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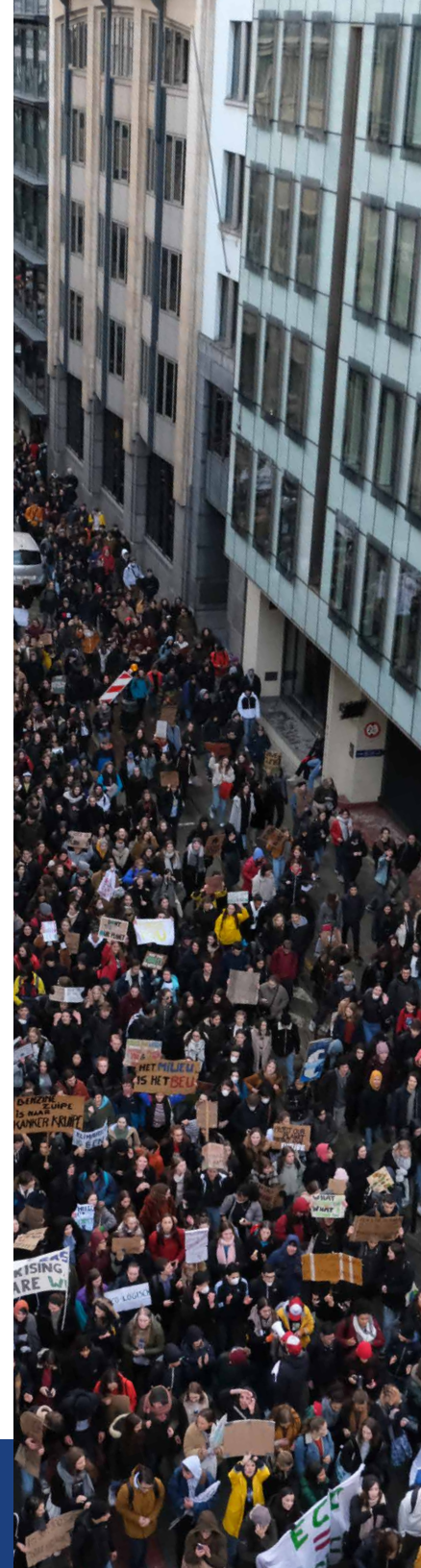
The European Environmental Bureau brings together citizens' groups from across Europe. Together with our 160 members from 36 countries we work on all kinds of environmental issues – from ecology to economy, biowaste to biodiversity and incineration to insulation. We speak up for people and nature to help shape policies for a sustainable future.

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CLIMATE: CHANGED

2019 will be remembered as the year the political climate changed in Europe. Young people walked out of school to demand action to safeguard their futures. European elections in May were marked by a 'green wave' of success for politicians who understood the climate and environmental emergency. By the end of the year, people power had paid off, and the EU had embraced a European Green Deal.

Skolstrejk för klimatet

In January 2019, inspired by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, hundreds of thousands of young people took to the streets all over Europe. On 15 March 1.4 million took part in the 'school strike for climate'. By September that figure reached 6 million. Politicians could no longer ignore this movement.

The Green Wave

It wasn't long after European election results began to emerge that press and pundits started to talk about a 'green wave' having crossed the continent. The wave was about much more than just success for Green parties as liberal, socialist and conservative candidates with progressive climate and environmental positions were also elected.

The 'Green Deal Commission'

After the dust of the election settled, Ursula von der Leyen emerged as a compromise candidate to become European Commission President. With the backing of national governments, von der Leyen presented a vision for the next five years. Her 'Agenda for Europe' made delivering a European Green Deal the EU's number one priority.

Thinking ahead

It was an important year within our organisation: our team grew to 48 colleagues, we celebrated the first year in our new, modern offices, and, at our Annual General Meeting in Berlin, we adopted a new 10-year Long-Term Strategy.

Our strategy sets out how we, as Europe's largest and most inclusive network of environmental citizens' groups, will unite, cooperate and campaign during the next ten crucial years. As we start this new decade the challenges we face are huge, but as young people have demonstrated, there is widespread support for the work we do, and enormous opportunities are waiting to be grasped.

Whether you are reading this report as a member, a partner, a funder, a colleague, or simply someone interested in what we do, I hope that you enjoy learning more about our achievements in 2019, and I look forward to being able to share the news of more successes as we continue to work together in the years to come.

Jeremy Wates
Secretary General



The online version of this document, where the text in bold is hyperlinked with source material, is available at eeb.org/about

2019: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

EUROPE PAVES WAY FOR RIGHT TO REPAIR

Just months after the launch of our Right to Repair campaign we scored a major victory as EU governments agreed to oblige manufacturers to make appliances **more easily repairable and longer-lasting**.

NEWLY APPROVED ENERGY LABELS TO TRANSFORM THE WAY WE SHOP

Our Coolproducts campaign celebrated the **return of A-G grades on popular EU energy labels** after the confusing A+, A++ and A+++ ratings were finally dropped.

EU ELECTIONS SEE 'GREEN WAVE' CROSS CONTINENT

Ahead of the election we **shared key resources** with our members and as results came in we celebrated the success of parties and candidates calling for greater **European action on climate and environmental issues**.

EXPOSED: EU FUNDING COAL LOBBY WAGES

Documents we obtained under access to information laws revealed that **European coal lobbyists were receiving EU money**. Questions were raised in the European Parliament and the Commission admitted its own programme was "hardly compatible with the Paris Agreement".

REPORT REVEALS THE CLIMATE COSTS OF 'DISPOSABLE SMARTPHONES'

Our report highlighted the so-called **non-use phases of consumer products**. It found that extending the lifetime of smartphones and other electronics by just one year would save the EU as much carbon emissions as taking 2 million cars off the road.

INTERNATIONAL TREATY TAKES OFF TOWARDS CLEANER AIR

Our clean air team celebrated the entering into force of the **Gothenburg Protocol** – an important step towards protecting human health, ecosystems and the climate from dangerous pollutants.

PUSHING FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

We published a report about the **importance of access to information** and took part in a United Nations Economic Commission for Europe meeting to call for **improvements to international Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers**.

JANUARY

HISTORIC EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTE FOR NATURE-FRIENDLY FARMING

For the first time MEPs on the European Parliament's Environment Committee were given a say on CAP reform. They sided with our demands for minimum **spending to protect nature, the environment and the climate**.

FEBRUARY

375,000+ CITIZENS TELL THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION "HANDS OFF OUR WATER LAW!"

Hundreds of thousands of Europeans backed our Living Rivers Europe Coalition campaign demanding that the European Commission **defend Europe's water laws**.

MARCH

HALF OF CHECKED CHEMICALS UNSAFE IN CURRENT COMMERCIAL USE

Our experts dug into official records and exposed how hundreds of suspected dangerous substances used in consumer and other products are still **waiting for in-depth checks to be completed**. The story made headlines across Europe.

APRIL

EUROPE'S FAILURE TO STAMP OUT INEQUALITIES

Despite the European Union's commitment to leave no one behind, millions of people in Europe are falling victim to widening inequalities – our Make Europe Sustainable for All project **published a major report**.



JUNE

DECOUPLING DEBUNKED?

This landmark report highlighted **the need to rethink green growth** policies and to complement efficiency with sufficiency. Its contents were discussed in the German, Danish and British parliaments.

JULY

AUGUST

EUROPE NEEDS GREEN DEAL LEADERS

As negotiations around the make-up of the new European Commission continued into the summer, we called for candidates with the expertise, background and credibility to **deliver for the climate and environment**.

SEPTEMBER

DESTINATION: CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

We published a 'cheat sheet' for policy makers, bringing together recommendations of leading think tanks, scientists and NGOs to offer a blueprint for how to propel Europe to **net zero carbon emissions as quickly as possible**.

OCTOBER

A BETTER FUTURE WHERE PEOPLE AND NATURE THRIVE TOGETHER

After more than 18 months of consultation, debate and discussion, we signed off a new ten-year strategy at our Annual General Meeting in Berlin. It included our new shared vision for 'A better future where people and nature thrive together'. Read more on pages 20-21.

NOVEMBER

AMAZON, EBAY AMONG WEBSITES FOUND SELLING ILLEGAL MERCURY-LACED SKIN LIGHTENERS

We led a global alliance of NGOs in **investigating the mercury content of skin lightening creams**. Major internet retailers were forced to remove products from sale after 60% of those we tested contained too much of the toxic heavy metal.

DECEMBER

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

After months of waiting, the European Commission finally published its **plans for a European Green Deal**.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPACT

MEDIA

38 press releases

2,000+ news stories in online and print media

ONLINE

227 articles on our news site META.eeb.org achieving 133,303 unique pageviews

40,652 social media followers across all platforms (a 21% increase compared to 2018)

7 podcast episodes with a total play time of 3 hours, 20 minutes, 56 seconds.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

19 reports

4 EU presidency papers (2 assessments and 2 memoranda)

4 issues of our META magazine

We are in a climate emergency. Nothing short of widespread and transformative change will prevent the devastating impact of climate breakdown.

Fortunately, we know that the benefits of climate action are enormous: safe and secure power, warmer homes, cleaner air and a secure future for our children.



CLIMATE & ENERGY

In 2019 young people drew a line in the sand. They demanded that politicians listen to the science and take action to ensure a safe future for their generation.

In Brussels, our Climate & Energy team contributed to the debate on Paris-compatible infrastructure and continued to expose investments in fossil gas as deeply irresponsible. In September we published an important report, **'Destination: Climate Neutrality'**, which brought together recommendations from leading think tanks, scientists, thought leaders and NGOs to offer a policy blueprint for a carbon neutral EU.

Together with our partners in the **PAC Scenarios for Energy Infrastructure** project we held two workshops to help develop a future energy scenario for Europe which is compatible with the Paris Agreement. These scenarios will help to guide European energy infrastructure planning and ensure that the infrastructure necessary for a low carbon, renewables-based energy system is planned and built.

We helped deliver capacity building activities on National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) in five target countries with our **PlanUp** partners. This initiative supports rapid decarbonisation in Europe by promoting good practices in the transport, agriculture and building sectors and fosters dialogue on low-carbon policymaking between local,

regional and national authorities, civil society organizations and academia. We also played an active role in the Coalition for Energy Savings, successfully lobbying for the 'Energy Efficiency First' principle to be included in the European Green Deal.

We achieved a major victory when requirements for monitoring activities and checks on results were included in the European Commission's Master Plan for Energy-Intensive Industries, which was published in November.

In September, we helped to organise the Brussels march of the Global Strike for Climate – the world's largest ever climate protest.

Developed on behalf of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's Brussels office, in December we published an important briefing on the plans to fund and boost climate action as part of the EU budget for 2021-2027. **'A budget to address the climate crisis'** provides policy guidelines and recommendations to EU institutions and national governments on how to finance the European Green Deal and ensure a smooth transition to a climate neutral economy.

5 principles outlined in our five-year policy blueprint: 'Destination: Climate Neutrality'

7.6 million estimated number of people that took part in the Global Strike for Climate in September

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

"Our lawmakers must redirect investments towards cleaner energy, better transport, good farming and sustainable business models. We can all benefit from the transition to a green economy."

Jonathan Bonadio, Policy Officer for Renewables, Climate and Grids



CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The 'throwaway economy' has had its time. People have had enough of single use plastics and products that are 'designed to break'. A circular economy where waste is prevented and products reused, repaired and eventually recycled is the answer. It's time to engage new business models to transform our economy, cutting the use of virgin resources, and creating jobs, not waste.

In 2019 our Circular Economy team ensured major progress towards better products and improved EU energy labels, including the first ever 'right to repair' provision in EU Ecodesign rules. Groundbreaking plastic laws were adopted.

The year got off to a positive start with EU member states **formally approving the Single Use Plastics Directive** in January.

Throughout the year we continued to support the transposition of EU waste laws into national legislation. Working with our membership we conducted surveys to track governments' progress in implementation, and to exchange best practice. In June, we published **'Recycling - who really leads the world?'** - a report revealing that the world's leading recycling nations may be overstating the level of real recycling they are achieving.

In May we formed a coalition of NGOs to influence the development of batteries policy ahead of the revision of the EU's Batteries Directive. Together with our partners we called for **measures that would ensure the sustainability of batteries.**

At the **World Circular Economy Forum in Helsinki** in June, we co-organised a workshop on textiles to raise the profile of circular fashion at the global level.

In September we published **'Cool products Don't Cost the Earth'**. The report shone a light on the true cost of planned obsolescence and provided recommendations to increase the reparability of everyday products and ensure they last longer. It received widespread media attention and was covered in newspapers and on television across Europe.

A month later, we celebrated the adoption of the first-ever EU requirements **obliging manufacturers to design products that are easier to repair.**

In the second half of the year our successful collaboration with the Finnish Presidency was followed by very useful Environment Council Conclusions on Circular Economy. After many years of campaigning, we celebrated the inclusion of references to a **number of important elements in the European Green Deal** in December, including the creation of a product information system (so-called 'product passports'), the extension of the Ecodesign approach beyond energy products, a 'right to repair' and mandatory green public procurement.

In December our Right to Repair campaign won **'Collaboration of the Year'** at the Good Lobby awards, which recognize the most successful citizen-driven projects and advocacy collaborations in Europe each year.

Beyond Europe's borders we took the first steps in a project to improve waste management in a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh. Advice from our experts will help to improve conditions for people facing some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

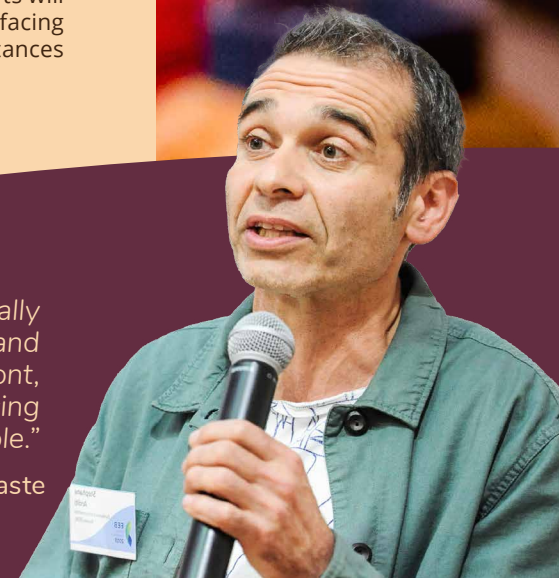
45% of global emissions are caused by products

3 years expected lifetime of a smartphone. Extending their lives by just 1 year could save as much CO₂ as taking a million cars off Europe's roads

75% of waste in Wales is expected to be recycled in 2020 - the highest figure of any region in Europe

"We have an opportunity to radically rethink the way our products are designed and produced. The EU can be a leader on this front, having already pioneered some ground-breaking laws forcing manufacturers to make certain products more easily repairable."

Stéphane Arditi, Policy Manager for Circular Economy, Products & Waste



NATURE, WATER & AGRICULTURE

We are witnessing a catastrophic loss of biodiversity.

In Europe, unsustainable agriculture is the major cause of this decline, polluting our air and water and threatening the future of farming. The EU boasts world class laws to protect the natural world, including freshwater and marine ecosystems – but they are often poorly implemented and underfunded. We can grow good food on good farms and create the conditions to let nature recover, but action is urgently needed.

In 2019 attention turned to the much-needed reform of the EU's €60bn-a-year Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Meanwhile, as celebrated water laws came under attack, hundreds of thousands of Europeans jumped to their defence.

We started the year with a **petition to Members of the European Parliament**, demanding an end to subsidies for industrial farming, which gathered more than 140,000 signatures. In February, members of the Parliament's environment committee voted on the European Commission CAP proposal for the first time, **backing our calls for higher environmental ambition** in the EU's crucial farming policy.

Throughout the year we cooperated closely with our partners at BirdLife Europe and our members, producing a number of joint publications including our **briefings on agriculture and climate change and recommendations on the future of CAP and climate policies**.

We took part in the ongoing evaluation of the EU Water Framework Directive and, as part of a coalition of 130 NGOs, our **#ProtectWater** campaign led **375,000 Europeans to take part in a public consultation on the Water Framework Directive**, demanding that the current law be properly implemented and enforced, rather than weakened or undermined.

In September our President Jouni Nissinen, Head of the Environmental Policy Unit at the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation, met EU agricultural ministers in Helsinki to again push for the need to listen to scientists' recommendations and citizens' demands and make sure that the CAP included the measures required to protect nature, the environment and the climate.

We also continued our involvement in the **#NatureAlert** campaign, successfully calling on Commissioner Karmenu Vella to use the final months in his role to **champion strong implementation of the Nature Directives**. Following this, an unprecedented 14 cases were brought against nine governments.

In the autumn, we called on the Commission to use the upcoming Farm to Fork Strategy, announced as part of the European Green Deal, to initiate a **transition to sustainable food systems and put the CAP on track to deliver on climate and biodiversity objectives**.

36% of the EU's budget is spent on the Common Agricultural Policy

375,000 people took part in a public consultation on the EU's Water Framework Directive

130 NGOs joined the #ProtectWater campaign

"The EU's farm subsidy system exacerbates climate change and environmental destruction. It is damaging to rural communities, public health, and the ability of current and future generations to produce safe and healthy food. It's time for change."

Celia Nyssens, Policy Officer for Agriculture



HEALTH & INDUSTRY

A pollution pandemic is harming our health and that of the natural world. Toxic substances are now widely found in the food we eat, the air we breathe and the products we use. European and global laws and regulations have already had a big impact, but there is still much more to be done.

2019 saw some important progress for our industry, chemicals, air and mercury work, culminating with the inclusion of a 'zero pollution ambition' in the European Green Deal.

Our Industry team strengthened its role in the **Europe Beyond Coal** campaign, which celebrated the announcement of national and **regional coal phase out plans** and plant retirements across Europe, including in Spain and **Greece**. Our investigations revealed that EU funds were being used to **pay the wages of coal industry lobbyists** and that a **Bulgarian coal plant had been hiding its enormous mercury emissions** for years.

We **continued our involvement in the EU's Sevilla Process**, which led to the adoption of new rules for waste treatment and waste incineration in Europe. In June we published a **technical guide to help local groups** ensure effective implementation of the new waste treatment rules.

Our Air Quality work included continued efforts to raise awareness about and encourage action **to tackle emissions from agriculture**, including through our **Clean Air Farming** project, for which we hosted a **major conference on methane emissions** in November.

In April, when fourteen EU governments, including France, Germany, Poland and Spain, **failed to submit crucial plans for tackling air pollution**, we sounded the alarm and continued to press for action throughout the year.

Our Chemicals team successfully pushed for increased checks on chemicals on the European market under the REACH

regulation. As a result, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will need to check all registrations by 2027, instead of the mere 5% of registrations required today.

In December, we **celebrated an important last minute victory** as we fought back attempts by chemical industry lobbyists to significantly weaken the European Green deal. Crucial 'zero pollution' and 'toxic-free environment' commitments were included in the final text.

Our Mercury team celebrated a number of successes at the global level including the Ivory Coast ratifying the Minamata Convention and a revision of national chemicals legislation in Kenya. We also organised a regional capacity building workshop in Panama to help Latin American and Caribbean NGOs develop and run mercury projects, funded by the UN's Small Grants Programme.

We also worked with UN Environment to support the creation of harmonized customs codes for mercury-added products under the Convention.

In November we published the results of new research revealing **illegal levels of mercury in skin creams being sold by major online retailers**, including eBay and Amazon. Both retailers removed products from sale as a result of the international investigation we coordinated.

14 EU governments failed to deliver crucial air quality plans

5% of chemical registrations currently required to be checked by ECHA - this will rise to 100% by 2027 following our calls for increased checks.

60% of skin cream products we tested that were laced with mercury

"The EU has signed and ratified the Minamata Convention to phase out and limit mercury pollution. The challenge now is to ensure it is implemented and enforced globally."

Elena Lymberidi-Settimo, Zero Mercury Project Manager



Every year we work to influence and support the governments hosting the EU's rotating presidency to make sure that environmental issues are always high on the agenda. Our EU work also takes on cross-cutting policies that have a big impact on the natural world. In an election year we work extra hard to make sure nature and climate are on the ballot.

EU POLICIES



The 2019 European Elections offered the opportunity to vote in a 'last chance' Parliament, still able to act for climate and nature. It was the turn of first Romania then Finland to host the EU Presidency. While the United Kingdom's departure from the Union was confirmed, the EU looked forward to a better future with an ambitious European Green Deal.

In the run up to the European elections in May, we shared a **manifesto developed in cooperation with our partners in the Green10** – an alliance of ten of the largest environmental organisations and networks active on the European level.

We set up a **European Election webpage**, gathering resources for our members and other interested parties. The page featured specially-commissioned illustrations, a video about the importance of regulation, some key facts about the EU and links to more information. We also produced and shared election briefing documents for both **voters** and **candidates**.

After the election, we sent a postcard to newly elected and returning MEPs with **'greetings from the future'** – congratulating them on the work they were about to do for people and nature.

We put pressure on the Member States to give due weight to environmental issues in **the Sibiu Declaration** and led a coalition of 150 NGOs in writing to the EU heads of state and government **demanding sustainable development be placed at the heart of the Strategic Agenda 2019-2024**.

In the days leading up to Ursula von der Leyen's approval by the Parliament, we maintained pressure for the 'green wave' to be respected in her political programme, with our Meta quarterly headlining **'From Green Wave to Green New Deal'**. It became clear that the EU was at a turning point when days later the European Green Deal was announced as the first of the new Commission's six priorities. We then pressed the case for **'Green Deal leaders'** capable of delivering on the new priorities.

With the new Commission preparing to start work, our emphasis shifted to seeking to **influence the content and ambition of the European Green Deal**. In November we published a detailed report outlining **priorities for the Green Deal and 8th Environment Action Programme**.

Throughout the year we held meetings with a number of key decision makers, including EU environment and agricultural ministers, members of the European Parliament and European Commissioners.

"Ursula von der Leyen has rightly chosen to put the European Green Deal at the forefront of her agenda for Europe. It promises 'deeply transformative policies' in the future and is an important first step by the new Commission, even if the hard work of shaping and delivering those policies is still to come."

Patrick ten Brink, Director of EU Policy



51% of Europeans turned out at the 2019 election – a record high

17 priorities in our report: 'Priorities for the European Green Deal and 8th Environment Action Programme'

150 NGOs signed our open letter 'Our sustainable future must start now'

Worldwide challenges can only be met through international cooperation. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) seek to end poverty, reduce inequality and protect the environment we depend on. Europe must show global leadership by embracing sustainability and supporting environmental justice, at home and abroad.

GLOBAL POLICIES & SUSTAINABILITY

Since 2018 the Make Europe Sustainable for All project has reached 85 million citizens, engaged around 900 policy makers, organized 190 policy events and built capacity on the SDGs for more than 5000 civil society organisations and local groups.

During 2019 **all three Make Europe Sustainable for All campaigns** were active at different moments. Our 'Fight Inequalities' and 'Good Food for All' campaigns concluded, after starting in 2018, while we launched the third and final campaign of the project, 'Wardrobe Change': for sustainable consumption and production.

The project has involved 25 partners in 15 countries advocating for the ambitious implementation of the world's crisis plan – the 17 SDGs – by and in the EU.

Together with SDG Watch Europe and other CSOs, we published two major SDG shadow reports that were both presented in the High Level Political Forum in New York and in Brussels: **'Who is paying the bill?'** and **'Falling Through the Cracks'**.

Throughout the year, we actively engaged in campaigns to promote sustainable development and the SDGs, especially during the European Elections, and to put them at the core of the new Commission's political priorities. It paid off: New European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen made every Commissioner responsible for the SDGs.

In March, **we attended the 4th United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi**, where we monitored the development of the resolutions on sustainable consumption and production, chemicals and plastics, with the aim to secure provisions related to circular economy.

In the summer we launched a landmark report: **'Decoupling debunked – Evidence and arguments against green growth as a sole strategy for sustainability'**, with launch events in New York and Brussels. The report, which highlights the need for the rethinking of green growth policies and to complement efficiency with sufficiency, received widespread media attention and was discussed in the national parliaments of Denmark, Germany and the UK.

We worked with six researchers across Central and Eastern Europe to document cases of environmental racism against Roma communities. As a result, 32 new cases of environmental racism were published on the Environmental Justice Atlas in **a featured map**. We advocated for the Commission to **address environmental discrimination in its policy framework for Roma inclusion**.

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 environmental 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 2019, we focused on advancing the circular economy, energy and climate policies as well as river basin management.

17 Sustainable Development Goals to be delivered all over the world

1,680 policy makers engaged by the project Make Europe Sustainable for All so far

4th UN Environment Assembly was held in Nairobi in March

"We urgently need to speed up progress towards delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals by putting an end to the policies and practices that undermine our sustainability."
Patrizia Heidegger, Director of Global Policies and Sustainability



EVENTS

2019 was another busy year for our events team as we hosted and co-hosted events in Brussels and beyond.

In September we celebrated the end of the first full year in our new offices, where we have now had the pleasure of hosting some 40 international events, including working groups and other gatherings.

Berlin played host to our Annual Events in November, with our annual conference “Sailing the winds of change for Europe’s environment” and our Annual General Meeting taking place in the German capital.



EEB events in 2019 brought together a range of people. Top: Our #OutofFashion workshop, promoting long-lasting textiles that don't pollute the environment. Middle: MEPs at our 'Reprotecting Europe' breakfast event in the run-up to the elections. Bottom: Our Annual Conference in Berlin.

GOVERNANCE

In 2019, our Board held meetings on 6-7 February in Brussels, 10-11 June in Helsinki and 17 November in Berlin. 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 2018, the EEB Board had the following composition through to the AGM in November 2019:

President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer

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

Mr. Axel JANSEN (Treasurer), individual member

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

Germany – Ms. Bjela VOSSSEN (Vice-President), DNR

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

Portugal – Mr. Joao BRANCO (Vice-President), Quercus

Sweden – Ms. Johanna SANDAHL (Vice-President), Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

National representatives

Belgium – Mr. Antoine LEBRUN, Inter Environnement Wallonie (IEW)

Bulgaria – Ms. Maria VELIKOVA, “Europe and We” Association

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

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

Cyprus – Mr. Lefkios SERGIDES, Terra Cypria

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

Estonia – Mr. Juhan TELGMAA, ESNC – Estonian Society for Nature Conservation

France – Mr. Jerome PARTOS, FNE – France Nature Environnement

Greece – Ms. Christina KONTAXI, Med SOS

Hungary – Mr. Gabor Bendik, CAAG – Clean Air Action Group

Italy – Mr. Mauro ALBRIZIO, Legambiente

Latvia – Mr. Janis BRIZGA, Green Liberty

Lithuania – Mr. Edmundas Greimas, Lithuanian Fund for Nature

Luxembourg – Ms. Karima HAMMOUCHE, Natur&Emwelt

Malta – Mr. Hubert THEUMA, Nature Trust

Netherlands – Mr. Patrick NUVELSTIJN, Natuurmonumenten

North Macedonia – Ms. Ana COLOVIC LESOSKA, Eko-Svest

Poland – Mr. Wojciech SZYMALSKI, ISD – Institute for Sustainable Development

Portugal – Ms. Ana BRAZAO, GEOTA

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Ukraine – Mr. Andriy ANDRUSEVYCH, RACSE

United Kingdom – Mr. Lloyd AUSTIN, RSPB – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

European network representatives

WECF – Women Engage for a Common Future – Ms. Anke STOCK

FSE Fédération Spéléologique Européenne – Mr. Jean-Claude THIES

Youth and Environment Europe (YEE) – Mr. Tiarnan O'DOHERTY

ClientEarth – Ms. Anna HESLOP

AirClim – Mr. Christer ÅGREN

Eco-Union – Mr. Alejandro GONZALEZ DOMINGO

ChemSec – Mr. Stefan SCHEUER

15 Working Group meetings held during 2019

279 people registered for our Annual Conference

12 meetings held by members and partners at our offices



A FLOURISHING NETWORK

At the end of 2019 we counted a total of 163 members in 36 countries. At our Annual General Meeting in November in Berlin, we welcomed 16 new members, including – for the first time ever – two members in Georgia.

EUROPEAN NETWORKS

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

KEY
 Full member
 Associate member
 Affiliate member
 New member in 2019*

UNITED KINGDOM
 Green Alliance
Keep Britain Tidy
 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
Zero Waste Alliance Ireland*

FRANCE
Agir pour l'Environnement*
Association pour la Protection des Animaux Sauvages
France Nature Environnement
SEPANSO
SOS Loire Vivante
Zero Waste France

SPAIN
AV Chueca*
ECODES
Ecologistas en Acción
Ecologistes de Catalunya
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A CRUCIAL DECADE AHEAD

After more than 18 months of consultation and discussion within the Executive Committee, Board, Working Groups, full membership and all of our staff, we agreed our new Long-Term Strategy (LTS) in November 2019.

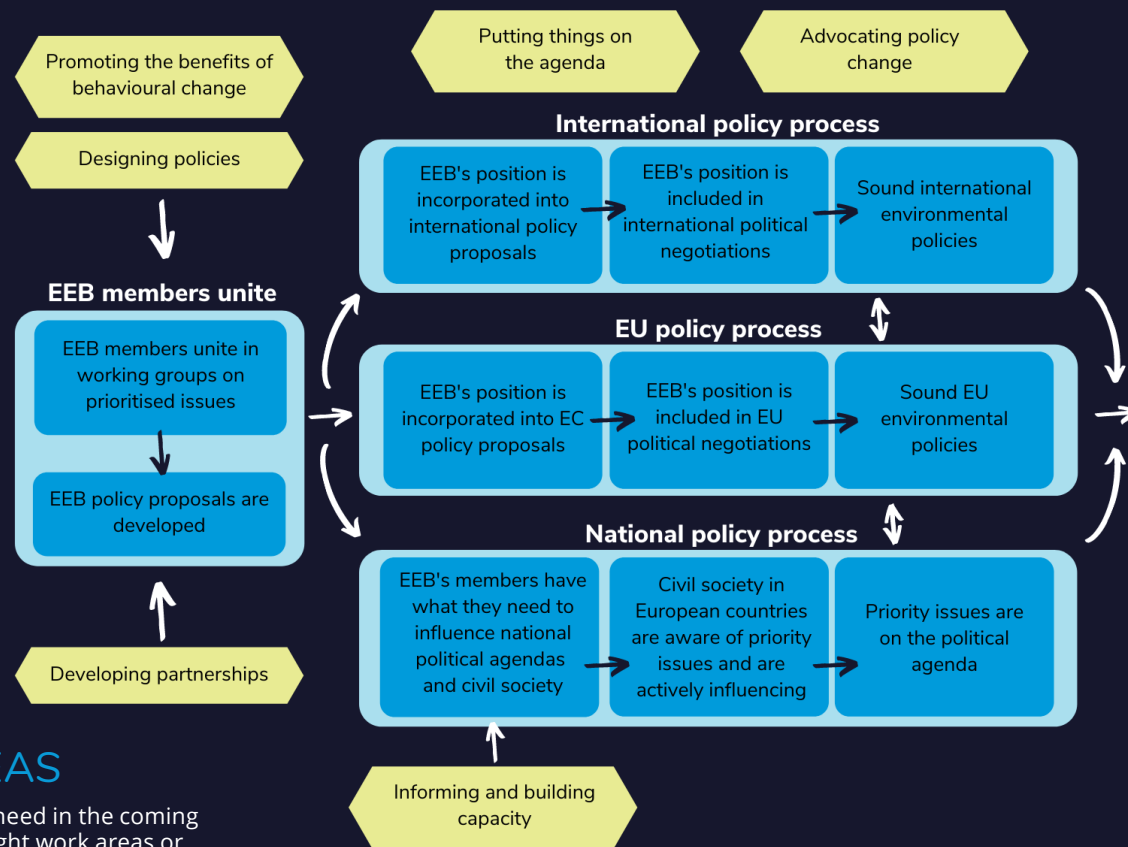
The strategy sets out our direction of travel for the next decade and includes an overarching 'Theory of Change', as well as strategic goals for all work areas.

Alongside the strategy, we agreed a new vision and mission, and revisited and updated our values statement.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

The Theory of Change diagram provides an overview of the causal links and impact we aim to achieve with our work in the next ten years. It should be read from left to right as a sequence of cause and effect.

The impact of our work on the environment and society is contained in the green and blue circle. This occurs as a result of the intermediate results (blue boxes) caused by our actions (yellow hexagons).



OUR WORK AREAS

To help deliver the change we need in the coming ten years we have identified eight work areas or 'clusters'. Each has developed its own theory of change and dedicated strategy. Alongside the six work areas included in this report, we have added Economic Transition and Environmental Law and Justice. Full details of our Long-Term Strategy are available on our website.



Climate



Circular Economy



Nature



Health and Environment



Environmental Law and Justice



Economic Transition



EU Governance and Institutions



Global and Regional Policies

OUR MISSION

We are the largest and most inclusive European network of environmental citizens' groups – and the only one that works on such a broad range of issues.

We advocate for progressive policies to create a better environment in the European Union and beyond.

OUR VISION

A better future where people and nature thrive together.

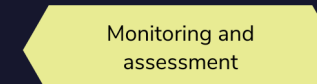
The next generation deserves a healthy planet. We believe in a world where equal, just, peaceful and democratic societies can prosper. A world with rich biodiversity and a safe climate. A world where laws and policies promote health and wellbeing while respecting nature. We believe that Europe has a crucial role to play in building this future.

OUR VALUES

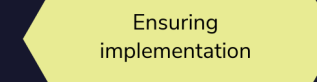
The EEB stands for sustainable development, environmental justice, global equity, transparency and participatory democracy. We promote the principles of prevention, precaution and the polluter pays.

Our internal values:

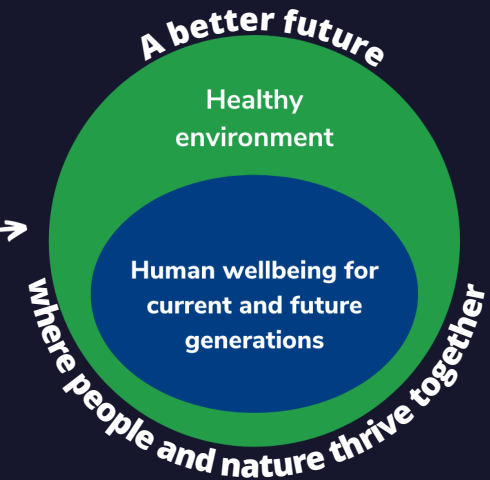
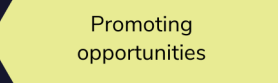
- Democracy** We are a representative and inclusive organisation.
- Fairness** We are committed to justice, equality and non-discrimination.
- Respect** We provide an enabling, nurturing work culture that inspires excellence.
- Integrity** We advocate policies based on science and communicate with honesty.
- Sustainability** We strive to practice what we preach, applying green principles to our work.



Implementation



Just Transition

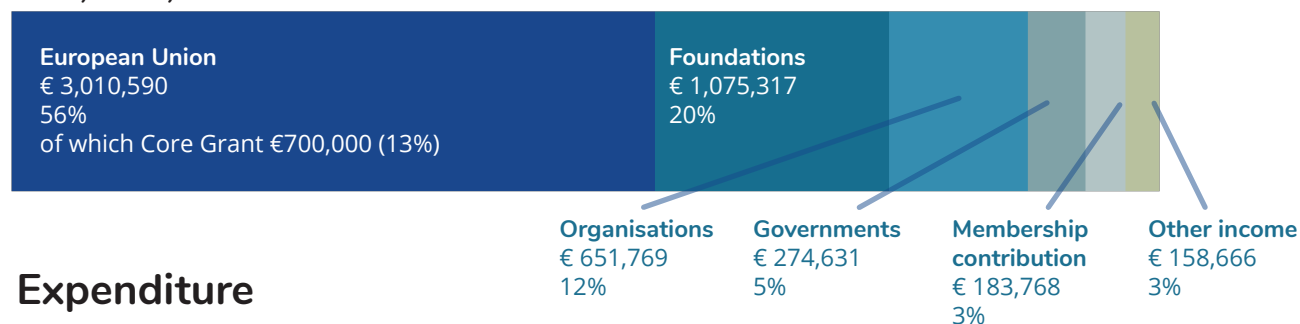


ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

In 2019, the total income of the EEB increased by 13% from the previous year. Apart from the core grant provided by the Commission, the largest sources of income were other Commission grants on SDG implementation, industrial emissions and implementation of environmental law; grants from foundations and other organisations on circular economy, climate, energy, agriculture and mercury pollution; and membership fees. Despite a decrease in contributions from governments, the EEB was able to integrate €30,430 into the reserves at the end of the year.

Income

€ 5,354,742

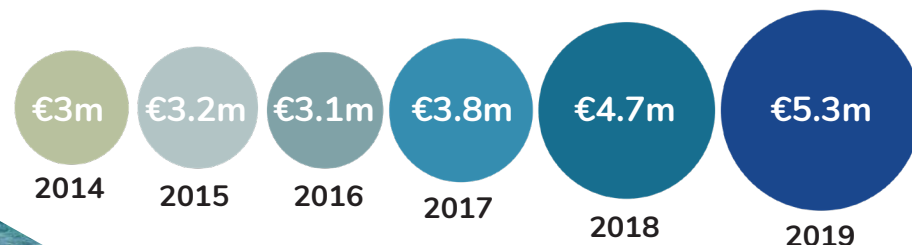


Expenditure

€ 5,324,311



Total reserves end 2019: € 532,831 (of which € 30,430 integrated in 2019)



Total annual income 2014-2019

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- Denmark – Ministry of the Environment
- Finland – Ministry of the Environment
- France – Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development
- Germany – Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the German Environment Agency (UBA)
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- Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Deutsche Naturschutzring (DNR)
- European Climate Foundation (ECF)
- Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Europe
- Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI)
- Jennifer Altman Foundation via the European Environment and Health Initiative
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- Oak Foundation
- Plastic Solutions Fund via Zero Waste Europe
- Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)
- Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
- WWF Netherlands via Rewilding Europe

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- OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- UNECE – United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme
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