

22nd March 2024

Honorable Prime Minister Dr Robert Abela
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Open Letter

Dear Prime Minister,

Europe and nature have been betrayed with the failure by the Council of EU Ministers to move forward with the Nature Restoration Law. The approval on Monday 25th March was supposed to be a formality after an agreement had already been reached last November and approved by representatives of the people of EU Member States in the European Parliament.

The Nature Restoration Law passed through the European Parliament even though there was a block vote to stop it. It also has the support of citizens across the EU, scientists, businesses and the environmental civil society.

Stopping the Nature Restoration Law means that the EU is not committed to biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability. The Nature Restoration Law was the first major pro-nature legislation from the EU in three decades. Nature conservation across the EU has no borders and cannot be held hostage by countries who refuse to see the holistic value of a healthier European Union.

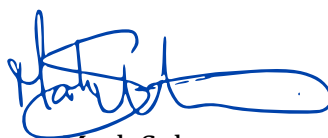
We appreciate that Malta has stood in favour of this law but we feel we can do more. So we urge you to personally intervene and raise the issue with President Ursula von der Leyen and the Belgian Presidency to put the Nature Restoration Law back on the agenda and see that it is approved.

In a year when Europeans are set to vote for the European Parliament, the voice of millions of citizens, the voice of the European Parliament itself is being silenced. This is unacceptable and not only threatens Europe's credibility on environmental matters but also its democratic core.

Kind regards



Darryl Grima
President



Mark Sultana
CEO