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# STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW: LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON GREENING EUROPE

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**Make Europe wild again:  
International commitments and European  
obligations on nature conservation and  
restoration**

### Abstract

Recent commitments at the global and European level have been taken to reverse the biodiversity crisis and to help address the climate crisis. At the international level the Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted in 2022 under the Biodiversity Convention. It puts forward 23 targets for 2030, aimed at reducing threats to biodiversity and aim for sustainable use of biodiversity, while also providing tools for implementation. At the EU level, a Biodiversity Strategy was adopted in 2020, as part of the EU Green Deal. Following-up on the commitments in the Strategy, the European Commission proposed a Nature Restoration Law in June 2022. After a bumpy legislative process, the proposal was finally adopted in June 2024, be it severely weakened. Nevertheless, it remains a groundbreaking law which holds the possibility to tackle both the biodiversity and climate crisis by substantially upscaling nature restoration within the EU through the development of national restoration plans.

### Bio

An Cliquet is a professor of international environmental and biodiversity law at Ghent University. Her research covers international and EU biodiversity law, with a focus on ecological restoration law, and topics such as climate change and biodiversity and protected areas law. She teaches several courses on international and European environmental and biodiversity law.

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