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President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen,
Executive Vice- President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans,
European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius,
President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola,
Members of the European Parliament,

Business Networks' Letter on the Nature Restoration Law

We are writing to you as leading business networks to highlight our support for harnessing the EU's nature and climate agendas. **This must include a robust, ambitious and coherent outcome from the EU Nature Restoration Law negotiations.**

Businesses require clarity on the long-term policy signals to enable substantial investments in the transition to a truly sustainable and resilient economy. These policy signals must support the EU's nature and climate ambitions and their alignment with the Paris Agreement and CBD COP15 Kunming-Montreal Agreement on biodiversity.

The pace of nature loss globally and in Europe has become extremely damaging for the sustainability and resilience of our economy and the [risks](#) are increasing. This is adding stress on businesses who are already strongly impacted by climate change, especially in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, food processing, water supply, renewable energy and construction. Therefore, extreme weather conditions continue to impact productivity and increase operational costs.

Businesses across the EU understand the enormous risks from the twin climate and nature crises. To date, [over 1040 companies in the EU](#) have committed to or have already set science-based climate targets, and are collaborating closely with the Science Based Targets Network to develop science-based nature targets. Currently, [more than 1,100 companies](#) with revenues of over US\$ 5 trillion have supported the Business for Nature's call on governments to adopt sound policies without delay to reverse nature loss in this decade. According to a recent global survey of the insurance industry, half of the re/insurers surveyed believe that [nature-related risks are material for their underwriting business](#). It is now recognised that [nature related loss could also propel second-order effects](#) and even threaten the broader stability of the financial system.

In this regard, investors are also taking action: for example, through [Nature Action 100](#), global investors engage with businesses to identify activities and actions to reduce nature and biodiversity loss. [Finance for Biodiversity Pledge](#) brings together in total 126 financial institutions representing 21 countries and over 18.8 trillion euro in assets who are committing to protect and restore biodiversity through their finance activities. Furthermore, over 150 private financial institutions (representing US\$ 24.8 trillion in assets under management) also signed [a statement coordinated by the Principles for Responsible Investment \(PRI\), UNEP Finance Initiative](#) and the Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, calling for an ambitious Global Biodiversity Framework in late 2022.

Companies and investors need EU decision makers to give clear and binding policy directions to increase the EU's resilience and mitigate the risks of the twin nature and climate crises, while delivering a more equitable, just and sustainable environment for European businesses to flourish.

The legal proposal for an EU Nature Restoration Law provides an important opportunity to fill a core gap on nature in the European Green Deal and align the EU's nature ambitions with its climate and energy transition objectives. In a recent letter, [organisations representing the European power sector and civil society](#) shared their support for an EU Nature Restoration Law that provides an integrated approach towards meeting Europe's biodiversity, climate and renewable energy objectives. Similarly, [over 35 business associations and companies](#) published a statement to demand effective action to tackle biodiversity and climate crises and safeguard the future of our society and the economy.

Building on these business calls, we would like to highlight once again the important potential of the EU Nature Restoration Law in providing a clear, forward-looking legal framework and leading to win-win outcomes that will enable reaching the EU's international climate and biodiversity commitments.

Together with other key pillars of the European Green Deal such as the EU Deforestation Regulation, the Fit for 55 Package, the REPowerEU Plan, the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the EU Nature Restoration Law would help providing a clear framework for driving more ambitious and transparent business action for achieving the EU's climate and energy objectives while promoting environmental conservation and restoration efforts.

We now call on you, in your role as the EU's ambition setter, give clear policy direction to Europe's economic actors on your commitment to a coherent, ambitious, robust Green Deal that increases the EU's climate and nature resilience, as well as to help achieving our climate, energy transition, circularity and nature ambitions.

We therefore urge you and your colleagues to ensure a robust, ambitious and coherent outcome from the EU Nature Restoration Law negotiations. This should allow aligning this key legislation with the EU's own commitments under its Strategies and international protocols.

As business networks, we repeat our full confidence in the European Institutions to lead the EU on its path towards a strong European Green Deal legacy with an ambitious outcome from the EU Nature Restoration Law proposal.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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1. [Corporate Leaders Group \(CLG\) Europe](#)
2. [We Mean Business Coalition](#)
3. [World Business Council for Sustainable Development \(WBCSD\)](#)
4. [CDP](#)
5. [The B Team](#)
6. [One Planet Business for Biodiversity \(OP2B\)](#)
7. [UN Principles for Responsible Investment](#)
8. [Ecopreneur.eu, European Sustainable Business Federation](#)
9. [Responsible Business Forum in Poland](#)
10. [Business for Biodiversity Ireland](#)
11. [Spanish Green Growth Group](#)
12. [CER Sustainable Business Network - Slovenia](#)
13. [Entreprendre Vert, France](#)
14. [MVO Nederland, the Netherlands](#)
15. [The Shift - Belgium](#)
16. [Skift - Næringslivets klimaledere](#)
17. [UNEP/GRID-Warsaw](#)
18. [ORÉE : Organisation pour le Respect de l'Environnement dans l'Entreprise](#)