

Decision No 1386/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 ‘Living well, within the limits of our planet’ (Text with EEA relevance) (revoked)

- Article 1 A general Union action programme in the field of the...  
Article 2 (1) The 7th Environment Action Programme shall have the following...  
Article 3 (1) The relevant Union institutions and the Member States are...  
Article 4 (1) The Commission shall ensure that the implementation of the...  
Article 5 This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day...  
Signature

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ANNEX

THE 7th ENVIRONMENT ACTION PROGRAMME TO 2020 – ‘LIVING WELL,...

1. The following 2050 vision is intended to help guide action...

A PROGRAMME FOR ACTION TO 2020

2. Over the past 40 years, a broad range of environment...
3. Emissions of pollutants to air, water and soil have been...
4. The Union’s environment policy has stimulated innovation and investment in...
5. Considerable headway has also been made in integrating environmental objectives...
6. However, many environmental trends in the Union continue to be...
7. Environmental and climate change in the Union is increasingly caused...
8. Together with current wasteful production and consumption systems in the...
9. Addressing some of those complex issues requires tapping into the...
10. To live well in the future, urgent, concerted action should...
11. The transformation into an inclusive green economy requires the integration...
12. The Union has set this transformation in motion with long-term,...
13. The Union has signed up to a large number of...
14. The 7th EAP complements those efforts by defining priority objectives...
15. In many cases, action to achieve the priority objectives will...
16. The integrated and coherent development of environment and climate policy...

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Priority Objective 1: conserve and enhance the Union’s natural capital

17. The Union’s economic prosperity and well-being is underpinned by its...
18. However, recent assessments show that biodiversity in the Union is...
19. Despite the requirement in the Water Framework Directive to protect,...
20. Protecting, conserving, enhancing and valuing the Union’s natural capital therefore...
21. The Union has the world’s largest maritime territory and therefore...
22. Ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation which also...

23. The degradation, fragmentation and unsustainable use of land in the...  
 24. Varying levels of progress have been made at Member State...  
 25. To reduce the most significant man-made pressures on land, soil...  
 26. Although nitrogen and phosphorus inputs to the Union environment have...  
 27. Action under the EU Biodiversity Strategy to restore at least...  
 28. In order to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural...  
 Priority Objective 2: Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive...  
 29. The Europe 2020 Strategy seeks to promote sustainable growth by...  
 30. Innovation to improve resource efficiency is required throughout the economy...  
 31. This key requirement for meeting environmental challenges also has important...  
 32. Fully implementing the Union Climate and Energy Package is essential...  
 33. All sectors of the economy will need to contribute to...  
 34. The uptake by industry of the 'Best Available Techniques' under...  
 35. Some existing policy instruments relating to production and consumption are...  
 36. Since 80 % of all environmental impacts of a product during...  
 37. To set a framework for action to improve resource efficiency...  
 38. In addition to mandatory green public procurement requirements for certain...  
 39. There is also considerable potential for improving waste prevention and...  
 40. Turning waste into a resource, as called for in the...  
 41. Resource efficiency in the water sector will also be tackled...  
 42. A long-term and predictable policy framework in all those areas...  
 43. In order to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green...  
 Priority Objective 3: Safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures and risks...  
 44. Union environment legislation has delivered significant benefits for the health...  
 45. A substantial proportion of the Union's population remains exposed to...  
 46. Access to water of satisfactory quality remains problematic in a...  
 47. The failure to fully implement existing policy is preventing the...  
 48. Tackling pollution at source remains a priority and the implementation...  
 49. Available data on long-term average exposure show that 65 % of...  
 50. Horizontal chemicals legislation (REACH and the Classification, Labelling and Packaging...  
 51. Meanwhile, the growing market for bio-based products, chemicals and materials...  
 52. Climate change will further aggravate environmental problems by causing prolonged...  
 53. In addition, measures to enhance ecological and climate resilience, such...  
 54. In order to safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures...

## THE ENABLING FRAMEWORK

55. Achieving the abovementioned priority thematic objectives requires an enabling framework...
- Priority Objective 4: Maximise the benefits of Union environment legislation by improving...
56. In addition to the significant advantages for health and the...
57. Improving the implementation of the Union environment acquis at Member...
58. The high number of infringements, complaints and petitions in the...
59. First, the way knowledge about implementation is collected and disseminated...
60. Second, the Union will extend requirements relating to inspections and...
61. Third, the way in which complaints about implementation of Union...
62. Fourth, Union citizens will have effective access to justice in...
63. The general standard of environmental governance throughout the Union will...
64. In addition to helping Member States to improve compliance, the...
65. In order to maximise the benefits of Union environment legislation...
- Priority Objective 5: Improve the knowledge and evidence base for Union environment...
66. Union environment policy is based on environmental monitoring, data, indicators...
67. Steps should be taken at Union and international level to...
68. However, the pace of current developments and uncertainties surrounding likely...
69. Over the past decades, there have been improvements in the...
70. Further implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System principle of...
71. There are still significant gaps in knowledge, some of them...
72. New and emerging issues arising from rapid technological developments that...
73. In order to improve the knowledge and evidence base for...
- Priority Objective 6: Investment for environment and climate policy and address...
74. The efforts required to achieve the objectives set out in...
75. Attracting investment in some areas is currently difficult in particular...
76. The Union and its Member States will need to put...
77. The private sector, in particular SMEs, should also be encouraged...
78. In its proposals for the 2014–2020 Union Multiannual Financial Framework,...
79. In addition to such mainstreaming, the LIFE programme will allow...
80. The increased capital provided to the European Investment Bank (EIB)...
81. Experience gained in the 2007–2013 programming period shows that although...
82. In addition, it has been difficult to trace biodiversity and...
83. Work to develop indicators for monitoring economic progress and which...
84. In order to secure investment for environment and climate policy...
- Priority Objective 7: Environmental integration and policy coherence
85. Although integrating environmental protection concerns into other Union policies and...
86. Local and regional authorities, which are generally responsible for decisions...
87. The envisaged expansion of energy and transport networks, including offshore...

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- 88. The 7th EAP includes a number of priority objectives designed...
- 89. In order to improve environmental integration and policy coherence, the...

#### MEETING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Priority Objective: the sustainability of the Union's cities

- 90. The Union is densely populated and by 2020, 80 % of...
- 91. Most cities face a common set of core environmental problems,...
- 92. Growing urbanisation of the Union has raised awareness of the...
- 93. Union citizens, whether urban or rural dwellers, benefit from a...
- 94. The Union should further promote and, where appropriate, expand existing...
- 95. In order to enhance the sustainability of Union cities, the...

Priority Objective: the Union's effectiveness in addressing international environmental and...

- 96. Ensuring the sustainable use of resources is one of the...
- 97. Rio + 20 decided to replace the UN Commission on...
- 98. Many of the priority objectives set out in the 7th...
- 99. The time span covered by the 7th EAP corresponds to...
- 100. The global biodiversity targets laid down under the Convention on...
- 101. The Union has a good track-record when it comes to...
- 102. The Union and its Member States should proactively engage in...
- 103. The Union should also leverage its position as one of...
- 104. The Union should also further intensify its contribution to initiatives...
- 105. The Union should continue to promote environmentally responsible business practices....
- 106. In order to increase the Union's effectiveness in addressing international...

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