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## EDITORIAL

### NEW LEADERS, NEW LEADERSHIP?

It is not uncommon to hear our politicians trumpeting Europe's status as a world leader in environmental protection and climate action. And it is true that the EU was at the centre of efforts to agree the landmark Paris Agreement on climate change, and has recently signed-off a ban on single-use plastic items. Yet it is no longer our elected leaders that are showing true leadership when it comes to protecting nature and our climate.

While politicians tamely acknowledge the situation, it is teenagers that seem to be taking the warnings of scientists seriously - and demanding we all respond with sensible force and urgency. The global school strike for climate, inspired by Swedish student Greta Thunberg, has captured the imagination of millions of young people (and adults!). It is this generation that has shown the leadership we need as we approach elections across Europe in May. It is this generation that deserves new political leaders.

Because it is not too late to act to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown, nor to save bees and other threatened species from extinction, nor to stem the flood of plastic into our oceans. And the EU's role will be crucial. In the past five years the EU has stepped in when governments failed to improve air quality (page 10), recommitted itself to protect our precious nature (page 8) and taken urgently needed action on single use plastic (page 6). The big question for this election is whether or not the EU will emerge in a stronger position to face these critical, even existential, challenges.

As Europeans go to the polls to choose a new set of parliamentarians, they should listen to the inspirational voices of that new generation, including those too young to vote, who are speaking up for nature. Because passing on a cleaner, greener and safer world to the next generation is not just a political objective, it is a moral imperative.



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# THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT



**Gemma Bowcock** considers what the school strike for climate should mean for the European elections



Greta Thunberg during her original School Strikes in **Stockholm Sweden**

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**D**o you remember being a teenager? Feeling injustice so strongly that you couldn't understand why no one was doing anything about it?

It's a perfectly natural part of growing up.

Teenagers are programmed to question and challenge, in order to begin loosening their dependence on their parents and prepare them for adult life.

Sometimes the pioneering spirit of adolescence sweeps across the world and changes it forever. Throughout

history much of our culture – music, fashion, media – has been driven by teenagers.

**“Right now, something even more exciting is happening. Teenagers are uniting for humankind”**

But right now, something even more exciting is happening. Teenagers are uniting for humankind, and for the future of all life on Earth.

Since late 2018, not just teenagers but young people of all ages, have

been mobilising in weekly strikes for the climate. Led by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg, demonstrations have taken place in over 120 countries.

On 15 March alone it was estimated that over one million young people took to the streets around the world to demand their leaders take action on climate.

Students in Belgium were among the first to organise massive protests. In January more than 30,000 young Belgians missed classes to march together in Brussels - we spoke to some of these students at the time.

**“We are the generation that has to deal with all this damage and that's why we are screaming from the top of our lungs that we want change and that we want it now.” - Sarah Birabwa (17)**

**“We want to send a clear signal to the government that it's time for change. It is not only our future at stake, but also that of our children and grandchildren.” - Kobe Verdonck (17)**

**“We marched to show that we cannot leave the climate as it is today. If we wait until nothing more can be done about it, it will be too late.” - Britt Luyckx (16)**

Young people like Sarah, Kobe and Britt may be incredibly impassioned about our planet and the wellbeing of those we share it with, but they cannot yet vote.

One of the major responsibilities we have as adults is to elect politicians who stand not just for us but for our communities, our planet, and – of course – our children.

In the words of Greta: “We are just passing on the words of the science. Our only demand is that you start listening to it. And then start acting.”

We need to vote carefully – for those that will hear what young people, scientists and the natural

world are telling us, and who will then act.

This May, we need to vote for a European Parliament that will uphold and enforce the Paris Agreement, take the decisions needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees and ultimately learn to listen to our inner teenager!

**“We are just passing on the words of the science. Our only demand is that you start listening to it. And then start acting.”**



# THE LAST STRAW:

## Europe vows to rethink plastic

A ban on plastic straws, cutlery and other single-use items could soon become “one of the EU’s proudest achievements.”



Mauro Anastasio

**R**arely has any EU-wide proposal been reviewed and adopted as quickly as the laws against single-use plastic pollution.

But pressing issues require quick decisions, and Europe has claimed global leadership on one of the most important and visible environmental challenges of the past few years.

“This could soon become one of the EU’s proudest achievements,” says Jean-Pierre Schweitzer, a policy officer at the European Environmental Bureau.

“Marine litter, like many forms of pollution, knows no borders and can travel fast. It’s necessary that all countries commit to finding solutions.”

EU countries dump more than 100,000 tonnes of plastic in the sea every year – most of which consists of items that are used for less than 30 minutes but that will pollute our seas and beaches for decades.

These items can contaminate entire ecosystems, posing a threat to sea life and our health. In a landmark report by the Ellen MacArthur foundation, researchers found that there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050 if governments don’t take adequate actions.

**“Marine litter knows no borders. All countries must commit to finding solutions.”**

The economic impact of plastic pollution is also considerable as millions of people in the EU depend on marine and coastal biodiversity or tourism for their livelihoods. One of many reasons that helped convince EU lawmakers to act.

So, is it all good now? Not exactly. Activists and policy experts warned that the plastics lobby, backed by some governments, was still able to weaken the ambition of the laws.

Those who are familiar with the EU lobbying machine may not be surprised. But popular support for action against plastic pollution has grown alongside research showing the damage it can cause. It’s going to be difficult for governments to step back now the EU has taken the lead.

### What was agreed?

Last December, after just seven months of negotiations, EU institutions and governments agreed that by 2021 all countries must:

- **Ban several single-use plastic items** including plates, straws, beverage stirrers, cutlery, expanded polystyrene food containers and beverage cups;
- **Ensure manufacturers pay for waste management and clean-up** of several single-use plastic items, including cigarette butts and fishing gear;
- **Ensure all beverage bottles are produced from 25% recycled content** by 2025;
- **Separately collect at least 77% of plastic bottles** by 2024 and 90% by 2029.

The European Environmental Bureau is part of the Rethink Plastic alliance – an EU-wide network of leading NGOs working for a future free from plastic pollution.

A plastic-breathing dragon outside EU institutions in December 2018  
Photo: Rethink Plastic

# OUT OF REACH?

## EU chemical rules should keep us safe

**META** sat down with Tatiana Santos, EEB’s Policy Manager for Chemicals to find out more about the EU’s REACH regulation



Tatiana Santos, EEB Policy Manager

**Hello Tatiana, maybe we can start with the easy question: What is REACH?**

It’s the most advanced chemical regulation in the world with great potential to protect our health and the environment. REACH stands for: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, it’s supposed to protect people from potentially harmful substances.

**How many different chemicals are we talking about here?**

REACH had generated knowledge for nearly 22,000 substances in over 90,000 registration dossiers by the third registration deadline on 31 May 2018.

**Wow, that’s a lot, what are these chemicals used for?**

Everything! Chemicals are used in all kinds of everyday products, from plastic toys to paper, glass, textiles and even food. Many substances are perfectly safe, but for others, we’re not yet sure, that’s when the precautionary principle should apply.

**What’s the ‘precautionary principle’?**

It’s part of the foundation of European environmental law. To simplify it a bit: it’s the idea that if there’s still doubt about whether something is safe or not, it should be banned until it is proven safe.

**So what’s the problem?**

Well, at the moment you could

say REACH is ‘precautionary in principle, but flawed in fact’. The rules are good but when it comes to putting them into practice, there is a lot of work still to be done.

**For example?**

Consider the time it takes to regulate harmful chemicals. At the moment that’s an average of 16 years! Meanwhile, these and other chemicals are causing a silent pandemic of cancers, birth defects and other horrible diseases. Babies born today are ‘pre-polluted’ with over 300 substances that didn’t exist in their grandparents’ time.

**So it’s just taking too long?**

It’s not just that, there are also powerful lobby groups influencing decisions that should be based on scientific facts. There was a clear case of this recently when French authorities found Titanium Dioxide to be a probable carcinogen, they recommended its link to cancer be made clear in labelling. This is a product that is used as a whitener in common foods, paint and plastics. Despite the French recommendation the decision to add the warning was initially blocked after industry lobbying.

**What can be done?**

Member states need to invest additional resources to make REACH work properly. Companies that are not complying with the law should be named-and-shamed. Also, the influence of powerful lobbyists needs to be curtailed. EU chemicals regulation could be the best in the world, hopefully the MEPs elected this May will help make this a reality.



# WANTED!

## A European Parliament ready to help nature bloom

Emily  
Macintosh



**O**n land and sea, the EU's nature protection laws are second to none. The EU has the largest network of protected areas in the world – the Natura 2000 network – which now covers over one fifth of EU land and nearly a tenth of its seas.

The Birds and Habitats Directives have played a major role in ensuring that some of the most valuable and endangered habitats and species in Europe are preserved. And the EU's water protection law – the Water Framework Directive – is groundbreaking. It recognises that freshwater collected and filtered

by lakes, rivers, and wetlands both supports wild plants and animals, and is crucial for our survival.

But laws are no good if they only exist on paper. Across the board too little has been done to implement and enforce these world-leading laws, with wildlife on many protected sites facing a barrage of illegal threats.

Kresna Gorge in Bulgaria is threatened by a motorway, Limni beach in Cyprus is at risk from a

large-scale tourism development and Lake Koroneia in Greece has been damaged by illegal water abstraction and pollution – to name just a few examples.

This matters because Europe's nature is facing an extinction crisis, with more than 40% of insect species in decline and a third endangered – so-called 'insectageddon', which scientists say could lead to a catastrophic collapse of nature's ecosystems. Only 40% of EU waters are currently in good health.

But it is arguably intensive agriculture that poses the greatest threat to Europe's nature.

**While farming is Europe's lifeblood, the reality of agriculture today is often a far cry from the rosy picture we see in children's books and on supermarket labels.**

Most of the nearly €60 billion of EU taxpayers' money which is spent on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) every year subsidises industrial farming, with huge amounts of crops grown to feed animals raised in cramped conditions for the ever-growing export market.

Not only does industrial farming harm nature by leading to land becoming sterile, but it also plays a huge role in the current climate crisis. **Animal agriculture is responsible for around 16.5% of the world's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,**



Lake Koroneia, Greece: A Natura 2000 site under threat from illegal water extraction. Photo: Irene Vogiatzi

equivalent to the emissions from the combustion of all transport fuels. Scientists have issued repeated warnings that significant reductions in meat consumption are essential to avoid dangerous climate change.

Campaigners from the environmental movement, health groups, and farmers' unions have long called for a rethink of how we grow, share and consume our food. Within a month of being launched, a petition demanding an end to the current system of EU subsidies which heavily support damaging intensive agriculture has gathered nearly 100,000 signatures.

And hope, too, lies in the form of the **375,386 people who took part in a massive EU-wide online campaign earlier this year calling on the European Commission to uphold strong water protection rules.**

### What can the MEPs in the next European Parliament do to help Europe's nature?

- Show some love for nature by putting pressure on the next European Commission to intervene where EU environmental laws are being breached. The European Commission's job is to be nature's last line of defence and ensure that nature protection rules agreed on by EU governments are enforced properly.
- Rise to the challenge of seeking higher environmental ambition in the next Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and call for public money not to be used to support agricultural intensification. We need to move away from a farm subsidy system that exacerbates climate change and environmental destruction, damages rural communities, public health, and, crucially, current and future generations' ability to produce healthy and safe food. The good news is that every seven years there is a chance to change the CAP when it is reformed, and the next policy is set to cover the years 2021 to 2027. The next European Parliament will have a crucial role to play in the negotiations.

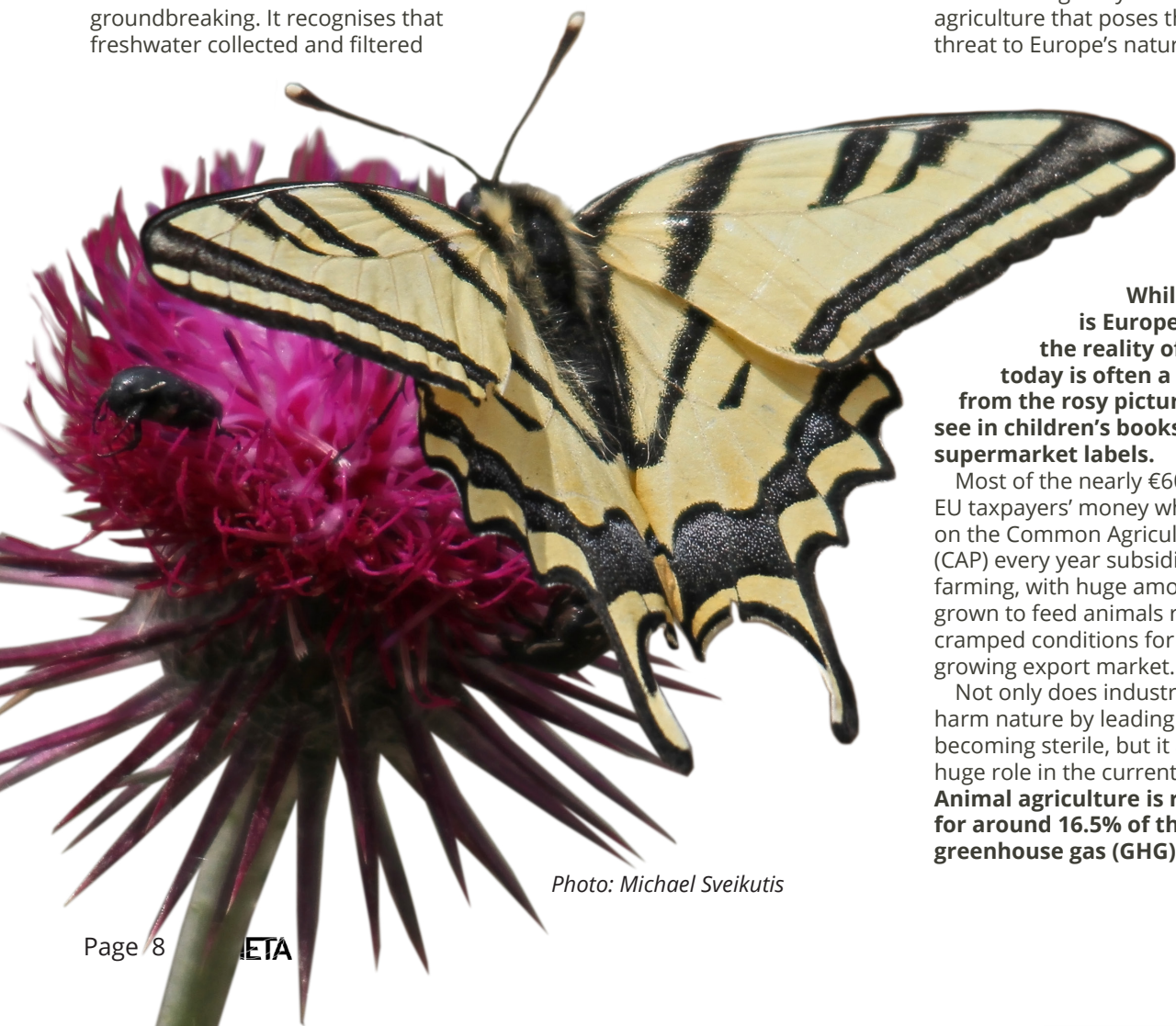


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## Something in the air?

Polluted air is Europe's number one health hazard.

**Anton Lazarus** explains what the EU is doing about it.

**I**n January last year environment ministers from nine countries were summoned to Brussels to explain themselves. Their governments were guilty of failing to cut pollution in line with the EU's clean air rules.

It was an embarrassing moment for ministers from the Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the United Kingdom: the European Commission was calling them out for letting their people breathe air that they knew was seriously harming their health.

**"98% of people living in the EU are exposed to levels of air pollution that are harmful to their health."**

Polluted air – described by experts as 'Europe's top health hazard' – harms us all, but it is particularly damaging for the most vulnerable: young children and older people.

According to the European Environment Agency (EEA), 98% of people living in the EU are exposed to levels of air pollution that are harmful to their health.

Air pollution comes from a variety of sources: cars, vans and lorries, factories and power stations, the heating for our homes and offices, and even intensive agriculture. While steps can be taken to limit the impact of air pollution, none are entirely effective.

The only way to truly tackle air pollution is to prevent the emissions in the first place. Fortunately, alternative, low or zero-pollution options exist for almost all activities that are causing the problem and in many cases the EU has been pushing for their adoption.

In October last year transport and environment ministers from all 28 EU countries signed the 'Graz Declaration' offering a green deal for transport in Europe. They promised to develop a comprehensive strategy for sustainable transport, encouraging walking and cycling whenever possible. Ministers also promised to accelerate the introduction of low and zero-emission vehicles.

Rules for industry in the EU also make it compulsory to use the best available techniques to cut pollution. In 2017 new standards were adopted that could prevent more than 20,000 premature deaths linked to pollution

from coal power plants each year.

**"Health impacts could be halved if governments respect the full range of EU rules on air pollution."**

A recent European Commission report revealed that the health impact of harmful air pollution could be halved by 2030, if governments respect the full range of EU air quality rules.

Campaigners say this is the least that should be done. EEB Clean Air Policy Officer Margherita Tolotto says: "EU rules should be considered as minimum 'safety net' protections which governments should strive to go beyond to truly clean up our air".

The EU has continued to take action against governments that have failed to ensure the minimum air quality standards are being met.

A few months after the 'toxic bloc' summit the European Commission said Germany, the UK, France, Italy, Romania and Hungary would join Poland and Bulgaria in being sent to court for inaction on air pollution. All face fines for each day they wait before action is taken. More governments may face similar action later this year.

## Waste no more: The fight for better products

Fridges, TVs and other products are getting more efficient, reducing their impact on the planet while saving people money. **Mauro Anastasio** explains this revolution is all thanks to two very smart EU policies.

**T**his year may be a turning point in the way we shop and use our everyday products.

The EU is expected to announce new rules to get several home appliances to do the same job with less energy. For the first time, manufacturers will also be obliged to make certain products more easily repairable and therefore longer lasting.

The new standards will come into force in 2021 and will apply to TVs, displays, fridges, freezers, washing machines, wash-dryers, dishwashers, and lighting products. They are part of the EU's Ecodesign Directive, which pushes the most wasteful products off the market promoting innovation and sustainability.

**"The EU's Ecodesign Directive pushes the most wasteful products off the market promoting innovation and sustainability."**

Meanwhile, those products will also get new energy labels to pull consumers towards the most efficient products.

The new labelling rules will reintroduce the original A-G scale and will be displayed in online ads and TV commercials, making it easier for consumers to see which products are most efficient.

All this means less strain on the world's finite resources and a lowering of the threat of climate change.

The European Commission recently estimated that Ecodesign and energy labelling measures will lead to energy savings of about 150 Mtoe in 2020, worth €564 per household. In 2030, the primary energy savings will grow to about 257 Mtoe, which is more than the combined energy consumption of Italy, Poland and Croatia in 2017.

**The Right to Repair: Do more with less**

Growing protests against planned obsolescence – a practice whereby companies design a product with a limited useful life – have sparked a change of direction in Ecodesign, which had previously only focussed on energy efficiency.

Thanks to the new reparability standards, manufacturers will have to ensure that appliances can be easily disassembled, and key components replaced with readily available tools.

**"The proportion of defective devices being replaced by consumers grew from 3.5% in 2004 to 8.3% in 2012."**

While it is hard to assess whether companies are purposely shortening the lifetime of our smartphones or fridges to drive sales, the proportion of defective devices being replaced by consumers grew from 3.5% in 2004 to 8.3% in 2012.

This is because it has become increasingly difficult and expensive to repair our electronic gadgets and replace key parts like a cracked screen or a weak battery.



All this comes at the expense of people and the planet.

"We can't just ignore the growing amounts of electronic waste, the depletion of finite resources and the rising CO2 emissions resulting from wasteful industrial production," says Stephane Arditi, a policy manager at the European Environmental Bureau:

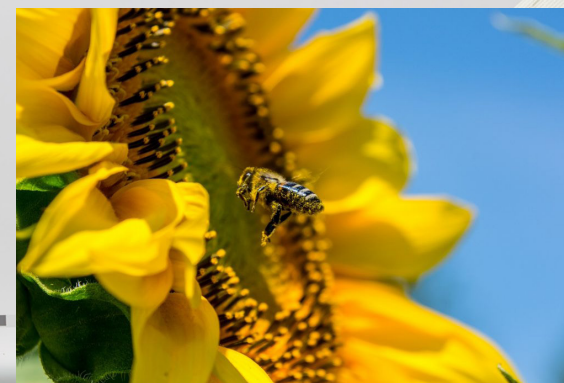
"We're happy that this issue was brought on the agenda, but the fight is not over yet. Next step will be to make spare parts and repair manuals available to all, not just professional repairers, and to extend the standards to more and more products, including computers and smartphones."





# 5 TIMES THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STOOD UP FOR NATURE AND CLIMATE

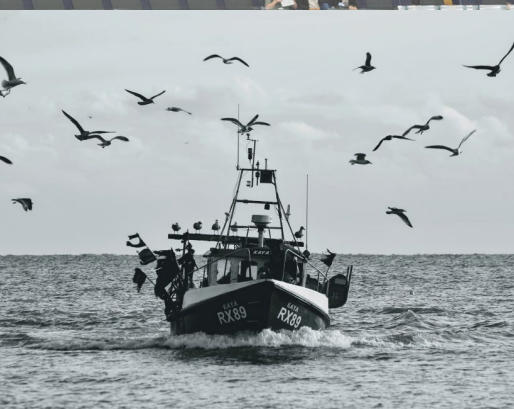
**A**s the European elections approach, **Marie-Amelie Brun** takes a look at five times the European Parliament played a crucial role in pushing for better environmental laws to protect us all. The Parliament can help to create rules that ensure our rights to clean air, healthy food and a safe climate by jointly adopting laws with EU governments. Once new EU environmental protections are adopted it is then up to national governments to turn words into actions through their own national legislation.



## MARCH 2018 STANDING UP FOR PRECIOUS BEES !

In March 2018, 86 MEPs urged the European Commission to convince EU governments to back a proposal extending a temporary ban on three controversial bee-harming pesticides.

A few months later, the Commission, supported by member states, adopted regulations that completely banned the outdoor use of the three neonicotinoids: imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam.



## JANUARY 2019 NO MORE ELECTRIC PULSE FISHING IN THE EU

In January 2019, an agreement between the European Commission, the Parliament and the Council was reached to ban the cruel technique of electric pulse fishing.

The Parliament voted in large numbers to support this ban: 402 supported the ban, 232 opposed.

Marine watchers greeted news of the ban of electric pulse fishing with joy. The ban will come into force in 2021.

## DECEMBER 2015 PUSHING FOR ENERGY SAVING MEASURES

The European Parliament can't draft laws from scratch, but it can make changes to proposed new laws and draw attention to subjects it considers important.

In 2015, the Parliament highlighted the important role of energy efficiency for both energy security and meeting the Paris Climate Agreement. While the European Commission and national governments initially favoured a 27% energy efficiency target, the Parliament pushed for a far more ambitious binding target of 40%.

One year later, the Commission's energy efficiency proposal contained a binding 30% target – thanks to the Parliament advocating for more ambition.



## NOVEMBER 2015 OPPOSING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

Chemicals used in the EU are monitored by a regulation called REACH (*see page 7*). Substances are tested and evaluated and can be prohibited if they are found to be harmful.

DEHP (a chemical found in plastics, toys, building materials, medical products etc.) was subject to the REACH 'authorisation' procedure, overseen by the European Commission's REACH Committee – a body made up of representatives of national governments.

In 2015, the European Parliament objected to authorisation proposals to use DEHP. The Parliament argued that alternative chemicals should be used instead of DEHP, which poses risks to reproduction and is an 'endocrine disruptor' (a type of chemical that interferes with our hormone systems). The objections set a precedent and are already triggering positive measures from other EU institutions.



## NOVEMBER 2018 VOTING FOR MORE CLIMATE ACTION

The Parliament plays an essential role in achieving ambitious EU laws, and this is particularly important when it comes to the urgent need for climate action.

In 2018, the Parliament participated in the development of a package of eight different pieces of legislation which are needed to ease and speed up the energy transition – the so-called 'Clean Energy Package'.

The European Commission proposed setting an objective of producing at least 27% of our energy from renewable sources by 2030. But during the negotiations between the Commission, the Parliament and EU governments, MEPs managed to find a majority for increasing that target to 32% - a big difference in practice!

While the final target was still seen as insufficient to meet the goals set in the Paris Climate Agreement, the negotiations highlighted the critical importance of the Parliament during EU climate negotiations.





# BABY STEPS TO SAVE THE PLANET: WHAT I LEARNT AT THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY

EEB's Director of Global Policies and Sustainability,  
**Patrizia Heidegger**, travelled to Nairobi to attend UNEA4.

**J**ust imagine the crowd at the 4th UN Environment Assembly: over 4,000 delegates, 100 environment ministers and selected heads of state, including French President Emmanuel Macron.

The Assembly, also known as UNEA, is the world's highest decision-making body ever established to solve the most pressing environmental challenges.

Governments had tabled 27 resolutions to address a broad range of burning issues, from tackling plastic pollution to managing chemicals, from recognising the role of women in solving environmental challenges to halting deforestation.

***"UNEA is the world's highest decision-making body, established to solve the most pressing environmental challenges."***

The negotiators were confined in small, hot meeting rooms from morning till late in the evening as they dealt with controversies and heavy push backs by some states.

As part of the frenzy, environmental activists and NGOs from around the world were trying to get a hold of delegates in the coffee breaks, in the hallways, in the queue to lunch, or wherever there was a chance to press for real change and convince a government to support ambitious solutions.

In the end, the governments adopted twenty five resolutions. To the great disappointment of advocates and activists working to preserve the world's forests, the resolution on deforestation had to be withdrawn after tensions with countries such as Brazil and Indonesia.

A resolution tabled by the European Union on the circular economy was agreed. However, the wording was heavily watered down with certain governments – amongst them the US – clearly opposed to the transition to a circular economy,

which is really about reducing resource waste in absolute terms. Unfortunately, some governments also deleted any reference to getting rid of hazardous chemicals in everyday products.

Despite momentum around the globe to tackle plastic pollution, states assembled at UNEA missed the opportunity to agree on a big step forward to curb the production of plastics. Some governments were ready for it, but they were eventually persuaded to take baby steps instead, which will not be enough to save the planet from drowning in plastic.

On a positive note, civil society celebrated the adoption of a resolution that recognises the role of women in finding solutions to environmental challenges.

To sum it up, after a week, I was glad to see civil society's growing presence at UNEA, as activists did all they could to make an impact on the negotiations. Among these, I was impressed by the women's rights' activists who staged a stunt on the main stairway leading to the conference rooms on International Women's Day. I was also happy to see youth activists from Nairobi and elsewhere organising a march for the climate. All this helped restore a genuine sense of diversity and inclusion, which we desperately need.

***"I was glad to see civil society's growing presence, as activists did all they could to make an impact on the negotiations."***

We have worked hard to make small steps forward – on global chemicals management, on gender justice, on solving the plastics crisis, on promoting a circular economy. However, these baby steps are way too small to tackle the challenges that humankind is facing. The fight is not over yet, and we all need to make sure that at the next UNEA global leaders feel the political heat and deliver real solutions.

## EU ELECTIONS - 23-26 MAY 2019 Where can I learn more?

**L**ooking for more information about the European elections? Wondering what MEPs and the European Commission have done, or could do, for the environment? Try some of these great sources for more information.

### META

At [meta.eeb.org](http://meta.eeb.org) you'll find all the latest environmental news from across Europe, you can search by key words or click on sections to check out stories on the topic you're most interested in.

### Re-Protection

EU regulations are there to protect us, that's why the EEB has been working with the New Economics Founda-

tion on a campaign to stop 'deregulation'. Find out more at [neweconomics.org/campaigns/reprotection](http://neweconomics.org/campaigns/reprotection).

### This Time I'm Voting

The European Parliament has set up its own campaign to boost citizen participation in the election. At [thistimeimvoting.eu](http://thistimeimvoting.eu) you can find out about events near you and explore case studies about the work the European Union has done in your country or region.

### SDG Watcher?

Are you particularly interested in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals? Then it's definitely worth checking out [sdgwatcheurope.org](http://sdgwatcheurope.org) to

see their 'Manifesto for a Sustainable Europe for its Citizens'.

### Manifesto for the Sea

European seas are in a sorry state - but simple changes in policy could lead to healthier, more resilient oceans for all Europeans. Find out more in the 'Manifesto for the Sea' from Seas At Risk: [seas-at-risk.org](http://seas-at-risk.org).

### Green10

Ten of the biggest environmental groups active at the EU level have agreed a joint manifesto calling for a Europe that puts the wellbeing of people and our planet first. You can download the full text at: [green10.org](http://green10.org).

## Coming and going

### Leaving the EEB

**Ian Carey**  
(Communications Manager)  
moved to Ireland to work for the Irish Green Party

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(Senior Policy Officer: Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems) moved to Berlin to work for Adelphi

**Evi Declercq**  
(Global Policies and Sustainability Intern)

**Giacomo Udugbor**  
(Membership Assistant)

### Joining the EEB

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Environmental Justice Intern

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## VOTE FOR A CLEAN, GREEN FUTURE

