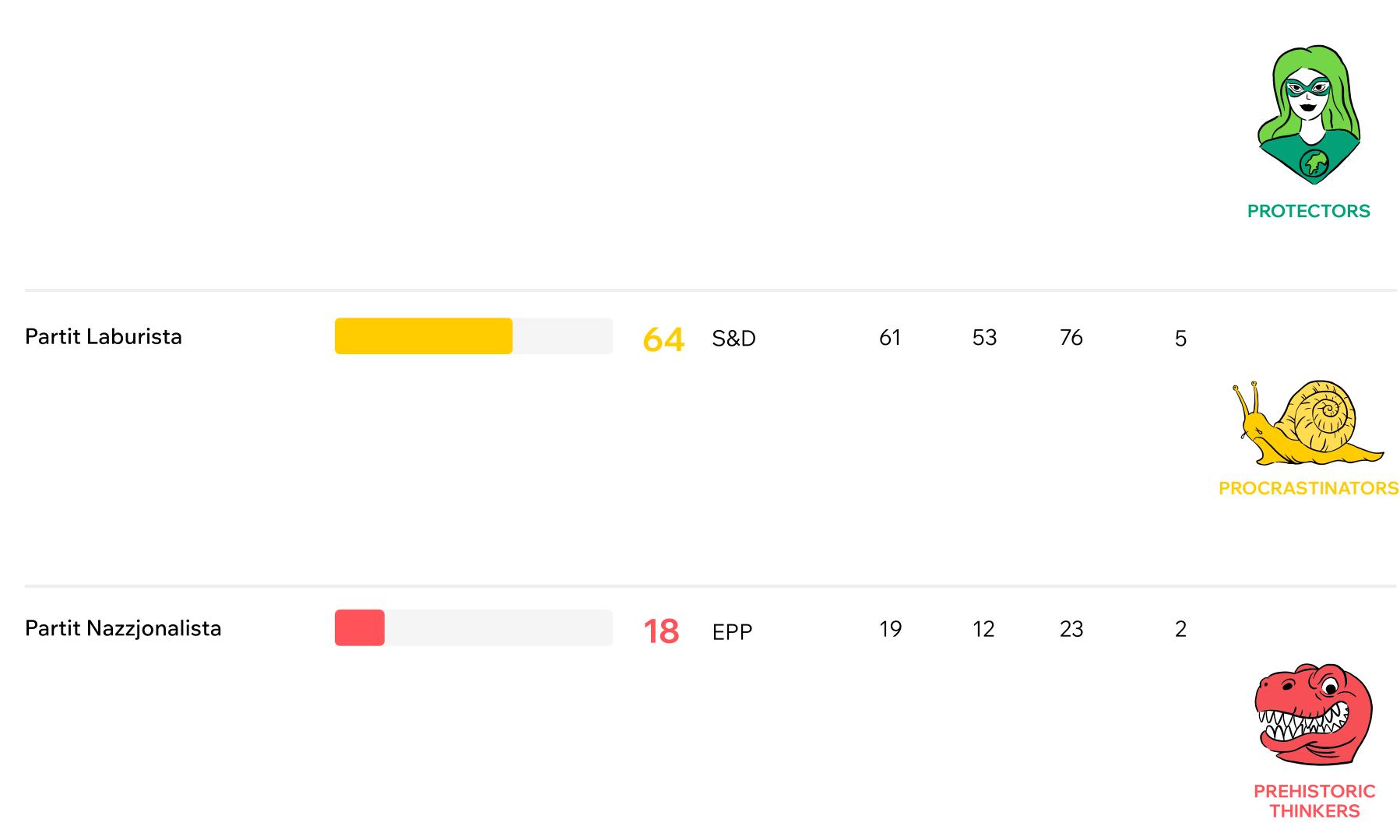




#### NATIONAL PARTY



Malta's representatives in the European Parliament come from only two parties, the Labour Party (S&D) and the Nationalist Party (EPP). Neither of them scored high enough to be called as a Protector. While the Labour Party appears to be marginally more environmentally conscious, the scores of both parties are disappointing. As Malta grapples with the impacts of the climate crisis, the results underscore the urgent need for Maltese MEPs to adopt bolder action in their upcoming mandate.



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### NETHERLANDS

Dutch party GroenLinks is one of the highest-scoring parties in the European Parliament, an impressive record that should be commended. The liberal party Democraten 66 also scores highly and contributes to improving the Renew group average. Among other stronger performers, the Labour Party (S&D) and the Party for the Animals (The Left) score higher than their group averages, and with a score of 59 out of 100, *ChristenUnie* is by far the highestscoring party of the centre-right EPP bloc. Other parties in the group should follow this direction in taking action to deal urgently with the climate and nature crises.

### **NATIONAL PARTY OVERA** GroenLinks Democraten 66 Partij voor de Dieren Partij van de Arbeid

#### ChristenUnie Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie

Christen Democratisch Appèl Forum voor Democratie

Meer Directe Democratie

Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij

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ALL SCORE	EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup> F	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
99	Greens/EFA	99	100	97	3	
88	Renew	92	85	86	1	
85	GUE/NGL	89	84	80	1	
74	S&D	71	83	69	7	PROTECTOR
59	EPP	60	50	65	2	
44	Renew	44	39	49	6	PROCRASTINAT
28	EPP	26	24	32	6	
22	NA	21	20	23	1	

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### - POLAND



Poland has historically elected parties with poor track records on voting for a socially just transition to a climate-neutral and naturepositive future. However, in the 2019-24 Parliament we can observe some stronger performances. In the last five years, Poland's highest-scoring party has been Poland 2050, which has only been represented in the European Parliament since November 2021. Both the Democratic Left Alliance-Labour Union and the New Left score higher than the S&D group average, which is to be commended. The centre-right Civic Platform scores 26 out of 100, which is a disappointing result despite being slightly higher than the EPP average, and shows the need for stepping up action in the next five years. Various right-wing parties score very badly, with the worst of all being Sovereign Poland at just 7 out of 100.

#### **NATIONAL PARTY**

Polska 2050

Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej - Unia Pracy

Nowa Lewica



Platforma Obywatelska

**Polskie Stronnictwo** Ludowe

Prawo i Sprawiedliwość

Solidarna Polska Zbigniewa Ziobro

Sovereign Poland

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	89	Renew	89	91	88	1	
	81	S&D	77	85	82	1	
	75	S&D	74	76	77	5	
							PROTECTOR



26	EPP	23	24	31	13	
21	EPP	23	17	21	3	
11	ECR	8	16	9	26	WILLIAM ST
10	ECR	8	13	10	1	PREHISTOR
7	ECR	8	3	10	1	THINKERS







The commitment to urgent action to tackle the climate and nature crises shown by Portuguese parties in the European Parliament has been encouraging. The Left *Bloc* leads the way with a strong score of 91 out of 100, and the Socialist Party follows with a higher than average score for the S&D group. Like the *Left Bloc*, the Portuguese Communist Party belongs to The Left group in the Parliament but scores significantly below the group's average. There is room for improvement for the centre-right parties however, as their scores hover around the EPP average and display a similar failure to be bold and act urgently.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Bloco de Esquerda

Partido Socialista

Partido Comunista Português

Partido Social Democrata

Partido do Centro Democrático Social-Partido Popular

OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	91 79	GUE/NGL S&D	85 75	97 74	95 87	2 10	PROTECTOR
	67	GUE/NGL	63	70	70	3 P	ROCRASTINA
	27 20	EPP EPP	23 19	17 17	38 25	7 1	PREHISTOR   THINKERS







### ROMANIA

Romanian liberal parties of the Renew group were the most reliably committed to action on climate, nature and pollution during the 2019-24 mandate, with scores slightly higher than their group's average. Among the centre-left, the small party PRO Romania performed better than the larger Social Democratic Party, but both scored worse than the S&D group average. Even though Romania stands to gain significantly from a socially just transition to climate neutrality, its representatives in the European Parliament have so far failed to grasp the opportunity. With a dismal score of 5 out of 100, the new Romanian National Conservative Party was one of the least effective in the European Parliament (its sole representative was a member of the *Christian* Democratic National Peasants' *Party* for the majority of the term).

#### **NATIONAL PARTY**



#### **USR-PLUS**

**Reînnoim Proiectul** European al României

Uniunea Salvați România

**PRO Romania** 

Alianța pentru Unirea Románilor

Partidul Social Democrat

**Partidul Umanist Social** Liberal

Partidul Mișcarea Populară

Partidul Național Liberal

Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România

Partidului Național Conservator Român (PNCR)

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	75	Renew	100	63	_	1	PROTECTORS
	63	Renew	59	68	62	5	
	53	Renew	52	60	46	2	
	<b>52</b>	S&D	53	50	51	1	
	<b>46</b>	NA	47	49	43	1	
	<b>43</b>	S&D	40	48	44	7 [	PROCRASTINATO
	<b>40</b>	S&D	29	40	54	1	
	21	EPP	24	19	20	2	
	20	EPP	19	13	28	11	
	18	EPP	17	8	26	2	WAR AND
	5	ECR	10	2	0	1	PREHISTORIC THINKERS











The strongest Slovakian party advocating for urgent climate and environmental action was *Progressive Slovakia* of the Renew group, which helped to raise that group's average. All other parties performed poorly, with particularly dreadful scores by the far-right Republic Movement and the libertarian Freedom and Solidarity party.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

#### Progresívne Slovensko

#### SMER-Sociálna demokracia

Obyčajní ľudia a nezávislé osobnosti Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie

**Slovak PATRIOT** 

Sloboda a Solidarita

Hnutie Republika

OVERALL SCORE	EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	2 Renew	76	86	56	3	PROTECTOR



39	NA	37	50	33	3	
32	EPP	27	36	33	1	
20	EPP	23	13	22	2	
19	NA	26	9	19	1	PREHISTOR
9	ECR	15	5	5	1	THINKERS
8	NA	8	16	2	1	







In Slovenia, only the Social Democrats and the Freedom Movement score above 50 out of 100, despite the urgent need for climate action that is visible in a country feeling the impacts of the crisis. Centre-right parties from Slovenia need to step up and act as more reliable supporters of a socially just transition to climate neutrality, zero pollution and a circular economy.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

#### **OVERA**

#### Socialni demokrati

Gibanje Svoboda

Slovenska ljudska stranka

Nova Slovenija – Krščanski demokrati

Slovenska demokratska stranka

ALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup> I	Nature <sup>2</sup> I	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	83	S&D	73	82	94	3	PROTECTOR
	63	Renew	62	56	70		CCRASTINA
	25 24 23	EPP EPP EPP	23 25 21	17 17 17	33 30 31	1 1 2	
							PREHISTOR

THINKERS









Spain's many political parties in the European Parliament cover a wide range of track records on the nature and climate crises. Esquerra *Republicana de Catalunya* has a particularly strong record, as well as PODEMOS and others from the Greens/EFA and The Left groups. Pedro Sanchez's Partido Socialista Obrero Español performs more strongly than the average of the S&D group. At the other end of the scoreboard, the Partido Popular's score is poor, even lower than the average of the EPP group, but not as bad as the terrible score from VOX of just 4 out of 100.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya

PODEMOS

Catalunya en Comú

**ANTICAPITALISTAS** 

Bloque Nacionalista Galego

Izquierda Unida

Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya

Junts per Catalunya -Lliures per Europa

Partido Socialista Obrero Español

EH BILDU

Ciudadanos – Partido de la Ciudadanía

Delegación Ciudadanos Europeos

Partido Nacionalista Vasco

**Partido Popular** 

VOX

OVERALL SCORE	EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
98	Greens/EFA	100	92	100	2	
89	GUE/NGL	87	97	84	4	
88	Greens/EFA	91	100	75	1	
87	GUE/NGL	88	97	77	1	
86	Greens/EFA	100	92	78	1	PROTECTOR
84	GUE/NGL	81	85	87	2	
82	S&D	74	79	92	1	
78	NA	85	73	74	3	
74	S&D	70	71	82	21	
68	GUE/NGL	61	81	-	1	
58	Renew	52	64	61	7	
52	Renew	42	61	56	1	ROCRASTINAT
44	Renew	36	49	50	1	
22	EPP	22	16	28	14	
4	ECR	7	6	0	4	PREHISTOR







### **SWEDEN**



In Sweden, the Green Party and the *Left Party* are the stand-out champions of action on nature, pollution, circular economy and a socially just transition to climate neutrality. Lagging behind them are the Social Democrats and the *Liberals*, with scores in the 60s rather than the 90s. The Centre *Party* performed significantly worse than the *Liberals*, however, dragging down the average of the Renew group. Among the centreright, the *Moderates* and the Christian Democrats score poorly, but the worst score of all belongs to the Sweden Democrats, a very poor 13 out of 100.

#### NATIONAL PARTY

Miljöpartiet de gröna

Vänsterpartiet



Arbetarepartiet-Socialdemokraterna

Liberalerna

Centerpartiet

Moderaterna Kristdemokraterna

Sverigedemokraterna



OVERALL SCORE		EU Group	Climate <sup>1</sup>	Nature <sup>2</sup>	Pollution <sup>3</sup>	# MEPs	
	99 94	Greens/EFA GUE/NGL	100 86	97 100	99 98	3 1	FROTECTOR
	67 64 49	S&D Renew Renew	66 75 71	65 47 31		3	PROCRASTINA
	28 23 13	EPP EPP ECR	28 28 14	17 4 9	39 33 14	4 2 4	PREHISTOR







### METHODOLOGY



This Scoreboard is based on the individual scoring of the voting behaviour of every Member of the European Parliament (MEP) during the 2019-2024 legislative term. The national party and EU political group scores are also calculated on the same basis.

The scoring assessed voting behaviour across 30 policy files, comprising key climate, energy and environmental legislation. 12 policy files focused on a climateneutral and socially just transition, 8 focused on a nature positive Europe, and 10 focused on the circular economy and achieving zero pollution.

Voting behaviour for each of the 30 policy files weighs equally towards the overall scores. Results are presented in this report as aggregated for political groups and national parties represented in the European Parliament.

#### **SELECTION OF POLICY FILES**

Within the 30 policy files, 124 separate The 30 policy files included in our analysis were selected on the basis of the following plenary roll call votes were selected for the analysis on the basis of the following principles: principles:

- The **importance of the file for the European Green Deal**. Only legislative files that were relevant to securing an impactful, social and ambitious Green Deal were included.
- Availability of data and equal treatment of MEPs. In order to ensure fair results, only legislative files that were voted on by <u>roll call vote</u> in the Parliament's plenary sessions were included.
- **Expertise** within the five publishing organisations (Climate Action Network Europe, European Environmental Bureau, BirdLife Europe, Transport & Environment and WWF European Policy Office) that are leading experts on the EU's climate, energy and environmental policies, representing more than 200 national European civil society organisations. Only files that were followed closely by the publishing organisations' policy experts were included.

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#### **SELECTION OF VOTES**

• **Ambition**, as assessed by our organisations' policy experts. All the selected votes allowed MEPs the opportunity to support urgent and ambitious action during the plenary vote before the law entered into trilogue negotiations.

• Representation of **civil society priorities** in each file, for example where issues that our organisations have positions on were the subject of a vote.

• Availability of data. Only plenary roll call votes that determined the European Parliament's position were included.

#### **DATA SOURCES**

The data sources are public record, available on the European Parliament's website, in particular the results of roll call votes of the 2019-2024 legislative term. The organisations publishing this report do not take responsibility for any errors in the European Parliament's original data.

#### **CALCULATION OF SCORES**

For each policy file, MEPs received a score between 0 (no alignment) and 100 (full alignment), based on a comparison of their voting record with the publishing organisations' positions and voting recommendations.







### **EXAMPLE**: **ROBERTA METSOLA (EPP, MALTA)**

**FISHERIES CONTROL REGULATION** 

VOTE	AMENDMENT 81	AMENDMENT 247	AMENDMENT 306	AMENDMENT 322	AMENDMENT 337	AMENDMENT 338	SCORE
NGO position	Reject	Support	Support	Reject	Support	Support	2 out of 6 =
Roberta Metsola	Reject	Reject	Reject	Support	Reject	Support	33 / 100

In the case above, the score of Roberta Metsola for the Fisheries Control Regulation forms 1/30th of this MEP's overall score, contributing to the average score of her party and group.

Individual MEP scores were then aggregated to calculate:

- The overall score, pillar scores and legislative file scores of each **national party** represented in the European Parliament: the average score of all MEPs affiliated with that national party at the time of each vote.
- The overall score, pillar scores and legislative file scores of each **political** group: the average score of all MEPs affiliated with that political group at the time of each vote.

Non-affiliated MEPs (NA) are not displayed in the group results.

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As the methodology gives a higher score to MEPs that supported our positions, abstention by an MEP results in a zero score, in the same way as a vote opposite to our recommendation. This is also the case for MEPs with no record of voting in a roll call vote, or who were absent.

#### **MEPs SWITCHING PARTY AND/OR GROUP**

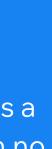
If an MEP switched political group mid-term, their votes only partially contribute to the group's overall score.

If an MEP switched national party mid-term, their votes only partially contribute to the group's / party's score.

If an MEP left the European Parliament, the score for their party and group is completed with the score of the MEP replacing them.







### TABLE OF POLICY FILES ANALYSED

#### **CLIMATE NEUTRAL AND SOCIALLY JUST TRANSITION**

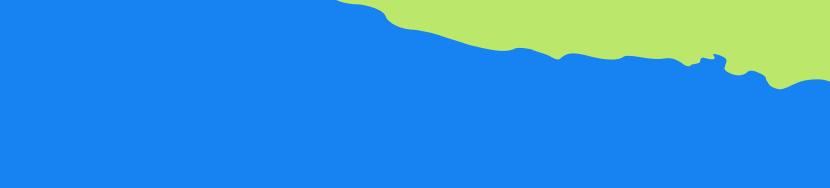
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Emissions Trading System (ETS)	CO2 standards for trucks and buses	Nature Res
Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR)	Sustainable aviation fuels (ReFuelEU Aviation Initiative)	Defo
Social Climate Fund	Sustainable maritime fuels (FuelEU Maritime Initiative)	Fisheries
Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Regulation		Pesticide of Pesti
Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)		Renewable
Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)		8th E P
Union list of projects of common interest (PCI)		Lead k

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#### **NATURE POSITIVE ZERO POLLUTION AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY** Urban Waste Water n Agriculture Policy P) - Regulation on **Treatment Directive** Euro VII (Nov 2023) trategic Plans (UWWTD) estoration Law (NRL) Directive amending the Critical Raw Materials Act Water Framework Directive, the Groundwater Directive and the Environmental Corporate Sustainability Due **Quality Standards Directive** forestation Law Diligence Directive (CSDDD) **Control Regulation Mercury Regulation** Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP) Regulation (Chemicals) es (Sustainable Use ticide Regulation) le Energies Directive **Ambient Air Quality** (RED) **Directives (AAQD)** Packaging and Packaging Environmental Waste Regulation (PPWR) Programme **Industrial Emissions Directive** ban in wetlands (IED)











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