



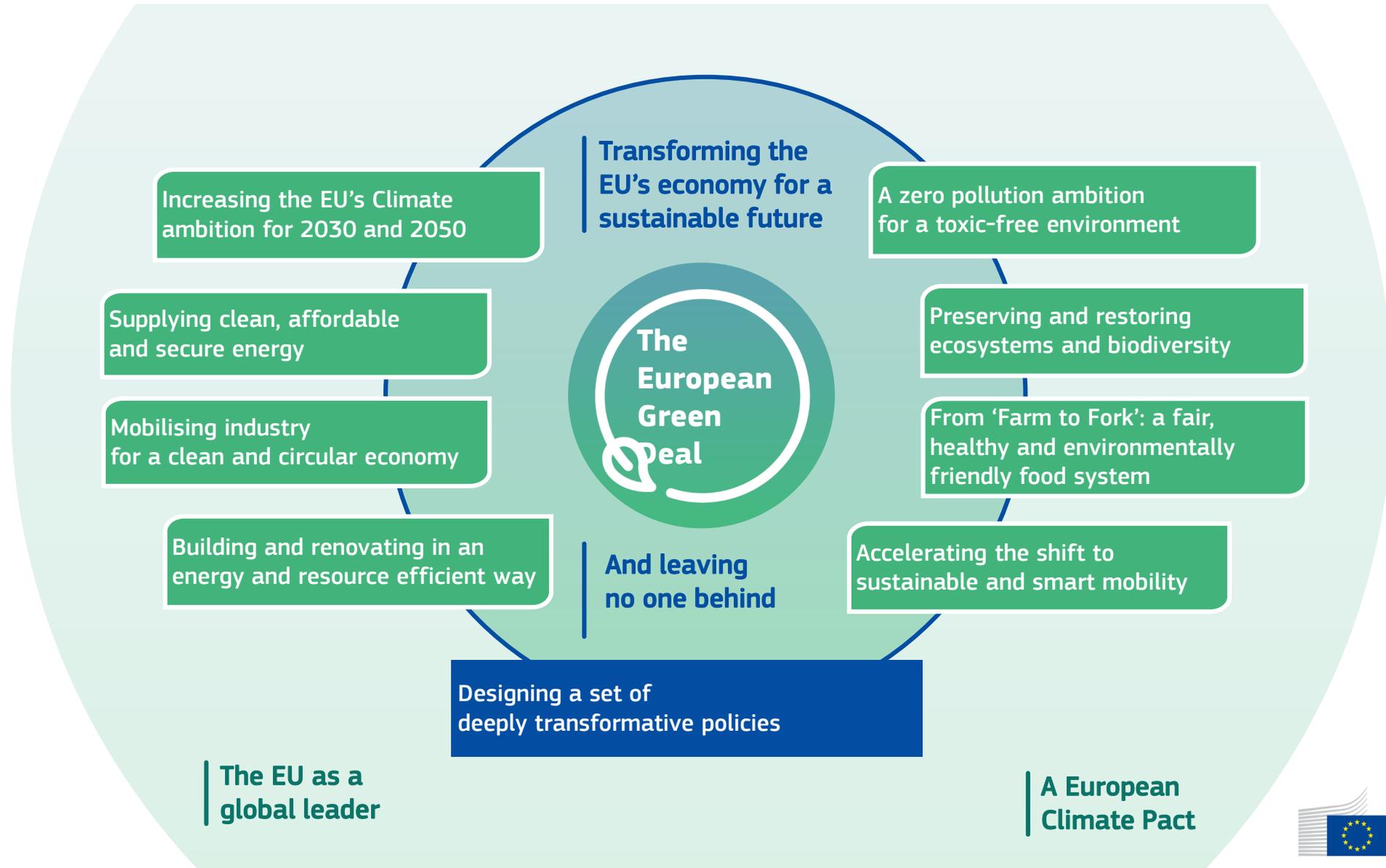
# Recent developments at EU level

Common Forum, 14 October 2020

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# The European Green Deal



# The **European Green Deal**

Mobilising industry  
for a clean and circular economy

New **Circular Economy Action Plan** adopted on 11 March 2020

- Strategy for a Sustainable Built Environment
- Review of the Industrial Emissions Directive
- Reviewing directives on urban wastewater treatment and sewage sludge

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# Industrial Emissions Directive

- Evaluation completed: SWD(2020) 181 final
- Inception Impact Assessment: feedback period closed
- Open public consultation: end 2020
- Impact Assessment and proposal: end 2021
- More information: [link](#)

# Sewage Sludge and Wastewater Treatment Directive

- Sewage Sludge Directive
  - Evaluation and fitness check roadmap: feedback period closed
  - Open public consultation: end 2020
  - Evaluation report: third quarter 2021
  - More information: [link](#)
- Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive
  - Evaluation completed
  - Inception Impact Assessment: feedback period closed
  - Open public consultation: beginning 2021
  - Impact assessment and legislative proposal: first quarter 2022
  - More information: [link](#)

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- **EU Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030 (20/05/2020)
- Address **soil and land** degradation in a comprehensive way
- Achieve **land degradation neutrality** by 2030
- Protecting **soil fertility**
- Reducing **erosion** and **sealing**
- Increasing **organic matter**
- Identifying and remediating **contaminated sites**
- **Restoring** degraded soils
- Defining their **good ecological status**
- Improving **monitoring**

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- **EU Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030 adopted on 20 May 2020
  - Update of the EU Soil Thematic Strategy
  - Proposal for legally binding EU nature restoration targets
  - Horizon Europe mission on soil health and food

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# Update of the Soil Thematic Strategy

- Making progress on the identification and remediation of contaminated sites plus other soil challenges
- Roadmap to be published soon on ‘Have your say’
- Feedback period of four weeks
- Open public consultation for 13 weeks: end 2020
- Adoption: second quarter 2021

# Proposal for EU nature restoration targets

- Restoration of degraded ecosystems, targets for good condition, measures, methodology for mapping
- Inception impact assessment to be published soon on 'Have your say'
- Feedback period of four weeks
- Open public consultation for 16 weeks
- Impact assessment and legislative proposal: end 2021

# Mission on soil health and food

- Mission board handed over the report 'Caring for soil is caring for life' to the Commission on 22 September 2020
- More information: [link](#) + [report](#)

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- **Chemicals strategy for sustainability**
- **Zero pollution action plan** for air, water and soil

A zero pollution ambition  
for a toxic-free environment

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# Chemicals Strategy

- Roadmap published: feedback period closed
- Communication adopted on 14 October 2020
- More information: [link](#) + [communication](#)

# Action plan towards zero pollution

- Air, water and soil
- Communication and SWD (monitoring & outlook, digital solutions)
- Roadmap published: open for feedback until 29 October 2020
- Open public consultation: end 2020
- Adoption: second quarter 2021
- More information: [link](#)

# Miscellaneous

- Online Green Week session 'Life in soils' on 22/10/2020 at 9h30-10h30
  - More information: [link](#)
- Lindane pilot project: consultation
- EU Soil Observatory
- ELD guidelines on environmental damage: January 2021

# Thank you

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