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A TURNING POINT?

The European Environmental Bureau brings together citizens' groups from across Europe. With over 150 members in 35 countries, our network represents more than 30 million people.

Together with our members we work on all kinds of issues – from ecology to economy, biowaste to biodiversity and incineration to insulation. We speak up for people and nature to help shape policies for a sustainable future.

2018 was a big year that I hope will be remembered as a turning point.

After public revulsion at pictures of oceans drowning in plastic, environmental groups rallied to demand that something be done. And, for once, the EU was quick to respond, taking the popular decision to ban the sale of some of the single-use plastic items that are most commonly found in seas and on beaches around the globe.

The speed at which the EU drafted and adopted the new plastic regulation proves the power and potential for quick and effective international action.

While some of the environmental challenges we face are enormous, our shared environment is something that unites us all. Whatever our political persuasion, we all want to eat good food, drink safe water and breathe clean air. And with people's lives becoming increasingly chaotic, we perhaps shouldn't be surprised that time spent in nature – even just walking in a city park – has been proven to reduce stress and help us recharge our batteries.

In today's world, challenges and opportunities are global, and cooperation on environmental topics across borders is essential.

I hope you enjoy reading about what we have achieved in 2018 and I look forward to continuing to work together in the years to come.

Jeremy Wates
Secretary General



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018



APRIL

We lobbied the EU to ensure that a 'right to repair' consumer products was enshrined in 'ecodesign' rules. When the European Commission launched a public consultation, we raised awareness and our campaign pushed the story into major newspapers across Europe.



FEBRUARY

We maintained pressure on the European Commission to send governments to court for failing to improve air quality. The Commission held a 'toxic bloc' summit of environment ministers from nine countries, six of which were finally sent to court in May.



JANUARY

A META story about the Immerather 'cathedral' being torn down to make way for the expansion of a coal mine went viral attracting thousands of page views and temporarily crashing our website!

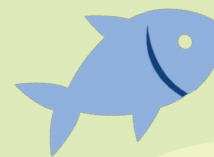
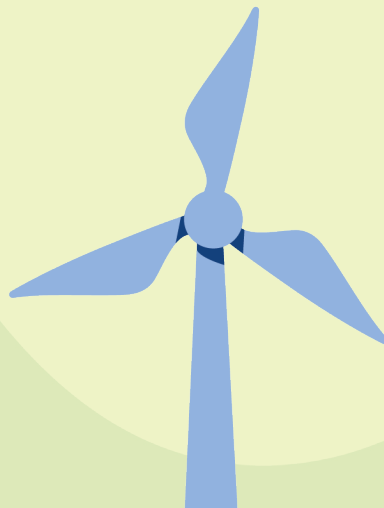
MAY

We dug into EU pollution data and discovered a huge jump in mercury emissions from coal plants. Campaigners in Poland saw our story and discovered the reason for the increase was a new EU law requiring emissions to be measured rather than estimated. Pollution from plants had been massively underestimated for years. The story made the front page of Gazeta Wyborcza.



JUNE

After we lobbied for more than a year for higher targets, the EU finally upped its ambition on renewables and energy efficiency. The slightly raised targets were welcomed as 'baby steps' in the right direction towards meeting Paris climate commitments.



OCTOBER

We launched, with our partners, the #ProtectWater campaign in support of threatened EU water laws.



SEPTEMBER

We worked with hundreds of academics who signed a public letter urging EU leaders to ditch GDP growth and adopt a 'sustainability and wellbeing pact'. We then held a conference on the issue in the European Parliament. Tens of thousands of citizens supported our 'beyond growth' petition.



SEPTEMBER

We organised the launch of a 'Manifesto for a Sustainable Europe', outlining core demands to put Europe on the road to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OCTOBER

We turned the findings of a three-year investigation by German officials into chemical safety tests into a major story attracting media attention across Europe. The study found that companies were breaking EU law by marketing hundreds of potentially dangerous chemicals that are widely used in consumer and other products.



NOVEMBER

We welcomed more than three hundred people to our yearly conference, this time called 'Getting to the Europe we want', in Brussels.



DECEMBER

After months of campaigning we hailed an EU-wide ban on common single-use plastic items as likely "to become one of Europe's proudest achievements".



META

Environmental groups are doing amazing things, yet the mainstream media often fails to cover them. In 2017 we launched our own news site **META.eeb.org** to amplify the work being done by green groups everywhere and to steer the news agenda.

2018 was the new site's first full year of operation. Thanks to its success we grew subscribers to our weekly newsletter by 52%, with the **META.eeb.org** site counting 112,374 unique pageviews.

Politicians and officials in Brussels and national capitals, researchers and journalists, and our wide network of members all over Europe: META is read by people who matter.

229 stories published on **META.eeb.org**

68 million combined reach of media stories from just one of our press releases

22,790 Twitter followers at the end of 2018
@green_europe

CLIMATE & ENERGY

The benefits of climate action are enormous: safe and secure power with reduced energy bills, warmer homes, cleaner air and a secure future for the planet. The Paris Climate Agreement is the world's plan to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown and the EU has a crucial role to play in delivering it.

In 2018, there was a raft of new climate and energy legislation as much of the EU's 'Clean Energy for all Europeans' package was agreed. This set of new laws included directives on the energy performance of buildings, renewable energy, energy efficiency, governance and electricity market design. These vital laws will provide a foundation for European energy for years to come.

Our climate and energy work focused on **boosting binding efficiency and renewables targets**, improving governance and market design, cutting waste from consumer electronics and ensuring that Europe sets a bold vision for climate action in line with the Paris Agreement.

We engaged with members of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission. We met with officials on more than 30 occasions, to drive the debate towards greater ambition.

We helped build the capacity of our members to target their national governments, including in the run up to and during the global COP climate conference in Katowice, Poland.

The hard work paid off with initial **targets for both energy efficiency and renewables raised** compared to the disappointing proposals originally put forward by the Commission. The agreed targets, of 32.5% for energy efficiency and 32% for renewables, could mean overall greenhouse gas reductions target of above 45% by 2030.

We also worked hard to improve rules to cut wasted energy from home appliances and other electronic products.

In September our CoolProducts campaign continued to put pressure on decision makers and was **successful in preventing plans to drop the popular A-E energy labels for some consumer products**. The measures are now expected to save consumers and businesses €23bn in reduced energy bills every year.

In November the Commission finally published its 2050 long-term climate strategy. After pressure to raise the existing target of an 80% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by the middle of the century, the proposal called for a 'climate neutral EU' by 2050. Further work will be required to define what this means in practice, but a clear direction has been set and ground prepared for the necessary ramping up of climate action in the coming years.

€23bn
energy savings
for people and
businesses thanks to
the EU energy label

45% cut in
EU greenhouse gas
emissions by 2030

2050 the
Commission's target
year for a climate
neutral EU

Senior Policy Officer for Climate and Energy, Roland Joebstl,
chairing a panel on climate policy at our annual conference



The 'take, make and throw away' economy has had its time. Instead, policymakers and NGOs, along with a growing number of industries, agree that moving to a 'circular economy' – where waste is prevented and products reused or recycled – is the best solution for the planet and for business. The EU must lead the world by fully committing to a truly circular economy.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

After years of pressure we finally persuaded the European Commission to make certain products more easily repairable as part of its Ecodesign Directive. EU institutions agreed to increase recycling targets for municipal solid waste and to get rid of some of the most polluting single-use plastic items.

Going circular means cutting waste and **in 2018 we welcomed new EU laws that set out to achieve this.** Thanks to these laws EU countries will be required to recycle at least 55% of their municipal waste by 2025, rising to 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035. The updated waste directives will also mean a 10% cap on landfill by 2035, mandatory separate collection of biowaste and stricter schemes to make producers pay for the collection of key recyclables.

As part of the Rethink Plastic alliance, our circular economy team also worked relentlessly to secure, among other measures, **a ban on several single-use plastic items** and laws to boost the recycling of plastic bottles.

With 'repair café' culture spreading across Europe **we launched a campaign for the right to repair** consumer products. Despite an industry lobbying attempt to continue business as usual, **we succeeded in getting repair requirements included in draft design rules for new products** like fridges, lighting and electronic displays. This was the first time EU Ecodesign rules were used to ensure broken products could be more easily fixed.

We also celebrated as more **stringent restrictions were placed on hazardous substances in products like paper** and tissue paper that carry the EU's 'Ecolabel' symbol.

65% of municipal waste will need to be recycled by 2035

70kg estimated weight of the natural resources needed to make one mobile phone

26 million tonnes of plastic waste generated in Europe every year:

- 30% recycled
- 31% landfilled
- 39% incinerated



Policy Officer Jean-Pierre Schweitzer and Communications Officer Mauro Anastasio join campaigners in front of the European Commission to demand EU laws guaranteeing the 'right to repair'

NATURE & AGRICULTURE

Our precious natural world is under pressure. Industrial farming drives habitat destruction, pollutes waterways and erodes soil. Intensive production of food, especially meat and dairy, is contributing to climate change and air pollution. We need to take a fresh approach to agriculture and ensure that EU nature laws are fully respected so we can all enjoy good food and a healthy natural world.

Safe and clean water came under threat in 2018 as industry lobbyists and some governments tried to weaken EU water laws. Attention was also focused on how well European countries are implementing existing nature laws, and what the European Commission could do to ensure that those rules are being followed. In June, we saw a disappointing first draft of what the EU's flagship Common Agriculture Policy could look like in the future.

As part of the **'Living Rivers' coalition** we launched the **#ProtectWater** campaign. It called on the EU to retain the levels of protections found in the Water Framework directive and to ensure that national governments put the rules into practice.

We spoke about the importance of the Directive for wildlife and people at the high-level EU Water Conference in Vienna in October.

In March, there was some good news as our **nature scorecards** found that two thirds of the 19 member states assessed had done an acceptable job of delivering on EU nature laws in their national legislation. The research, conducted together with our partners, found that, while there was a lot of room for improvement, there was real potential for EU laws to help ensure that Europe's unique natural heritage is preserved for the generations to come.

In May, we helped produce **'Nature's Last Line of Defence'**, a brochure showing that efforts to protect nature are undermined when the European Commission fails to challenge member states on illegal destruction.

We advocated for political action on **rewilding** and for a **new global deal for nature**, and campaigned on the problem of **pharmaceuticals in the environment**.

The proposal for the future of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), released by the European Commission in June, set the stage for a race to the bottom on environmental standards for farming. We rejected the Commission's proposals as **not nearly enough to fix the broken CAP** – which currently costs the EU €60bn every year.

With reform of the EU's food and farming system set to be a major issue next year, we held regular meetings with MEPs and Commission representatives, and participated in many debates and conferences on European agriculture. EEB staff also co-organised several events including a CAP conference in Sofia in June, and an event on the CAP and climate change in Brussels in November.

1 world-leading water law strongly defended by citizens' groups across Europe

€60bn money spent each year on the Common Agriculture Policy, often to support environmentally destructive activities

2,000 approximate number of species of bees in Europe, 9% of which are facing extinction

Our Policy Officer for Agriculture, Bérénice Dupeux, speaking at a debate on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy



Healthy industry, clean air, safe products and good food: we deserve laws and policies that will help deliver them all. European rules should protect our health and environment by stopping or limiting harmful pollution, but they often fall short of their potential. We want EU laws to be strengthened and properly enforced.

HEALTH & INDUSTRY



EU limits on air quality have been breached in some countries for more than a decade. In 2018 enough was enough and, after years of pressure to act, EU Environment Commissioner Karmenu Vella finally announced a ‘toxic bloc’ of national governments would be sent to court. But at the same time President Jean-Claude Juncker’s drive to cut or weaken EU laws threatened to overturn years of air quality progress.

We continued to pressure the Commission to send governments to the European Court of Justice for their persistent failure to meet EU clean air limits. With clear evidence of continued infringement, a ‘toxic bloc’ summit was held in February and six governments were sent to court in May. All now face the prospect of daily fines that could cost millions.

While citizens were welcoming EU legal action to clean up the air, President Juncker’s obsession with ‘deregulation’ led to a ‘fitness check’, which threatened to weaken European ambient air quality laws. We joined our members and partners in arguing for the current laws to be saved and better enforced for the benefit of our health and environment and produced **a simple step-by-step guide to assist with completing a crucial public consultation.**

In March, the Commission published a review of the EU’s world-leading chemical rules ‘REACH’. **Their evaluation accepted a list of our longstanding criticisms.** In October **we shared an official German report with media contacts across Europe** and widespread media coverage led to a debate in the European Parliament and a pledge by the European Chemicals Agency to raise its compliance checks from 5% to 20%.

In May, we published a story about **a massive jump in toxic mercury emissions** from German and Polish coal-fired power plants. The story was picked up in Poland where campaigners discovered that new EU laws requiring companies to actually monitor, rather than just estimate, their emissions meant that the apparent jump was actually the result of hidden pollution being exposed. The story was featured on the front page of Gazeta Wyborcza.

6 EU governments sent to court for air pollution failure in 2018 (Germany, the UK, France, Italy, Romania and Hungary)

1,814 high production volume chemicals made or imported into Europe since 2010 (a third in breach of EU safety laws)

2.82 tonnes of toxic mercury pollution pumped into the air by the Bełchatów coal plant in Poland – more than all Spanish industry combined



Tatiana Santos, our Policy Manager for Chemicals and Nanotechnology, chairing a panel on chemicals policy at the EEB’s annual conference

The EU's six-month rotating presidency means two countries get to chair Council meetings each year. We work to influence and support the governments hosting the presidencies to make sure that environmental issues are always high on the agenda. Our EU team also take on cross-cutting policies that have a big impact on the natural world.

EU POLICIES

In 2018, it was the turn of Bulgaria and Austria to host the EU Presidency. As negotiations continued on the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, ensuring that environmental protections would be retained and respected post-Brexit became a priority.

Ahead of the Austrian and Bulgarian presidencies we produced detailed memoranda that included 10 green tests which we used to assess their performance at the end of their terms. We concluded that **Austria rose to the challenge to fight plastic pollution in 2018** but failed to apply the same zest to agricultural pollution. For its part, **Bulgaria failed to prioritise nature** during its EU presidency but made good efforts on energy and circular economy.

We attended meetings with European Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans on four occasions in 2018. Our Secretary General Jeremy Wates regularly met EU environment ministers and many members of our staff spoke with other senior EU and national government figures throughout the year.

In 2018, we launched **a new project called 'Implement for LIFE'** to help strengthen environmental protections by improving how EU laws are put into practice in member states. In the first year of this two-year project, we published a report on access to justice for environmental groups and brought together lawyers from across Europe in a working group to **address the problem of poor implementation of European environmental laws**.

Throughout the year, we followed the ongoing negotiations between the European Commission and the British government, meeting with the EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michael Barnier in November to stress the need to **ensure environmental protections are retained and matched following Brexit**.

In June, national governments shared our outrage when the Commission tried to dodge its commitments to the Aarhus Convention on environmental rights. **We successfully pressured governments into invoking Article 241 of the Treaty of Lisbon**. This almost unprecedented action obliged the Commission to take steps towards ensuring that the public has access to justice in environmental matters at the EU level and will hopefully have far-reaching consequences in the future.

Our efforts to secure a follow-up to the EU's 7th Environment Action Programme were rewarded when EU environment ministers unanimously agreed a renewed programme was required at a meeting in Graz, Austria. We had worked hard in the run up to the meeting, circulating a reflection paper and holding meetings with Austrian government officials.

20 number of 'green tests' set by the EEB in 2018 (10 for Austria and 10 for Bulgaria)

70th anniversary of the European Movement International was celebrated in Den Haag, the Netherlands. EEB Secretary General Jeremy Wates addressed delegates with a speech on 'Sustainability: pipedream or realistic scenario?'

5 barriers to access to justice on environmental matters identified by our report '**Challenge Accepted?**': Standing, Time, Knowledge, Money and Repercussions

Our EU Policy Director Patrick ten Brink hands European Commission First Vice President Frans Timmermans **a petition with over 90,000 signatures** calling for an end to the EU's GDP growth dependency



The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) seek to end poverty, reduce inequality and protect the planet. Europe must show global leadership by embracing sustainability at home and abroad. However, the SDGs have not received the attention they deserve within Europe. We work to raise awareness about the SDGs in the EU and to advocate for policies that promote sustainability and environmental justice.

GLOBAL POLICIES & SUSTAINABILITY



Although the EU has recently given more attention to the Sustainable Development Goals, it will fail to achieve several of them if it continues along the current path. Europe is destroying its biodiversity (SDG 15) and is not meeting its Paris Agreement commitments (SDG 13), while our consumption and production patterns are far from sustainable (SDG 12) and inequalities continue to widen significantly in many parts of the EU (SDG 10). The results are heightened levels of social friction and increasing environmental damage.

We led **the Make Europe Sustainable for All project** involving 25 partners from across Europe. Together, we realised 46 local projects in 15 countries during 2018. The project also helped to bolster the effectiveness of SDG Watch Europe, which monitors the implementation of the SDGs in the EU and advocates for change.

The EEB also played an active role in the European Commission's multi-stakeholder SDG Platform, which drafted recommendations on how the Commission could achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Another major plank of our global sustainability work was to explore and advocate for Europe to measure success in terms of wellbeing and quality of life rather than GDP growth. In this context, several of our staff took

part in a **gathering of 500 experts** at the European Parliament examining the possibilities for a post-growth future. In November, we organised a high-

profile workshop on positive post-growth scenarios in Europe at a major **'Growth in Transition'** conference in Vienna, which was organised by the Austrian Presidency of the EU.

We continued to push for environmental justice around the world through our involvement in the Environmental Justice Atlas (**EJAtlas**) project. The Atlas is the largest database of environmental conflicts in the world, which has been used by millions of people, including scholars, activists, journalists and ordinary citizens. The EEB helped establish the EJAtlas and has been responsible for its dissemination activities since its launch in 2014.

In the context of the EU's Neighbourhood Policy, we worked with environmental organisations, in particular in the Western Balkans, Turkey and Eastern Europe, to bring environment policies in the candidate countries in line with the EU's standards, to build the capacity of civil society and to support NGOs in strengthening their networks. In 2018, we focused on advancing the circular economy, energy and climate policies as well as river basin management.



20,000

academics endorsed a 'warning to humanity' cautioning that the Earth's biosphere is on the brink of collapse

2,700

environmental conflicts from all around the world are featured on the EJAtlas

46

local actions in 15 EU countries were organised as part of 'Make Europe Sustainable for All'

Our Global Policies and Sustainability Director, Patrizia Heidegger, speaks at a panel on post-growth and trade

WORKING GROUPS & EVENTS

In November, we hosted our annual conference on the theme of 'Getting to the Europe We Want'. More than 300 delegates registered for this flagship event, which returned to Brussels after successful visits to Austria and the UK in the previous two years.

Our special events for members and partners included a reflection day to prepare the ground for work on our next long-term strategy. We also held a workshop on stopping deregulation, a conference about moving beyond GDP growth and a training session on communicating about the EU elections.

Our working groups are at the heart of what we do. Throughout the year, we welcomed around 500 people to 20 working group meetings. The meetings bring together people working for our members from across Europe to discuss, debate and learn more about the topics they work on.

We host most of our working group meetings at our offices in Brussels, but in some cases it makes sense and helps to broaden participation to take the meetings to other parts of Europe. In 2018, we held a water meeting in Berlin in March, one on agriculture in Sofia in June, another on water in Vienna in September, an industry working group in Mallorca in October, and finally a circular economy meeting in Barcelona in November.



GOVERNANCE

In 2018, our board held meetings on 7-8 March in Brussels, 11-12 June in Vienna and 4 November in Brussels. Our diverse board had 41 members in 2018 and included 32 national representatives from different European countries. Between board meetings, direction and guidance was provided by our executive committee, composed of the president and vice-presidents. Following the elections at the AGM in 2017, the EEB board had the following composition through to the AGM in November 2018:

President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer

Finland - Mr. Jouni NISSINEN (EEB President), Finnish Association for Nature Conservation

Individual member - Mr. Axel JANSEN (Treasurer)

Austria - Mr. Bernhard ZLANABITNIG (Vice-President), Umweltdachverband

Greece - Ms. Christina Kontaxi (Vice-President), Med-SOS

Ireland - Ms. Attracta UI BHROIN (Vice-President), An Taisce

European network - Mr. Siim VAHTRUS (Vice-President), Justice & Environment

European network representatives

Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) - Ms. Anke STOCK

Fédération Spéléologique Européenne (FSE) - Ms. Bärbel VOGEL

Youth and Environment Europe (YEE) - Mr. Stefan RUDEL

ClientEarth - Ms. Anna HESLOP

AirClim - Mr. Christer ÅGREN

Eco-Union - Mr. Alejandro GONZALEZ DOMINGO

ChemSec - Mr. Stefan SCHEUER

National representatives

Belgium - Mr. Christophe SCHOUNE, Inter Environnement Wallonie (IEW)

Bulgaria - Ms. Maria VELIKOVA, "Europe and We" Association

Croatia - Mr. Toni VIDAN, Zelena akcija - Green Action

Cyprus - Ms. Georgia SHOSHILOU, Federation of Environmental and Ecological Organizations of Cyprus (FEEO)

Czech Republic - Mr. Jiri DLOUHY - Society for Sustainable Living (STUŽ)

Denmark - Mr. Jens LA COUR, Danish Society for Nature Conservation

Estonia - Mr. Juhan TELGMAA, Estonian Society for Nature Conservation (ESNC)

France - Mr. Jerome PARTOS, France Nature Environnement (FNE)

Germany - Ms. Bjela VOSSSEN, Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR)

Hungary - Mr. Gabor BENDIK, Clean Air Action Group (CAAG)

Italy - Mr. Mauro ALBRIZIO, Legambiente

Latvia - Mr. Janis BRIZGA, Green Liberty

Luxembourg - Ms. Karima HAMMOUCHE, Natur & Umwelt

Malta - Mr. Hubert THEUMA, Nature Trust

Netherlands - Mr. Patrick NUVELSTIJN, Natuurmonumenten

North Macedonia - Ms. Ana COLOVIC LESOSKA, Eco-Svest

Poland - Mr. Wojciech SZYMALSKI, Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)

Portugal - Ms. Ana BRAZAO, Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente (GEOTA)

Republic of Moldova - Mr. Ilya TROMBITSKY, Eco-TIRAS

Romania - Ms Irina DAIA, Centrul de Excelenta pentru Dezvoltare (CEDD)

Serbia - Ms. Lazarija ŠOJIC, ALHem

Slovakia - Mr. Daniel LEŠINSKÝ, Centre for Sustainable Alternatives (CEPTA)

Slovenia - Mr. Andrej MOHAR, Dark Sky Slovenia

Spain - Ms. Monica VIDAL, ECODES

Sweden - Ms. Johanna SANDAHL, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

Turkey - Ms. Deniz ATAC, TEMA Foundation

Ukraine - Mr. Andriy ANDRUSEVYCH, Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment"

United Kingdom - Mr. Lloyd AUSTIN, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

In 2018, we welcomed 11 new members, bringing the total number to over 150, and continued to work closely with our membership through our working groups.

EUROPEAN NETWORKS

AirClim
Bellona Europe
Carbon Market Watch
CEEweb for Biodiversity
Changing Markets Foundation*
CHEM Trust
Chemsec
Compassion In World Farming
ClientEarth
Club Arc Alpin
Coastwatch Europe
Eco-Union
European Federation of City Farms
European Land and Soil Alliance
European Compost Network
Federation Speleologique Europeenne
Fern
Green Budget Europe
Justice and Environment
Naturefriends International
Pesticide Action Network Europe
Seas At Risk
EU Against Aircraft Nuisances
WECF International
Youth and Environment Europe

KEY

Full member
Associate member
Affiliate member
New member in 2018*

MEMBERS

UNITED KINGDOM

Green Alliance
Keep Britain Tidy
NI Environment Link
Population Matters
RSPB
Scottish Environment Link
The Restart Project*
Woodland Trust

IRELAND

An Taisce
Friends of the Irish Environment
Irish Environmental Network
Irish Wildlife Trust
Sustainable Water Network
Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment

FRANCE

Association pour la Protection des Animaux Sauvages
France Nature Environnement
SEPANSO
SOS Loire Vivante
Zero Waste France

SPAIN

ECODES
Ecologistas en Acción
Ecologistes de Catalunya
Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua
Fundación Vivo Sano
IIDMA

PORTUGAL

GEOTA
LPN
Quercus
ZERO

NETHERLANDS

De Faunabescherming
LandschappenNL*
Mondiaal Alternatief
Natuurmonumenten
NSG
Natuur en Milieu
Vereniging Milieudefensie
Waddenvereniging

BELGIUM

Bond Beter Leefmilieu
Inter-Environnement Bruxelles
Inter-Environnement Wallonie

GERMANY

BBU
BHU
BUND
Bundesverband Boden
Deutsche Umwelthilfe
DNR
Grüne Liga
HEJSupport
Licht und Natur
Living Rivers Foundation
NABU
Öko-Institut
SDW
Umweltinstitut München*
UVP
Verband Der Deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher

SWITZERLAND

Noé21

NORWAY

Future in Our Hands*

SWEDEN

MKG
SSNC

DENMARK

Danmarks Naturfredningsforening
Det Økologiske Råd

LUXEMBOURG

Mouvement Écologique
Natur & Umwelt

CZECH REPUBLIC

Arnika Association
STUŽ
Zelený Kruh

AUSTRIA

ÖAL
ÖKO-BÜRO
Umweltdachverband

SLOVENIA

Drustvo Temno Nebo Slovenije
Institut za Trajnostni Razvoj

CROATIA

Sunce
ZELENA AKCIJA

ITALY

CieloBuio
Cittadini per l'aria
Federazione Nazionale Pro Natura
Genitori Antismog
Legambiente

MALTA

Nature Trust Malta

FINLAND

Natur och Miljö
Suomen Luonnonsuojeluliitto

ESTONIA

Club of Rome Estonia*
Estonian Society for Nature Conservation

LATVIA

Green Liberty
Latvijas Dabas Fonds

LITHUANIA

VšĮ Žiedinė ekonomika
Lithuanian Fund for Nature

SLOVAKIA

CEPTA - Centre for Sustainable Alternatives

HUNGARY

Levegő Munkacsop
EMLA
HUMUSZ
MTVSZ

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Eco-Tiras

SERBIA

Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Developments*
ALHem
SREDINA

NORTH MACEDONIA

Eko-Svest
Go Green*

GREECE

ECOCITY
Elliniki Etairia
Mediterranean SOS Network
Organization Earth

153 members

11 new members in 2018

464 people attended our 20 working group meetings during 2018

POLAND

Centrum Prawa Ekologicznego
Eko-Unia*
Instytut Na Rzecz Ekorozwoju
Nowa Idea
Polish Zero Waste Association
Polski Klub Ekologiczny
Society for Earth TnZ*

UKRAINE

Environment People Law
MAMA-86
Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment"

ROMANIA

Centrul de Consultanta Ecologica Galati
Centrul de Excelență pentru Dezvoltare Durabilă
Ecoteca
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Our diverse and dedicated staff work tirelessly to achieve our goals. In 2018, we had 48 passionate and committed colleagues from 16 countries. Including interns, we welcomed 12 new faces and wished seven others good luck in their future careers.

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Some of our staff and their children at our annual team retreat near Antwerp, Belgium, 9-11 July

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After more than 20 years at our previous address, we found a new home on the Rue des Deux Eglises in the heart of the European district of Brussels.

A dedicated group of volunteer staff cooperated with specialist architects to design and fit out the office, working wherever possible with responsible and sustainable materials. We now have the space we need to host special events and bigger meetings with our members, and to welcome new colleagues as our team continues to grow. If you haven't visited us yet, we look forward to showing you around.

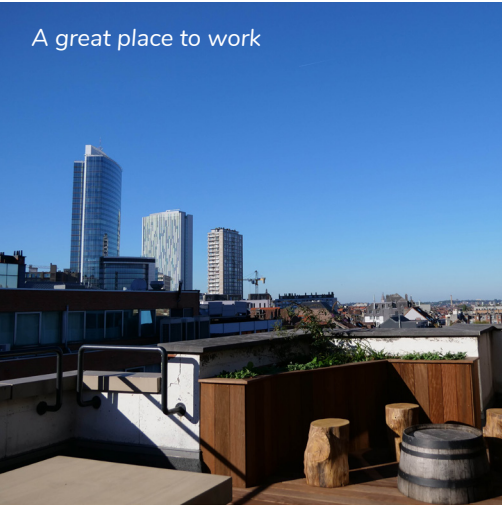
A NEW HOME



A team effort



A space to bring people together



A great place to work

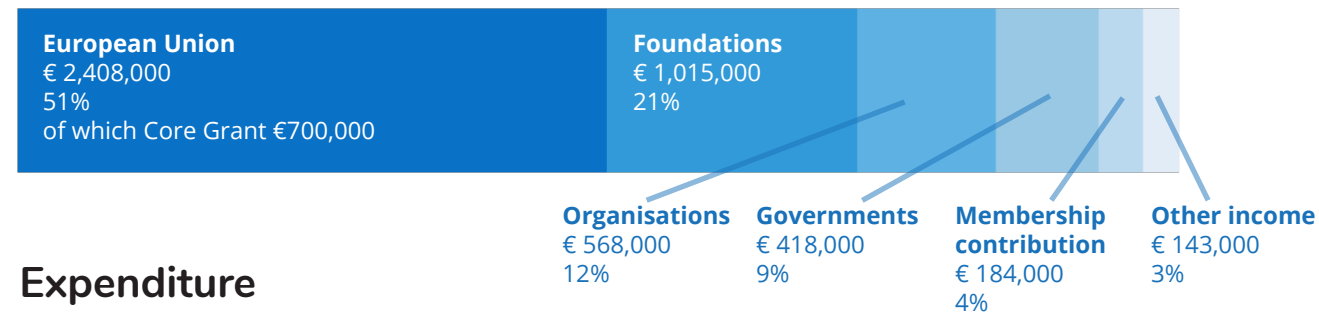


ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

In 2018, our total income increased by 23.5% from the previous year. This was mainly due to a new grant funded by the EU's LIFE programme for work on the implementation of environmental law, a grant funded by the Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) for work on SDG implementation and some increase in income from membership contributions and foundations. Despite the major office move and a slight decrease in contributions from organisations and governments, the EEB was able to put €14,100 into the reserves at the end of the year.

Income

€ 4,736,000

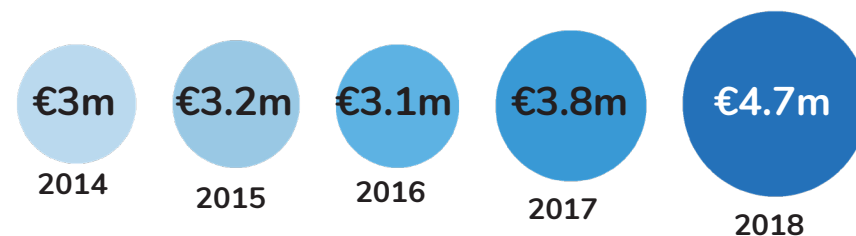


Expenditure

€ 4,722,000



Total reserves end 2018: € 502,400 (of which € 14,100 added in 2018)



Total annual income 2014-2018

THANK YOU

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- DG Environment
- DG DEVCO
- H2020 (via Fraunhofer and via ACR+)

Organisations

- Deutsche Umwelthilfe - DUH
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
- Energy Saving Trust
- Umweltdachverband
- European Environment and Health Initiative
- Instituto Tecnológico del Embalaje, Transporte y Logística (ITENE)
- ICLEI European Secretariat GmbH
- University of Barcelona
- German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ)
- Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development
- Zero Waste Europe
- Natuurmonumenten
- Carbon Market Watch

Governments

- Austria - Austrian Environment Agency and Austrian Energy Agency
- Belgium - Federal Public service: Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- Belgium - Brussels Institute for the environment management (IBGE)
- Denmark - Ministry of the Environment
- Finland - Ministry of the Environment
- France - Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy
- Germany - Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Ireland - Department for Environment, Community and Local Government
- Italy - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Sweden - Ministry of the Environment and Energy

Foundations

- European Climate Foundation
- MAVA Foundation
- New Economics Foundation
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- Environmental Fund Defense Europe
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