

## 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**