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## Let's not lose the momentum - time for action!



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2015 saw many global challenges, but also unprecedented civil engagement around the world for nature protection and climate change.

I believe that it will go down in history as the year in which the world came together to put us on a path towards sustainable development, and changed the tide on the fight against climate change.

The achievements of the last year have injected some much-needed impetus into the environmental debate, and we must grasp the opportunity to fully exploit this momentum.

All actors in Europe must roll up their sleeves in 2016 to translate the political commitments into concrete action, and I look forward to working with WWF colleagues and partners on driving this agenda in Brussels.

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## What's up for 2016

### Climate & Energy

2016 is a key year for WWF's climate & energy policy work in Brussels, and 90% of the legislative proposals making up the 2030

• **EU Emissions Trading Scheme** reform: Will 2016 be the end of the road for the [EU ETS](#), after it is up for full legislative revision for the post-2020

EU Climate and Energy package will be tabled this year. These include:

- **Renewable Energy Directive:** we are expecting Commission proposals on the review of the [EU Directive](#), including measures to attain the 2030 target of at least 27% renewable energy. An opportunity to make Europe 'world number one' in renewables!

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- **Energy Efficiency Directive:** in 2016, the Commission will table legislative proposals to align the EED to the EU's target of improving [energy efficiency](#) by at least 27% by 2030.



## Biodiversity

The future of the two strongest pieces of environmental legislation - the [EU Birds and Habitats Directives](#) - will be decided this year.



The entire WWF European network, together with a solid coalition of NGOs, will campaign to ensure that not only Europe's most precious areas of nature and species continue to be protected, but that resources and money are finally put where they are most needed. There is too much at stake to let it disappear! Keep on following us and together we will [keep nature alive](#).

## Forest

As it often happens, European laws are good but not fully effective because of a few member states not doing their homework. This is what happens with the **EU Timber Regulation** - a strong piece of legislation that can halt the trade in illegal timber within the EU.

In 2016 [WWF will use the current review of the regulation](#) to ensure that the well-known loopholes are closed.

What do we want? We are calling for full implementation of the law across all EU member states, and the inclusion of all wooden products, like chairs, printed books and musical instruments.



## Marine & Fisheries



Two pieces of legislation will be of particular importance this year:

The **EU Fishing Authorisation Regulation**, which authorises EU vessels to fish overseas, is being revised during 2016, to ensure more transparency in the activities of the EU's distant water fleet.

The **EU IUU Regulation**: in October 2015, the Commission committed to improve the implementation of the Regulation to deter, prevent and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. WWF together with NGO partners will watch to ensure the Commission stays true to delivering on these important commitments.

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## Sustainable Development

WWF calls on the EU and Member States to fully **integrate environmental sustainability** into future development and poverty reduction objectives, making sure that there is **policy coherence for sustainable development**.



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