Environmental Priorities for the EU Presidency in Malta

• **Climate Change** with a focus on implementation of Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC negotiations after COP22 in Marrakech

• Progress on **Emission Trading Scheme** (EU-ETS) revision, Effort Sharing Regulation and negotiations of the **Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry Regulations** (LULUCF)

• Follow-up discussions on emission from aviation after the International Civil Aviation Organisation General Assembly

• Lead negotiations on advancing a **circular economy** in the EU with discussions on amendments Waste Directives, including Restrictions of Hazardous Substances Directive

• Other topics of importance will include: Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation, **Birds and Habitats Directives post Fitness Check**, **Environmental Implementation Review**, and possibilities to adopt a **Water Strategy for the Mediterranean** during informal council meeting on 25th April (ocean governance, marine litter, plastic strategy)
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- **Sustainable development**, SDG’s and Agenda 2030
- Avoiding harmful **international trade and investment agreements** (e.g. TTIP)
- Fighting **climate change** and improving **energy security**
- Creating a **circular economy** through product design and **better management of waste**
- Improving **environmental governance**
- Protecting **biodiversity** and **ecosystems**
- New steps to **chemical safety**, including nanotechnology and mercury
- Towards a **sustainable food and farming policy** as part of a new EU Budget of results
- An ecosystem based approach to **fisheries management** and **aquaculture production**
Important dates January and June 2017

19 Jan: Malta Presidency workshop on climate change
23 Jan: AGRI-FISH Council
03 Feb: Malta Informal Summit
27 Feb: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council
28 Feb: ENVI Council (incl. 2030 Agenda, EIR, ETS aviation, Fitness check, Aarhus, Circular Economy)
06 Mar: AGRI-FISH Council (incl. Future of the CAP)
08 Mar: Circular Economy – Territorial Cohesion – Insularity
19 Mar: Ministerial Energy conference
23 Mar: Meeting of Rural Development Programme Directors
27 Mar: Informal Fisheries Directors General Meeting
27 Mar: Port Directors
28 Mar: Stakeholders Meeting on Maritime and Road Safety
29 Mar: Ministerial Conference on Mediterranean Fisheries
29 Mar: Malta Med4Fish Declaration
04 Apr: AGRI-FISH Council
20 Apr: Blue Growth and Ocean Governance in the EU and the Mediterranean. Innovation and Nautical Tourism
25 April: Informal meeting of ENVI Ministers
27 Apr: Ministerial Meeting of the European Union and Mediterranean Water Ministries
27 Apr: Informal Environment and Climate Change Attaches Meeting (Rabat)
04 May (undefined): The European Heads of Conservation Meetings
18 May: Informal meeting of Energy Ministers
22 May: Informal meeting of AGRI Ministers
29 May: Meeting of EU Nature and Biodiversity Directors
  8 June: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council
12 June: AGRI-FISH (tbc)
16 June: Informal meeting of Marine and Water Directors
19 June: ENVI Council