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EU at a fork in the road for sustainable food

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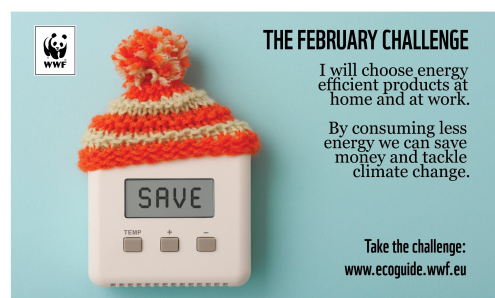
Europe's food system is dysfunctional. We buy too much, waste too much, pollute too much, eat too much. 30% of the food produced in the EU reaches the garbage without touching our plate, despite the massive impact on our environment and climate. 30% of CO2 emissions are food related. This is why WWF decided to work on the [LiveWell for LIFE](#) project. For three years we have been studying food habits in France, Spain, and Sweden and seen how consumers could reduce their footprint and more importantly how EU and national governments and industries, can work together to fix Europe's food system.

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Tackle the winter cold without heating up the planet

Energy efficiency is the most rapid and cost-effective way to reduce CO2 emissions. Did you know that an energy efficient bulb lasts 10 times longer and produces 400 kg less CO2 than a traditional one?

[See how you can save energy and take the February challenge now!](#)



LATEST NEWS



New report brings pre-2020 actions into sharp focus

12 February - As UN climate negotiators in Geneva focus on emissions reductions in the pre-2020 period, WWF shows the immediate climate change measures that can be taken in 10 countries, including the European Union.

On our plate today. Healthy, sustainable food choices -



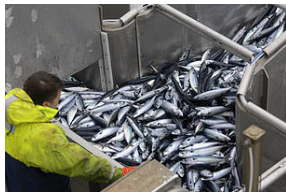
LiveWell Final recommendations

10 February - By studying food habits in Sweden, France and Spain, the LiveWell project demonstrated why and how Europe needs to build a sustainable food system to help tackle climate change.



Vacancy: Policy Officer, Sustainable Finance

9 February - The Policy Officer, Sustainable Finance will be based at the WWF European Policy Office in Brussels and its main areas of work will be: public export credits for coal, private investments in the coal sector and private investments and climate change.



Industry guidance to avoid illegal 'pirate' fish products in supply chains

9 February - WWF UK together with other NGOs launched a guide advising UK industry, retailers and brands of the risks associated with importing and trading illegal fishery products.



UN climate talks require business unusual

5 February - WWF asked climate negotiators meeting in Geneva to adopt a 'business unusual' approach to deliver the draft of a new global climate deal.



Will Europe keep financing coal pollution overseas?

29 January - While EU Finance ministers are deciding on the EU's position on public support for coal, WWF asked to stop financing coal overseas to green the economy and stop climate change.



EU to ban fish imports from Sri Lanka for illegal fishing

26 January - WWF and other NGOs welcomed the EU's decision to 'red-card' Sri Lanka for failing to combat illegal fishing. Trade bans are already in place for Cambodia and Guinea.



India's tigers come roaring back according to new report

20 January - Thanks to better management and protection measures, tigers' population has increased from 1,411 in 2006 to 2,226 in 2014. Poaching remains the greatest threat to wild tigers.

TOP TWEETS [@WWFEU](https://twitter.com/WWFEU)

'New guidance aims to keep products of pirate fishing out of supply chain' via @guardian #illegal fishing #IUU
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New guidance aims to keep products of pirate fishing out of UK supply...
Briefing note by retailers, conservation and human rights groups sets out steps to end long-term threat of illegal fishing while building up sustainable fisheries

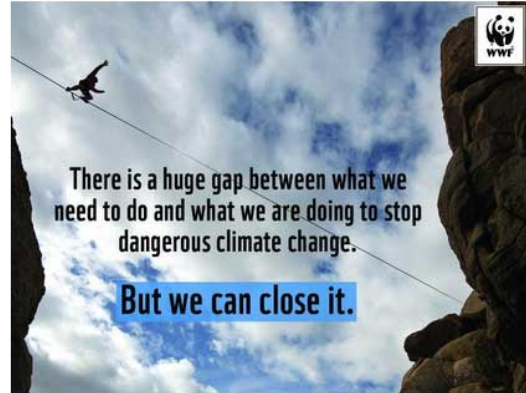
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Our planet can't wait for #climateaction that starts in 2020. What countries can do NOW: shar.es/1oQwpE

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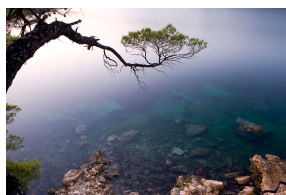


Earth Hour 2015 countdown begins

Millions of people, businesses and governments - including the EU Institutions - are getting ready for the world's largest grassroots environmental movement, WWF's Earth Hour.

Watch Earth Hour 2015 official video and ...switch off lights on Saturday 28 March at 20h30 local time.

STORIES FROM AROUND EUROPE



Greece changes government and environmental policy

WWF-Greece and other NGOs strongly criticised Syriza's decision to abolish the Ministry for Environment and to merge it with Agriculture and Industry. They ask the government to reconsider the abolition and deliver the ecological transformation promised during the elections. Read more



Swedish ban on Wolf cull overturned

WWF criticised the decision by a Swedish court to lift the ban on wolf hunting and allowing the killing of a species listed as endangered by the EU Nature directive. 43 wolves - more than 10% of the population - might be killed. Read more

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