

## Our Approach

- Find and maintain a balance between environmental, social and economic needs.
- Mainstream climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development issues into the different policies (agriculture, forestry and fisheries etc.).
- Effectively integrate climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development concerns into EU policies.
- Increase the focus of EU decision-making on climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development.

## Your Opportunity

- To contribute to the work of the European Parliament.
- To listen, interact and exchange with MEPs, NGOs, the private sector and renowned experts in the presence of the Commission and Presidency representatives.
- To share your concerns and knowledge.
- To jointly develop strategies.

Established in 1994 with the support of IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the cross-party and cross-committee Intergroup on Sustainable Development of the European Parliament has provided a forum for Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to learn, debate and create policy geared towards sustainable development.

It was renamed in February 2009 as the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development to provide it with an even stronger focus on the two most fundamental environmental if not societal challenges of the coming decades: biodiversity loss and climate change.

With the support of the four main political groups, and MEPs of all political colours, the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development remains the biggest and most influential Intergroup within the European Parliament.

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The European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD) is a Brussels based international NGO which was set up in 1989 to promote conservation and sustainable management of renewable natural resources.



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IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges



Intergroup

CLIMATE CHANGE,  
BIODIVERSITY  
AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT



EBCD  
EUROPEAN BUREAU FOR  
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development: the greatest challenges of our time that are essential elements of the EU and international political agenda.**

Article 3 (3) of the Treaty of Lisbon states:

*“The Union shall work for the sustainable development of Europe based on balanced economic growth and price stability, a highly competitive social market economy, aiming at full employment and social progress, and a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment”.*

## Our Mission

Recognising that the well-being of humankind is severely affected by climate change and biodiversity loss and that it depends on healthy and resilient ecosystems, the Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development aims to constitute a cross-sectoral political platform to lead to the integration of these issues in the legislative activity of the European Parliament.



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# MEETING CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES:

Subgroups:

Agriculture

Forestry

Energy

Transport and Tourism

Islands and Overseas Entities

Cooperation and Development

Water

Fisheries and aquaculture

Maritime Affairs

Arctic

Mediterranean



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Retargeting the Common Agricultural Policy after 2013, Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy



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Promoting forestry conservation and sustainable exploitation



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Meeting and going beyond the 3x20% target



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Developing sustainable transport and tourism



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Improving territorial cohesion



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Achieving Millennium Development Goal 7



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Promoting sustainable water management



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Ensuring sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy



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Tackling maritime challenges



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Achieving sustainable growth of the Arctic



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Ensuring harmonious development of the Mediterranean

Food security  
Agricultural systems for Europe  
Agriculture in developing countries  
Innovation/Biotechnologies  
Organic food  
Food safety/Food quality  
Energy and biofuels

Deforestation/Illegal logging  
Forest Strategy  
Wood Energy  
Forest protection against calamities  
Payments in relation to carbon fixation  
Rural development  
Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

Smart and super grids  
Securing raw materials supply  
Energy savings/Energy efficiency  
Externalities  
Technologies transfer  
Sustainability of nuclear energy  
Smart cities  
Micro generation

Sustainable tourism  
Decarbonisation of transport  
Future of transports  
Technologies transfer  
Intelligent Transport System  
External costs of transport  
Urban mobility projects  
Air emissions

The coherence of the Natura 2000 network  
Desertification  
Particular situation of Overseas Entities  
Specific fund for biodiversity  
Network and regional cooperation  
Redefinition of less favourable areas

Access to renewable energy  
Efficient use of resources  
EU sustainable development strategy  
Climate justice  
Global governance  
Revision of the Cotonou Agreement

Water use efficiency/Water shortage  
Water quality  
Water footprint  
Use of natural resources  
Hydropower energy  
Global governance of water  
Water Framework Directive

Aquaculture  
IUU fishing  
Discards  
Relations with Third countries  
Industrial versus artisanal fisheries

Ship emissions  
Ship recycling  
Off shore energy  
Invasive alien species  
Emission trading system  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
Marine Strategy framework Directive

Use of living resources  
Transport  
Energy  
Rights of Indigenous Communities  
Research/Science  
Tourism  
Education

Research, policy and raising awareness  
Seamounts and canyons  
Governance  
Marine Protected Areas  
Transport  
Water management  
Forestry