

From Fragmented Instruments to Integrated Infrastructure: Building the EU's Nature Finance and Governance Landscape

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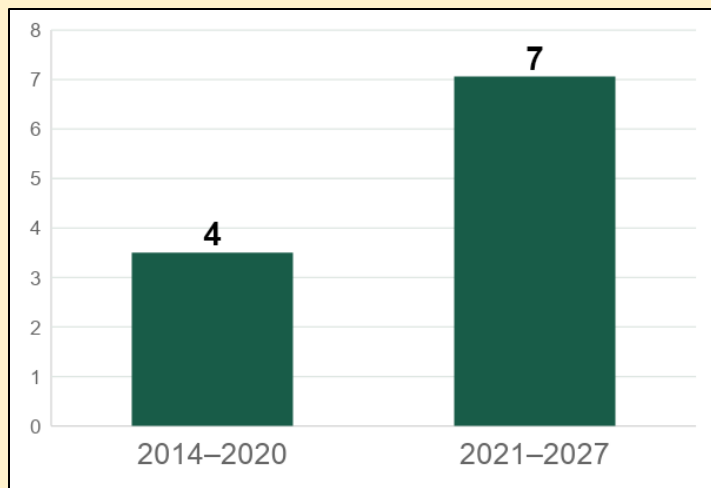
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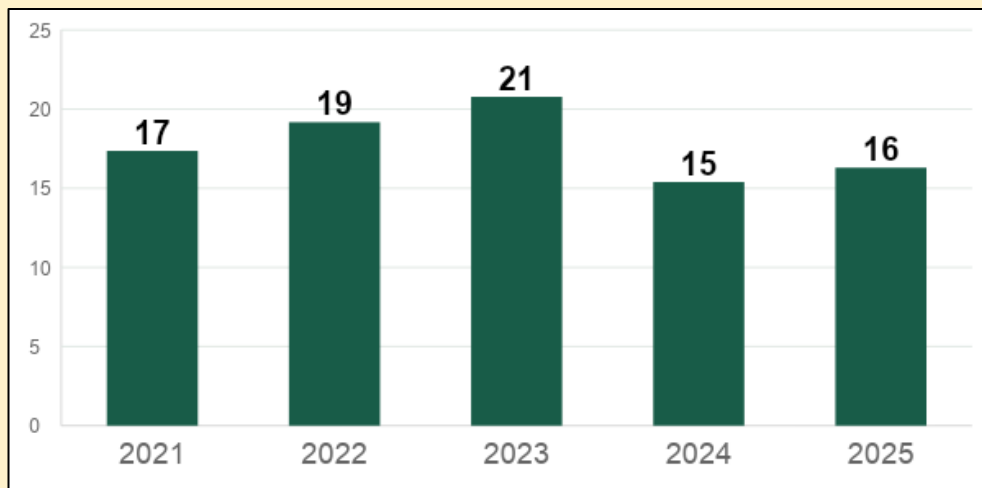
External biodiversity financing

EU budget, EUR billion per budget period



Financing mobilised for biodiversity in the EU

EUR billion per year



EU budget + national co-financing + public/private finance via InvestEU.
Totals do not separate sources or cover all flows.

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Figure 16: Estimated annual expenditure on biodiversity from the European Commission, Member States and private sector, 2021-2030

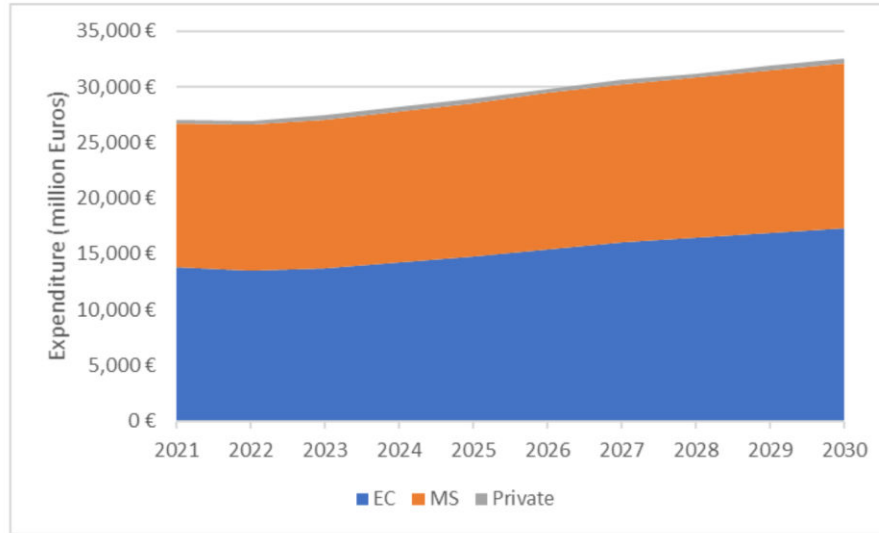


Figure 16 compiles the three sources of expenditure on biodiversity discussed above, with expenditure growing annually from EUR 27 billion in 2021 to EUR 32.5 billion in 2030.

EU nature finance: funding and investment

Public funding

EU budget: CAP, cohesion funds, LIFE, Horizon Europe, Recovery and Resilience Facility and European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, National & local budgets contribute financing and co-financing

Investment and blended finance

InvestEU mobilises public and private investment.
The Commission and EIB Group explore further investment in nature.

Project preparation

Green Assist provides advisory support under InvestEU,
LIFE supports Green Assist and additional EIB advisory work.

International finance

Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument, including European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus, and Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance III
EU external biodiversity financing targets EUR 7 billion for 2021–2027

The Evolving European Sustainable Finance & Nature Policy

Framework or Initiative	Relevance
EU Nature Restoration Regulation (2024)	Binding ecosystem restoration targets and national restoration planning
EU Taxonomy Regulation (2020; criteria 2021-2023)	Criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, including ecosystem protection and restoration
EU Roadmap to Nature Credits (2025)	Development of high-integrity nature credit markets to mobilise private investment in conservation and restoration
CSRD/ESRS, and other external disclosure frameworks such as GRI (2024), TNFD (2023)	Disclosure of nature-related impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities
Financial Supervision & ESG risks – EBA, EIOPA, ECB (2024-2026, ongoing), NGFS (2025, 2026)	Integration of ESG and nature-related risks into financial risk management and prudential supervision
Further initiatives such as SBTN, Finance for Biodiversity, MDB Common Principles a.o.	Biodiversity finance and measurement frameworks and targets developed by other initiatives and institutions.

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