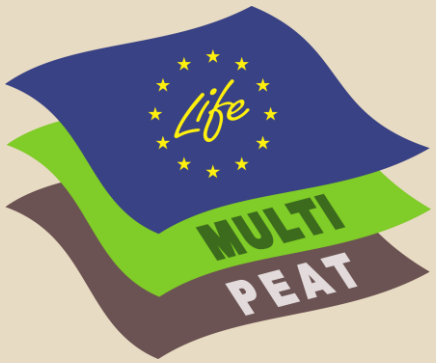


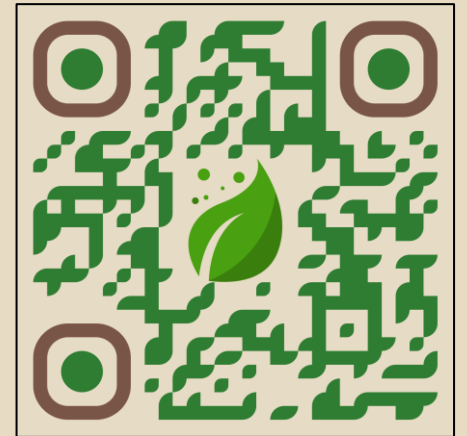


Overview of the European Peatland Policy Portal: Necessity, Mission, & Future

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Outline

- **Necessity**
 - Reason for this portal in the current peatland policy landscape
- **Mission**
 - Identifying the portal's mission and intended users
- **Future**
 - Where to Next: How do we institutionalise the European PPP?

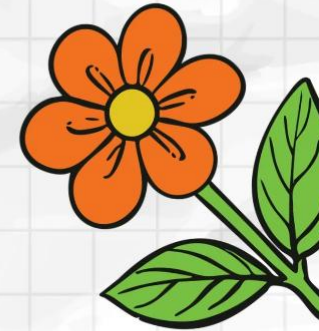


Necessity – EU Green Deal



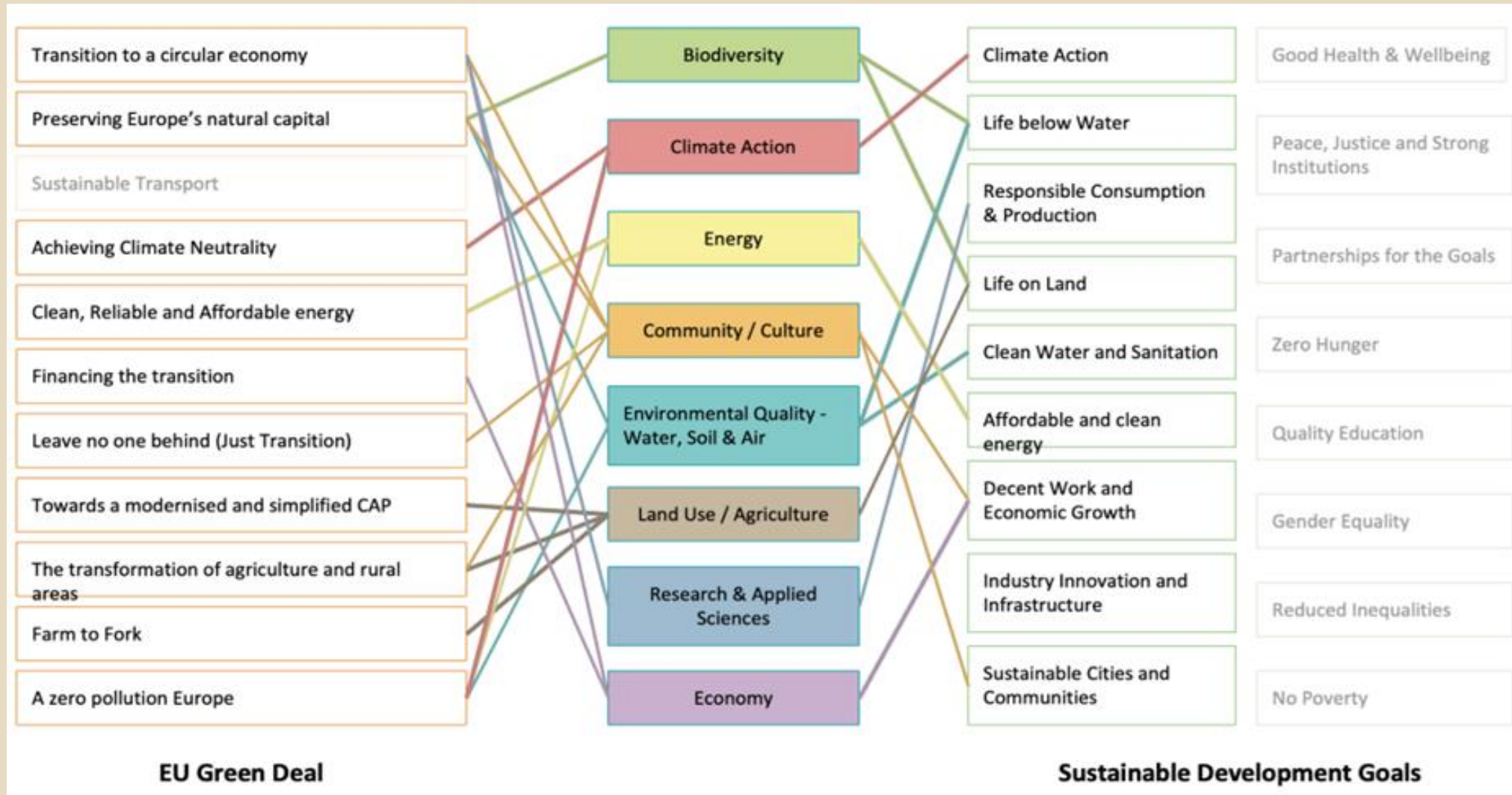
No Planet B

There is no Planet B. Environmental awareness begins with everyday choices and shared community action to protect the only home we have.





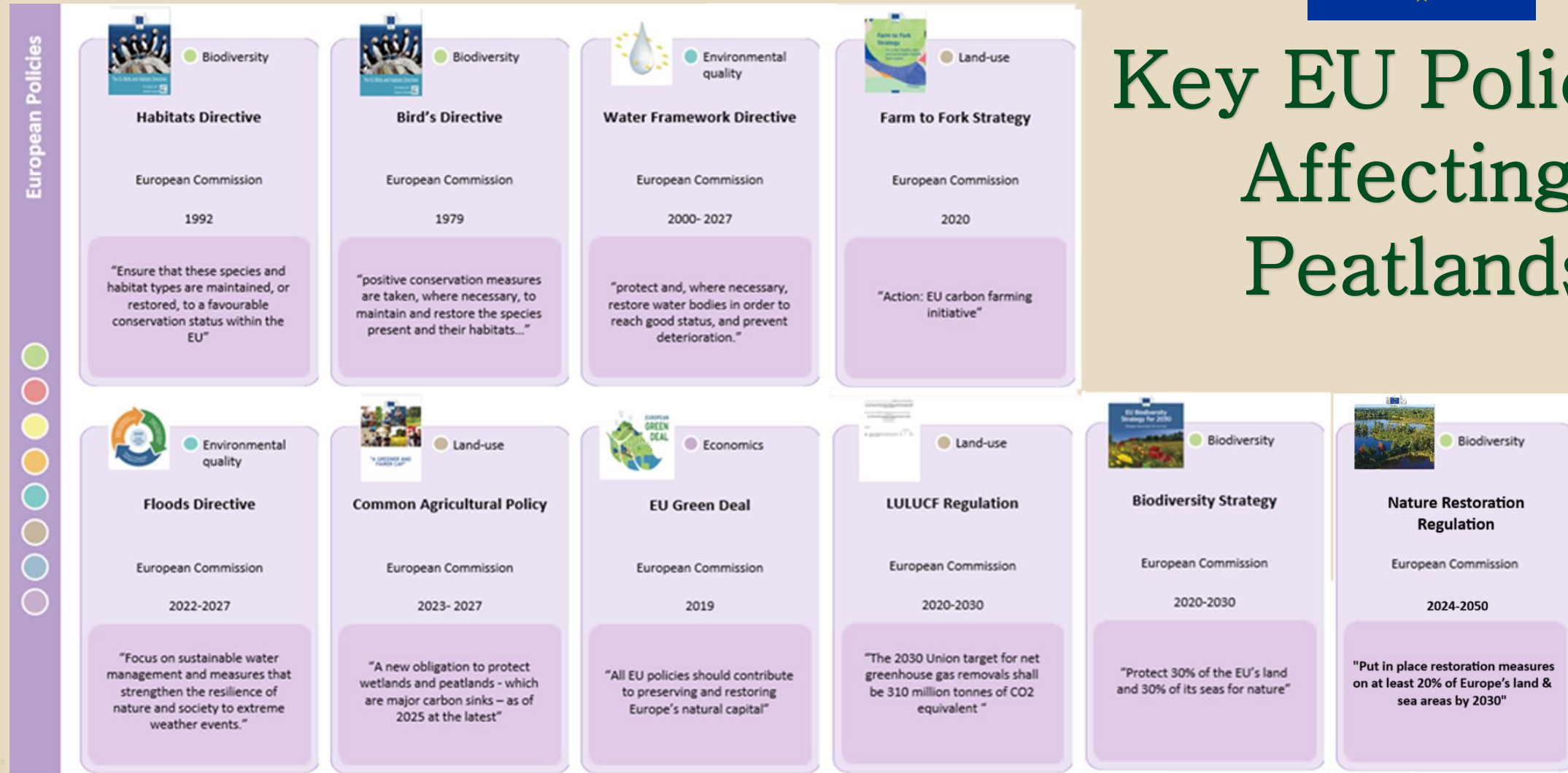
Necessity – EU Green Deal & UN SDG's



Necessity – EU Policy Framework



Key EU Policies Affecting Peatlands



Necessity – Making Political Choices

CSDP vs. EU Green Deal

Contrasting Approaches

- CSDP: security through military strength, with budgets prioritizing defence capabilities, readiness, and strategic autonomy.
- EU Green Deal: security through sustainability, with budgets prioritizing clean energy, climate resilience, and the green transition.

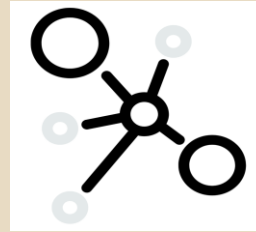
Key difference: CSDP responds to threats through defence capacity; the Green Deal reduces long-term risks through sustainable investment.





Our Mission

- A **public** platform
- Support the **analysis, alignment and development** of policies and projects
- **Display and facilitate analysis** of peatland related policies and their **local implications**
- Showcase different **examples of peatland protection and restoration activities**



A joint platform

that collects & organises key information and experience gained



Comparison

of different countries' efforts with multi-lingual capacity



Transparency

of existing peatland policies and projects



Analysis

of policies' effects on the ground





Our Mission

Vision

A public toolkit for the conservation of peatlands and management of agriculture over peat soils and peatlands, which showcases and analyses peatlands, projects and policies from local to global levels.



Users

The portal includes a diverse collection of tools enabling use by multiple categories of user, including but not limited to decision-makers, policy-makers, landowners/managers, and ecologists.





Where to next? Some suggestions

- ❑ User workshops followed by the official launch of the portal.
- ❑ Use AI (PeatRAG) to deepen and maintain the policy database (currently over 550 policies).
- ❑ Increase data relating to Peatland restoration sites (PeatObservatory).
- ❑ Integrate remote sensing data to estimate GHG emissions at a macro level (Copernicus).
- ❑ Further develop metrics analysis tools (KMA) to measure policies such as the NRR & CRCF.
- ❑ We need feedback.

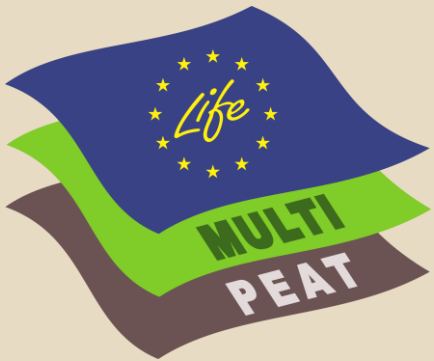




How do we institutionalise the Portal?

- ❑ Future development of the platform as part of the European Peatlands Initiative (EPI).
- ❑ Any future development could align with specific European Policies or Missions (NRR / CRCF / MissionSoil).
- ❑ Alignment with the work programmes of specific European institutions (K4P / JRC).
- ❑ Institutional hosting of the portal could optimize AI capacities (EU Policy Lab).
- ❑ Human maintenance and oversight of the portal is essential (EU AI Act).
- ❑ We need feedback.





Thank you!



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