

Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES – Environment

1 January – 30 June 2020



A strong Europe in a world of challenges

EU2020HR PRIORITIES

1. A EUROPE THAT DEVELOPS

Balanced and sustainable development of the Union and its Member States

2. A EUROPE THAT CONNECTS

Networked economy and used potentials

3. A EUROPE THAT PROTECTS

A safer Union and its citizens

4. AN INFLUENTIAL EUROPE

Global leader and strong partner to neighbours

TRIO PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENT

- Towards an Energy Union with a forward looking climate policy
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable water management

EU2020HR PRIORITIES IN ENVIRONMENT

- European Green Deal
- Transition to climate neutrality by 2050 and climate change adaptation
- Conservation of biodiversity
- Protection of marine environment from pollution

LEGISLATIVE DOSSIERS

- Drinking Water Directive – approval of the provisional agreement
- Shipping MRV
- LIFE Regulation
- (poss.) 8th EAP
- European Climate Law

NON-LEGISLATIVE DOSSIERS

- European Green Deal
- EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
- Greening the European Semester
- Air quality
- Evaluation of the water legislation
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Preparation of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM 5)
- European Climate Pact
- SWISS linking
- LTS submission to the UNFCCC

EU2020HR KEY DATES

- Environment Council, Brussels, 5 March 2020
- Conference on marine environment organised by EC, FI and HR PRES, Brussels, 25 and 26 March 2020 (tbc)
- Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers, Split, 21 and 22 April 2020
- Informal Working Party Environment, Split, 23 and 24 April 2020
- Environment Council, Luxembourg, 22 June 2020

Provisional Agenda of the Environment Council Brussels, 5 March 2020

Non-legislative activities

- European Green Deal – *exchange of views*
- Evaluation of water legislation – *exchange of views*
- Greening the European Semester – *exchange of views*
- Conclusions on air quality – *adoption*
- *(poss.) LTS submission to the UNFCCC – adoption*

Provisional Agenda of the Environment Council Luxembourg, 22 June 2020

Legislative deliberations

- (poss.) Eighth Environment Action Programme – *exchange of views*
- (poss.) European Climate Law – exchange of views/progress report

Non-legislative activities

- Conclusions on the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – *adoption*
- Conclusions on the preparation of the Fifth Meeting of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM 5) (Bonn, 5-9 October 2020) – *adoption*
- (poss.) Action plan on Circular Economy – *policy debate*
- (poss.) LTS submission to the UNFCCC – *adoption*

EU2020HR MEETINGS IN CROATIA (1)

- Introductory Meeting of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Climate change), Zagreb, 14 and 15 January 2020
- Meeting of the EU Nature and Biodiversity Directors, Plitvice Lakes National Park, 1 and 2 April 2020
- Meeting of National Experts for Strategic Assessment of Impact of Plans and Programmes on Environment and Assessment of Impact of Environmental Interventions, Zagreb, 1 and 2 April 2020

EU2020HR MEETINGS IN CROATIA (2)

- Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers, Split, 21 and 22 April 2020
- Informal Meeting of the Working Party on Environment (Attachés), Split, 23 and 24 April 2020
- Informal Meeting of Water and Marine Directors, Zagreb, 14 and 16 June 2020

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS (1)

- Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP 13), Gandhinagar, India, 15-22 February 2020
- Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (OEWG-2), Kunming, China, 24-29 February 2020
- Fourth Meeting of the SAICM Intersessional Process (IP4), Bucharest, Romania, 23-27 March 2020

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS (2)

- 24th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24), Montreal, Canada, 18-23 May 2020
- 58th session of the CLRTAP Working Group on Strategy and Review, Geneva, Switzerland, 26-29 May 2020
- First sessional period – Session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, Bonn, Germany, 1-11 June 2020

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Financing the transition to a low-carbon economy and challenges in financing climate change adaptation (NAT/778)

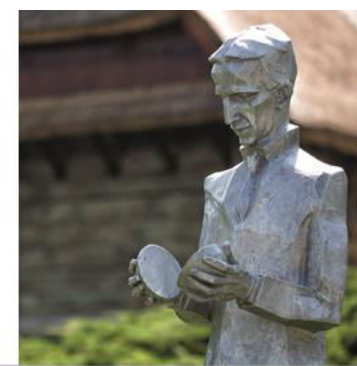
- EU's goal and obligation and EU committed itself to implement this transition in a socially just and cost effective manner
- Questions:
 1. *What are the best possibilities to secure public and private financing of these obligations, including the possible development of innovative financing instruments?*
 2. *Could state aid policies be obstacles to transitioning to a low carbon economy, and could these state aid rules be redesigned to give impetus to business modernization?*
 3. *What is optimal approach in remodeling the trend of the investing financial resources in remedying climate change damages into a trend of investing in prevention and adapting to climate changes measures instead?*

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- Clean Planet for All: Long term vision for climate neutrality 2050
- EUCO Conclusions 12 December 2019
- EU MS not all starts from the same point on the path towards climate neutral Europe by 2050
- How to bridge the financial gap between MS in order to carry out a fair transition and to equally share the burden between all MS?
- Need to examine all the feasible ways of financing the transition including innovative financing models
- State aid rules have limited the investment towards the modernization of the business sector in its application of green technologies;

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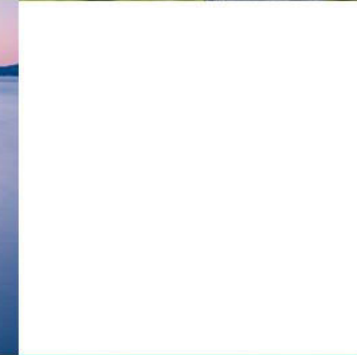
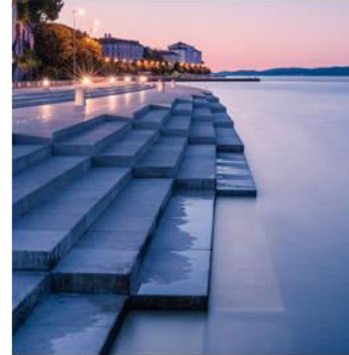
- In conclusion:
- Question of climate adaptation has been raised, since the Croatia is one of the three EU MS with highest cumulative share of climate – related damages in relation with GDP.
- Albeit climate change adaptation is costly, the adaptation will ultimately achieve either positive financial results, or a significant reduction on negative ones.



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