

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022

of the Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE)

1. Introduction

The 2022 Work Programme of the ENVE Commission was developed having in mind the overarching priorities of the CoR for its current term of office¹, the Strategic Guidelines for 2022 developed by the CoP², as well as the European inter-institutional context and in particular the *European Commission's Work Programme for 2022*³. It sets out the milestones for work to be carried out in 2022, ensuring continuity and coherence in delivering the CoR's political priorities.

2022 will be a crucial year for the European Union and its local and regional authorities. It will be marked by the enormous efforts required to "*rebuild better*" after the COVID-19 pandemic and address the challenges of the green and digital transitions. Several large-scale processes will dominate the European context, such as the final stages of the Conference on the Future of Europe, the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Green Deal for Europe. At the same time, the European Commission has announced a number of important legislative initiatives for 2022, in line with the priorities agreed jointly by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

Against this background, the CoR has adapted its institutional approach to focus on the development and implementation of result-oriented planning, with a clear objective to increase the relevance and visibility of the CoR's political action in the inter-institutional context. For this reason, the work programmes of the CoR commissions set out the specific objectives in each policy area as well as crosscutting priorities among the six commissions and put forward a strategy to channel CoR's political messages to the other EU institutions.

With a view to demonstrating and further developing the added value of the European Committee of the Regions as an advisory body, the CoR has been developing new and innovative tools to gather evidence and expertise in support of the CoR's strategic activities. It is essential that the CoR effectively taps into the wealth of experience of its members and the local and regional authorities they represent in implementing its priorities and strategic orientations. In this regard, the *CoR's studies programme will be designed to support the main objectives in the thematic planning of the Commissions*, as well as to address the horizontal research needs of the CoR. If needed, studies will also support the flagship projects and will include foresight perspective and a clear outreach dimension, with outcomes that can easily be used in institutional and public communication.

¹ In June 2020, shortly after its Constitutive plenary session of February 2020 and during a time of major disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the CoR defined its priorities for the current term of office in the Resolution *The European Committee of the Regions' priorities for 2020-2025 - Europe closer to the people through its villages, cities and regions*. (RESOL-VII/004 - 2020-01392-00-00-RES-TRA)

² On 30 November, following a joint discussion with the Commissions' Chairs, the CoP adopted the Strategic Guidelines for the CoR's political activities in 2022

³ COM(2021) 645 final and annexes, available at: [2022 Commission Work Programme – key documents | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/com_communication_2021_645)

In terms of policy-making, as soon as the pressure of legislative referrals decreases, more attention will be given to own-initiative and outlook opinions, where the CoR could provide the legislators with inputs at a very early stage, as well as the "follow up of the opinions" in view of enhancing their impact. In the context of implementing the "active subsidiarity approach", the new working methods of the European Commission should upgrade the quality of cooperation between the CoR and the other EU institutions by focusing on the European added value of all initiatives, in line with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, and within the context of a revisited EU better regulation agenda.

In the context of longer-term multi-annual planning, relations with the Council and the incoming EU presidencies will continue to progress in 2022, with a view to optimising cooperation and political dialogue, particularly as regards the legislative planning and the delivery of the EU strategic agenda.

2. Priorities of the ENVE commission

The remit of the *Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE)* covers the following fields⁴:

1. European Green Deal;
2. Climate Change: Adaptation, Mitigation and Finances;
3. Environment Policy;
4. Energy Policy and Trans-European Energy Networks;
5. Space Policy for Territorial Development (including Galileo and GMES/Copernicus).

2.1 Priority policy areas⁵

The ENVE commission will concentrate its efforts on the following priority policy areas with high relevance to the EU agenda and direct impact on local and regional authorities:

1. Green Deal Going Local
2. Climate Change and Space
3. Energy
4. Environment.

Within these priority policy areas and in order to translate them more effectively and visibly into political action and increase the impact of the Committee's political work, the ENVE commission identified *two* specific **flagship initiatives**:

1. **CoR4Green Deal** initiative and related Green Deal Going Local communication and political engagement campaign (GDGL campaign), within Green Deal Going Local priority
2. **Zero Pollution** – within Environment.

⁴ COR-2019-05751-01-06-PSP-TRA-EN

⁵ An explanatory sheet for each proposed priority policy area is enclosed in Appendix III. These policy areas will also be the first to benefit from the Thematic Planning process.

2.1.1 Green Deal Going Local

The ENVE secretariat is in charge of the management of the works of the Green Deal Going Local (GDGL) working group, whose Chair is, as per Bureau Decision, the ENVE Chair.

The ENVE secretariat manages the GDGL directly: nevertheless, to ensure the adequate coverage of the crosscutting dimensions of the Green Deal policy across the six CoR commissions, the ENVE secretariat also manages a cross-service thematic Task Force in the field. Following the discussion during the discussion on the European Commission Work Programme and the Green Deal Going Local priorities for 2022, the members of the working group have outlined a number of key areas to focus efforts:

- **Circular Economy**
- **Financing the Green Deal**
- **Green Deal: For Planet and People**
- **Energy: Promoting efficiency and tackling poverty**
- **Sustainable Mobility.**

Apart from the priority policy areas, the Green Deal Going Local working group will continue to support the CoR on overarching topics, such as the **UNFCCC COP27**, **UN CBD COP15** and the **Conference on the Future of Europe**.

The Green Deal Going Local working group will continue **monitoring and supporting the Green Deal Going Local campaign**. This includes the launch of the *"Trees for Life"*, *"Green Deal Handbook"*, *"Green our Mobility"* and *"Facilitating access to funds"* activities, as well as taking stock of the 10 Calls for Action, also with the help of the MembersPlus tool being developed ad hoc.

The working group will ensure that their strategic priorities are attuned to those of the institutional setting in order to best reinforce the role of local and regional authorities within the Green Deal. This includes taking into account the **European Commission Work Programme, promoting relevant institutional partnerships and supporting the priorities of the French and Czech Presidencies of the Council**.

To ensure consistency of work and increase the exploitation of synergies work in-house, the **Task Force 3 on the "Green Deal Going Local" will continue its work** on all three objectives of the Green Deal Going Local working group. Cooperation with other Task Forces, notably with Task Force 4 – Conference on the Future of Europe and Task Force 9 – Better Regulation and Fit4Future, will be pursued on key areas of mutual interest.

Within this policy area, the flagship initiative of the ENVE Commission will be the development of the CoR4Green Deal flagship, which focuses on:

- Empowerment and engagement of CoR members in the Green Deal through thematic networks, as the Covenant National Ambassadors and the Climate Pact Ambassadors;
- Better screening of members activities, through the continue development of the new MembersPlus tool;

- Enhancing communication and support on the Green Deal, through the Green Deal Going Local campaign.

Within this flagship initiative, all activities related to the long-lasting cooperation with the **Covenant of Mayors** will be channelled.

2.1.2 Climate Change and Space

The ENVE Commission continues to work on Europe's key climate change and space objectives, addressing new challenges and impact indicators. In particular, the Commission undertakes to foster effective multilevel governance for the implementation of Climate and Space policies and to increase the involvement of LRAs towards climate neutrality by 2050.

Regarding the "**Fit for 55**" package, the Commission will follow-up to the opinions related to adapting climate and energy legislation to the new EU climate ambition, which are being prepared with approval planned for 2022.

With this aim it is crucial for the ENVE also to step up efforts to improve the **interinstitutional dialogue on climate, energy, environment and space and following the negotiations on the "Fit for 55"** packages through the work of the French and Czech presidencies to the Council and European Parliament plenaries and ENVI committee activities, the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA 2022) and the European Week of Regions and Cities (EURegionsWeek 2022). With regard to the latter, ENVE will participate in the organisation of events during the European Week of Regions and Cities.

In general, ENVE's work will be focused on further developing measures and activities for achieving a socially fair green transition, boosting resilience, addressing the vulnerability to climate change and the health dimension of climate change.

In addition, ENVE members are expected to proactively participate in a number of events that are key to the **implementation of the Green Deal objectives**, both at local and at regional level. In particular, members will be involved in participating in [EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy](#), CoR4GreenDeal project (former CoR4ClimatePact) and in the development and implementation of Local and Regional Green Deals (also related to GDGL priority). ENVE members' participation is also expected in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the Green Deal implementation and the green recovery co-organised with ICLEI, Regions4, Under2 Coalition and Climate Alliance based on the Action Plans in force and in interinstitutional EU dialogues and cooperation activities with EIB, OECD, EESC, as well as in global talks on climate and energy under LGMA Constituency at the UNFCCC COP27 (including the preparatory process). ENVE is also cooperating with DG RTD on the development of the Horizon Missions.

It is also envisaged that ENVE will play a key role in the work of the Committee of the Regions on the revision of the **Emission Trading System**, to be further developed and followed up.

Additionally, ENVE is also committed to further explore the **role of space policy in supporting climate action** and schedule study proposals on Space for climate action and on Climate change and

health. ENVE will continue developing its relations with actors and important initiatives in the Space sector such as NEREUS, EARSC, EURISY, the Copernicus User Forum and others.

2.1.3 Energy

In the energy area, the work of the ENVE Commission will be focused on the development of European policies related to energy transition, energy security, renewable energy sources, reasonable energy prices, functioning energy markets, reduction of energy and mobility poverty, a successful just and fair green transition and on strengthening the crucial role of LRAs in such particular fields.

In order to meet these objectives, the ENVE Commission will further develop its views on the current legislative proposals and will carry on the discussion on the possible revision of the Governance of the Energy Union regulation based on the "Fit for 55" package and continue the discussion on the economic and social aspects of the energy transition, starting from the issue of energy and mobility poverty.

To be developed by the Commission under the same "**Fit for 55**" package, will also be the work on other energy-related strategies (Renovation Wave, Energy System Integration). ENVE will continue to work closely with the European Commission (DG ENER) on the Renovation Wave strategy.

The ENVE Commission is committed to following the work of the European Parliament and specifically the energy issues addressed in the plenary sessions and within the **ITRE Committee**, as well as to continuing its active participation in the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW 2022) and the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC 2022). ENVE also aims to organise two Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogues in 2022 with the French and Czech presidencies to the Council: the ENVE secretariat will propose a MECD on RED and EED with the French Presidency (May) and a MECD on UNFCCC COP27 with the Czech Presidency (September).

Furthermore, in order to achieve maximum local involvement ENVE envisages participation of its members in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the energy transition coorganised with ICLEI, Regions4, Under2 Coalition and Climate Alliance based on the Action Plans in force. ENVE members will be also involved in the participation in interinstitutional EU dialogues and cooperation activities with EIB, OECD, EESC as well as in global talks on climate and energy under the LGMA Constituency at the UNFCCC COP27 (including the preparatory process). The aforementioned organisation of Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogues will also contribute to this.

With specific regard to the reform of the **Energy Performance of Buildings** Directive, there is the opportunity for ENVE to propose a study on the subject by the EPRS and to proceed with the Territorial Impact Assessment on EPBD revision.

Finally, ENVE will continue its commitment to the fight against **energy and transport poverty**, with the aim of ensuring a just transition for all Europeans. The adaptation of energy regulations to the increased climate ambition will entail varying impacts across countries, regions, and sectors. The transition to a cleaner and greener energy mix, together with the spike in energy prices, requires measures to mitigate the repercussions on vulnerable citizens, businesses and regions. ENVE will

continue its contacts with the Energy Poverty Advisory Hub (EPAH), DG ENER and DG EMPL to ensure not leaving anyone behind and to reduce energy poverty.

2.1.4 Environment

The three main environmental priorities of the Green Deal are Biodiversity, Circular Economy and the Zero Pollution Ambition for a Toxic-free Environment (covering also chemicals).

With the approval of the Zero Pollution Action Plan in 2021 now strategic documents are available for all three main environmental priorities of the Green Deal. The Biodiversity Strategy to 2030, the New Circular Economy Action Plan and the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability were adopted in 2020.

The European Commission is now working on implementing these strategies with both legislative and non-legislative actions.

ENVE will prepare opinions on the key proposals of local and regional interest in these strategies and assess possible participation or dissemination of information on non-legislative actions of interest for LRAs, when possible creating synergies with its existing initiatives.

The final approval of the strategic Environment Action Programme to 2030 is expected in March 2022. ENVE will assess the full impact of its opinion in particular confirmation of the insertion (present in the interim agreement) of a reference to cooperation with the CoR and to the enhanced cooperation (with DG ENV).

ENVE will work in highlighting the linkages between the degradation of the environment, biodiversity loss, human health and wellbeing, and climate change.

2.1.4.1 Flagship: Zero Pollution

Within this policy area, the flagship initiative of the ENVE Commission will be Zero Pollution, considering the relevant legislative proposals of interest for LRAs, the implementation of actions of the Action Plan with an important local and regional dimension and the new Stakeholder Platform.

The CoR has cooperated with the European Commission to set up the new Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform, launched in December 2021. The Platform is a high-level initiative with the objective to effectively mainstream the zero pollution agenda and the implementation of the EU's Zero-Pollution Action Plan. It will bring together stakeholders and experts of different policy areas. The platform is to create co-ownership, promote collaboration, and foster integrated solutions to maximise synergies with decarbonisation and post-COVID-19 recovery efforts.

The platform is co-chaired by the European Commission and by the CoR. Two ENVE members have been appointed co-chair and vice co-chair.

The ENVE secretariat cooperates with DG ENV in the Platform secretariat.

ENVE will contribute to the preparation of the Work Programme of the Platform and organize CoR involvement in specific activities.

Adoption in January 2022 of the opinion on *EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil'* provides a general CoR position on the Action Plan. ENVE will consider specific opinions on legislative proposals foreseen for 2022, in particular on the revision of the Ambient Air Quality directives, connected with the recent publication of the new World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on air quality, in coherence with the importance of health remarked in the opinion on the Action Plan.

ENVE will work to connect Zero Pollution with the Green Deal Going Local campaign.

2.1.4.2 Biodiversity

The ENVE Commission will continue supporting the European Commission in the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy, as a follow-up to the opinion on *Bio-diverse cities and regions beyond 2020 at the UN CBD COP 15 and in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030* by Roby Biver (LU/PES).

In order to address the main drivers of biodiversity loss, the EU Biodiversity Strategy focuses on increasing the coverage and effectiveness of protected areas, building notably on the Natura 2000 network and restoring damaged and degraded ecosystems. Therefore, ENVE will consider specific opinions on legislative proposals planned for 2022, such as the EU Nature Restoration plan which includes legally binding targets.

At the same time, the ENVE commission is expected to be involved in the development of Urban Greening Plans, in cooperation with DG ENV, and to set up the EU Urban Greening Platform under the Green City Accord. Furthermore, ENVE will work to reinforce the role of LRAs and the CoR in a new European biodiversity governance framework proposed by the European Commission. In this sense, the organization of Multilevel Biodiversity Dialogues might be explored at a later stage.

The CoR opinion provides a general CoR position on the EU ambition for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including conservation and restoration goals for the next decade. This framework will be adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which second part will take place on the 25 April to 8 May 2022 in Kunming (China).

ENVE is leading the CoR contribution for UN CBD COP15. In particular, ENVE is involved in the Edinburgh process that advocates for a greater role of LRAs in biodiversity, calling for ensuring a bottom-up approach in the global multilevel climate governance system and working closely with relevant organisations and contact points. ENVE, together with partners around the globe such as the Scottish Government, ICLEI, the Government of Quebec, or Regions4, is promoting the signature of the Edinburgh Declaration as the key instrument to adopt the "whole of government" approach in the biodiversity framework.

ENVE members' participation is planned for the Geneva Conferences, from 13 to 29 March 2022, organised to prepare the ground for the final negotiations, and in global talks on biodiversity under the

Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity (AC SNG) at the CBD COP15. The main goal is to advocate for the formal inclusion of subnational governments in the development, implementation and monitoring of global biodiversity targets and goals.

2.1.4.3 Circular Economy

ENVE is working on the development of the territorial pillar of the new Circular Economy Action Plan and will be analysing the upcoming legislative proposals to be launched by the European Commission, paying particular attention to the sustainable products policy initiative, the regulation on substantiating environmental claims, the strategy on sustainable textiles, the right to repair, the packaging and packaging waste directive and the microplastics and waste reduction issues.

In the meantime, ENVE is involved in the activities of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (joint initiative by the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee) and the CoR is supporting partner of the Circular Cities Declaration, as part of the follow-up of the opinion on the New Circular Economy Action Plan by rapporteur Tjisse Stelpstra (NL/ECR), to ensure that the ongoing transition to an economy that promotes the efficient use of resources is in line with the expectations of local and regional authorities.

ENVE recently started cooperating with DG RTD in the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) with a view of promoting its activities to cities and regions, and will continue to represent the CoR in the Steering Committee of the European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) in order to raise awareness and capacity-building on the opportunities and challenges on circular economy for LRAs.

2.1.4.4 Other issues: Green City Accord, Green Week, European Year of Greener Cities (TBC), awards

ENVE will continue to support the Green City Accord, promoting participation of local authorities.

ENVE will organise the CoR participation to the Green Week (30/05-05/06) organized by the European Commission and promote involvement of LRAs.

ENVE will keep in contact with the European Commission for updates on the organization of the European Year of Greener Cities and assess the possibility of cooperation for its organization and implementation.

ENVE will continue to support important awards promoting best practices at local and regional level: Green Capital/Green Leaf Awards, European Tree of the Year, Natura 2000 Awards, EWWR awards, and the Transformative Action Award.

2.2 Other thematic issues

2.2.1 UNFCCC COP27

Despite the postponement of COP26 and the many difficulties that the pandemic has brought to its organisation, the CoR has nevertheless managed to take part and deliver some positive outcomes.

These include: enhancing the CoR reputation within the EU institution and beyond, influencing COP26 negotiations and side work, disseminating CoR members' climate actions and commitments, reinforcing CoR's global network.

Egypt will hold the Presidency of COP27 United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) in 2022 and will host the conference on 7-18 November 2022 in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh.

The CoR leadership identified significant political opportunities in the UNFCCC COPs process: the ENVE secretariat, as leading service on this subject has developed a roadmap to achieve some specific objectives at COP27. This roadmap is part of a long-term strategy of reinforcement of the CoR work in the field of the Green Deal, not only at the local and regional level, but also at EU and global level.

The specific objectives of the CoR for COP27 are:

- Reinforcing the role of the CoR in the EU delegation at COP27, through:
 - CoR stronger voice in defining the EU mandate for COP27
 - High-profile CoR delegation working all along 2022
- Strengthening the international partnerships of the CoR, through:
 - CoR stronger connection with UNFCCC and UN
 - Reinforced cooperation with relevant organisations (ICLEI, Regions4, Under2Coalition, ClimateKic, GCoM, EU CoM, etc.)

The specific objectives for COP27 will be discussed and enshrined in a dedicated ENVE opinion and, potentially, in a complementary CIVEX opinion, some key political elements are already there. The CoR position at COP27 will be based on the past work on UNFCCC COPs and focus on:

- **Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs):**
- **Direct Funding:**
- **Citizens engagement:**
- **Role of cities and regions in UNFCCC process.**

On top of these key elements, the CoR position will build upon the Declaration "[EU Green Deal: from local to global](#)", released by the CoR in partnership with several organisations at the end of COP26.

Based on COP26 work, the COP27 political messages will be reinforced by some relevant political processes already being set up:

- The discussion on bottom-up global adaptation targets, foreseen at the **CoR Summit in Marseille** and to be included in the **Marseille Manifesto**;
- The **ENVE opinion** on COP27 and Glasgow Climate Pact
- The **CIVEX opinion** on Subnational Climate Diplomacy (tbc)
- The **CoR resolution** on COP27 (tbc).

3. Follow-up of opinions

The opinions of the European Committee of the Regions are the main political tools to convey the political viewpoint of CoR members to the other institutions of the European Union. In this new term of office, the CoR and its constitutive bodies, as well as all services of the administration, will put additional focus on the follow-up of opinions and in thematic communication strategy in advance as

well as following their adoption, in order to ensure that the messages of the CoR can achieve the greatest political impact in the EU decision-making process.

In particular, in the field of **Adaptation to climate change**, the two opinions released in this field will have a concrete follow up with some key actions:

- Thematic strand of work towards COP27, including possible contributions to the works of the thematic preparatory bodies;
- Organisation of the Forum on Adaptation in cooperation with the European Commission
- Continue support to the Mission Adaptation
- Dedicated session in the CoR Summit in Marseille.

In addition, the opinion on *Gender and Climate*, approved in January 2022, will also have specific follow up with a series of bilateral meeting and events, starting from an event organised on 8 March in Nantes, France within the framework of the European Climate Conference, organised by the French Presidency and the Climate Chance Summit.

The ENVE commission will monitor the approval of the strategic **Environment Action Programme** to 2030 to verify the inclusion of proposal of the connected CoR opinion. The interim agreement has added a reference to cooperation with the CoR.

4. Inter-institutional cooperation

The ENVE commission will continue developing its relations with the European Parliament's ENVI and ITRE committees, as well as the [Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development](#) (ENVE represents the CoR in the Advisory Group of the intergroup) and the Intergroup on a Green New Deal. ENVE will continue developing its relations with the EU Council and with the European Commission DGs CLIMA, ENV and ENER in particular in the framework of the enhanced cooperation established. The files managed by different EC DGs and/or different EP committees will also lead to contact with the relevant counterparts.

The ENVE commission will explore opportunities to substantiate its opinions by commissioning additional analysis from the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), as provided for in the cooperation agreement between the CoR and European Parliament.

The ENVE commission will keep working under the model of Multilevel Dialogues on the Green Deal, where the European Commission and the member states' permanent representations discuss on a given topic.

Where appropriate, the ENVE commission will invite representatives from the rotating EU Council Presidency, relevant MEPs, in particular EP rapporteurs, high-level representatives of the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee to its meetings.

The Green Deal Going Local working group will also provide several opportunities for high-level exchanges with the other EU Institutions.

5. Cooperation with other organisations and bodies

The ENVE commission will continue to work closely with the [European Investment Bank](#) (EIB) and the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](#) (OECD), following the signature of the Action Plans with the two organisations in December 2020. The engagement with the OECD is relevant for the opinion on green budgeting (referral from the French presidency).

The cooperation will also continue internationally with the UNFCCC and UN CBD Secretariats under the framework of the respective [UNFCCC COP27](#) in Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt) and the second part of the [UN CBD COP15](#) in Kunming (China).

ENVE will explore potential cooperation with the Secretariat General of the United Nations, based on the development of an advisory body on the future of cities.

The cooperation will also continue with those organisations that stipulated an Action Plan or a MoU with the CoR for the years 2021 and 2022, such as ICLEI, Regions4 and Under2 Coalition. Thanks to this cooperation, the CoR through the work of the ENVE commission will continue its global impact as partner of the [Local Governments and Municipal Authorities](#) (LGMA) Constituency and of the [Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity](#) (AC SNG).

ENVE is drafting an Action Plan with Climate KIC for the period 2022-2024.

ENVE is leading in cooperation with Climate Chance the organisation of several sessions in the framework of the European Climate Conference, organised by the French Presidency and the Climate Chance Summit in Nantes, France, on 7-8 March.

6. Complementary activities

Organisation of conferences and seminars

As outlined in the thematic section, the ENVE Commission intends to organise or cooperate with other institutional players in organising events linked to the priorities of its consultative agenda.

The following external events will be organised:

An external study visit to the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve "Puszcza Kampinoska" – a common cause, hosted by Adam Struzik (PL/EPP) in the Kampinoski National Park, Mazovian Region (Poland) on the 6 May 2022.

New proposals have been received. A decision is scheduled for the ENVE meeting of 10-11 March 2022.

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N.B.: Annex and Appendices overleaf.

APPENDIX I

List of documents already attributed to the ENVE commission to be dealt with in 2022

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
12/05/2021, COM (2021) 400 final	Pathway to a Healthy Planet for All EU – Action Plan: "Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil"	Non-legislative	Adopted on 27/01/2022
27/05/2021, COM (2021) 261 final	Progress in the implementation of the EU Pollinators Initiative	Non-legislative	Adopted on 26/01/2022
COM(2021) 551 final; COM(2021) 552 final; COM(2021) 567 final; COM(2021) 571 final; COM(2021) 564 final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Revision of ETS – Revision of ETS for aviation – Amending directive on notification of offsetting in respect of a global market-based measure for aircraft operators based in the Union, – Amending Decision (EU) 2015/1814 as regards the amount of allowances to be placed in the market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme until 2030 – Proposal for a Regulation establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism, 	Legislative	27- 29/04/2022
COM(2021) 563 final COM(2021) 568 final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Directive restructuring the Union framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity(recast) – Regulation establishing a Social Climate Fund 	Legislative	27- 29/04/2022
COM(2021) 557 final	Amendment to the Renewable Energy Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (RED)	Legislative	27- 29/04/2022
COM(2021) 558 final	Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to	Legislative	27- 29/04/2022

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
	implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target (EED)		
COM(2021) 554 final COM(2021) 555 final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Revision of the Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) – Effort Sharing Regulation 	Legislative	27- 29/04/2022
COM(2021) 802 final	Revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)	Legislative	29- 30/06/2022
COM(2021)803 final COM(2021)804 final COM(2021)805 final	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regulation on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast) and Directive on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen – Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector 	Legislative	12- 13/10/2022 TBC

APPENDIX II

List of the principal legislative and non-legislative proposals corresponding to the political priorities of the ENVE commission for 2022⁶

Reference of European Commission document	Title of European Commission document	Procedure	Scheduled adoption by the CoR
Indicative planning European Commission 02/03/2022	Communication on energy	Non-legislative	TBC
Indicative planning European Commission 23/03/2022 TBC	Protecting biodiversity: nature restoration targets under EU biodiversity strategy	Legislative	12-14/10/2022 TBC
Indicative planning European Commission 30/03/2022 TBC	EU Strategy on Sustainable Textiles Circular Economy Package I	Non-legislative	TBC
Indicative planning European Commission 30/03/2022 TBC	Sustainable products policy initiative (including Ecodesign Directive) Circular Economy Package I	Legislative	TBC
Indicative planning European Commission 30/03/2022 TBC	Proposal for a Regulation: Environmental performance of products & businesses – substantiating claims Circular Economy Package I	Legislative	TBC
Indicative planning European Commission 05/04/2022 TBC	Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) and Industrial pollution Q1 2022 (TBC) – European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (updated rules) (E-PRTR) Q1 2022 (TBC)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022 Indicative Planning European Commission	Policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics (non-legislative) Circular Economy Package II	Non-legislative	TBC

⁶ The list is indicative and subject to change.

20/07/2022			
20/07/2022 TBC	Revision of Directive 94/62/EC on Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive in order to reinforce the essential requirements for packaging to be placed on the EU market Legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Circular Economy Package II	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022 Indicative planning European Commission 20/07/2022 TBC	Revision of the urban wastewater treatment Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU,) Circular Economy Package II	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Integrated water management – revised lists of surface and groundwater pollutants (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q3 2021)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Revision of EU ambient air quality legislation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q3 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Review of EU rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	EU framework for harmonised measurement of transport and logistics emissions (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 91 and 100(2) TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Review of the CO ₂ emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Carbon removal certification (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1)	Legislative	TBC

	TFEU, Q4 2022)		
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Circular economy Initiative on the right to repair (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q3 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Restriction on microplastics (non-legislative, Q4 2022)	Non-legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Revision - Restriction of the use of hazardous substances in electronics (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	GreenData4All - Revision of the infrastructure for spatial information in the European Community (INSPIRE) Directive and the public access to environmental information Directive (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC
European Commission Work Programme 2022	Revision of the end-of-life vehicles Directive and the Directive on the type approval of motor vehicles (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 and/or Article 192 TFEU, Q4 2022)	Legislative	TBC

APPENDIX III

Explanatory sheet for each Priority Policy Area

Policy area	Green Deal Going Local
<i>CoR commission</i>	ENVE
Policy objectives, key challenges and impact indicators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster effective multilevel governance for the implementation of the European Green Deal and increase recognition of the LRAs' role in the post-pandemic recovery strategy as a strong push towards climate neutrality by 2050; 2. To raise awareness and capacity-building of ENVE members on the opportunities and challenges linked to the European Green Deal implementation and the green recovery, with a particular focus on environment, energy and climate; 3. To continue interinstitutional dialogue on all Green Deal priorities.
Progress report summary on the fulfilment of the policy objectives in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous promotion of effective multilevel governance in the implementation of the Green Deal and increased recognition of the role of cities and regions in the Green transition at the European and global level. • Strengthened visibility of the CoR work on the Green Deal thanks to the Green Deal Going Local Working group and increased capacity of attracting the interest and willing of cooperation of other Institutions and Organisations. • Launch of the Green Deal Going Local campaign activities as significant step forward, with the work being done by the GDGL working group being linked with a broader engagement and communication action in the field. • CoR strong positioning on the gender dimension of the Green Deal to be maintained and further developed.
Proposed CoR measures and support activities in 2022 with timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of the "Green Deal Going Local" working group; • Study on "<i>Implementing the Green Deal: a handbook for local and regional administrators</i>" (horizontal); • Involvement of ENVE members in the Green Deal Going Local initiative and in implementation Local and Regional Green Deals; • ENVE members' participation in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the Green Deal implementation and the green recovery coorganised with ICLEI, Regions4, Under2 Coalition and Climate Alliance based on the Action Plans in force; • Further development of the networks of Climate Pact Ambassadors and Covenant of Mayors National Ambassadors; • Participation in the organisation of events during the European Week of Regions and Cities (EURegionsWeek) on the Green Deal

	<p>framework;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the organisation of events during the EURPCOM on the Green Deal communication; • Support to the organisation of Green Deal events for CoR networks, as YEPs and Local EU Councillors; • Possible foresight seminar with CoR members in the field of the Green Deal; • Further development of Members+ and of Green Deal Profiles; • Launch remaining Green Deal Going Local campaign activities.
Key inter-institutional developments for follow-up and indicative timeline for implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Deal Going Local working group has highlighted the following areas as key priorities for 2022: Circular Economy; Financing the Green Deal; Green Deal: For Planet and People; Energy: Promoting efficiency and tackling poverty; Sustainable Mobility. These areas should be considered for all three objectives of the group: legislative consistency, building partnerships and supporting outreach. • The enhanced cooperation developed with DG ENER and DG ENV follow under the Green Deal activities and will need to be brought forward and further developed. • Similar cooperation may be developed on other topics, as adaptation (DG CLIMA), Local Green Deals and Green Deal Finance (EIB). • The approval of the "Fit for 55" package will be an important milestone for the GDGL working group, which will have a role in keeping a consistent approach all over the package and reinforcing the high-level interlocations with the other EU Institutions during the negotiations.

Policy area	Climate Change and Space
<i>CoR commission</i>	ENVE
Policy objectives, key challenges and impact indicators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster effective multilevel governance for the implementation of Climate and Space policies and increase the roles of LRAs in working towards climate neutrality by 2050. 2. To support the development and follow up on the "Fit for 55" opinions and discuss the possible revision of the Governance of the Energy Union regulation based on the package. 3. To continue interinstitutional dialogue on climate and space. 4. To further develop the work on socially fair climate transition, vulnerability to climate change and health dimension of climate change. 5. To further explore the role of space policy in supporting climate action. 6. To reinforce CoR's role in UNFCCC COP27

<p>Progress report summary on the fulfilment of the policy objectives in 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoR opinions on the "Fit For 55" package are being prepared with approval planned for 2022; • CoR strong positioning on Adaptation to be maintained and further developed. • CoR participation to UNFCCC COP26 recognised as successful, with the active involvement of members and the release of a declaration with International partners on COP27.
<p>Proposed CoR measures and support activities in 2022 with timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of ENVE members in EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; CoR4Climate Pact project (now CoR4GD in reference to the Green Deal); development and implementation Local and Regional Green Deals; • ENVE members' participation in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the Green Deal implementation and the green recovery co-organised with ICLEI, Regions4, Under2 Coalition and Climate Alliance based on the Action Plans in force; • ENVE members' participation in interinstitutional EU dialogues and cooperation activities with EIB, OECD, EESC • ENVE COP27 delegation to be activated all over the years to ensure an engagement in the UNFCCC COPs process all over the year. This will be done in cooperation with LGMA Constituency and other relevant international partners; • Develop ENVE Commission relations further with actors in the Space sector such as NEREUS, EARSC, EURISY, the Copernicus User Forum and others; • Organisation of Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogues; • Participation in the organisation of events during the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC); • CoR work on Emission Trading System to be further developed and followed up; • Continuation of CoR's work on climate adaptation, including in the 2022 European Summit of Regions and cities, jointly organising a Forum on the Mission on Adaptation with the Commission and promoting Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions on adaptation; • Study on <i>Closing the Green Deal Gap A mid-term review of Green Deal from cities and regions' perspective</i>;
<p>Key inter-institutional developments for follow-up and indicative timeline for implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations on the "Fit for 55" packages; • French and Czech presidencies of the EU Council; • European Parliament plenaries and ENVI/ITRE committee meetings; • UNFCCC COP27 in November 2022; • EURegionsWeek 2022. • Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue on UNFCCC COP.

Policy area	Energy
<i>CoR commission</i>	ENVE
Policy objectives, key challenges and impact indicators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster effective multilevel governance for the implementation of Energy policies and increase the role of LRAs in working towards climate neutrality by 2050; 2. To follow up on the "Fit for 55" opinions and discuss the possible revision of the Governance of the Energy Union regulation based on the package; 3. To continue inter-institutional dialogue on energy; 4. To further develop the work on energy poverty and socially fair energy transition.
Progress report summary on the fulfilment of the policy objectives in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on energy-related strategies (Renovation Wave, Energy System Integration) to be developed under the "Fit for 55" package; • CoR opinions on the "Fit For 55" package are being prepared with approval planned for 2022; • Enhanced cooperation with DG ENER on Renovation Wave; • CoR positioning on hydrogen to be continued, building on the success of the policy conference at EUSEW 2021 with FCHJU and S3 Hydrogen Valleys Partnership; • Organised Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue on Energy topic together with Portuguese (May 2021) Presidency of the European Union.
Proposed CoR measures and support activities in 2022 with timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement of ENVE members in EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy; CoR4Climate Pact project (now CoR4GD in reference to the Green Deal); • ENVE members' participation in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the energy transition coorganised with ICLEI, Regions4, Under2 Coalition and Climate Alliance based on the Action Plans in force; • ENVE members' participation in interinstitutional EU dialogues and cooperation activities with EIB, OECD, EESC as well as in global talks on climate and energy under LGMA Constituency at the UNFCCC COP27 (including the preparatory process); • Organisation of Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogues; • Participation in the organisation of events during the European Week of Regions and Cities (EURegionsWeek) and the European Union Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW); • Possible study on EPBD (EPRS); • Territorial Impact Assessment on EPBD in cooperation with relevant Associations.
Key interinstitutional developments for follow-up and indicative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations on the "Fit for 55" packages; • French and Czech presidencies of the EU Council; • European Parliament plenaries and ITRE committee meetings;

<p>timeline for implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUSEW 2022: EU Sustainable Energy Week; • EWRC 2022: European Week of Regions and Cities; • Multilevel Climate and Energy Dialogue on EED and RED.
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Policy area	Environment
<i>CoR commission</i>	ENVE
<p>Policy objectives, key challenges and impact indicators</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster effective multilevel governance for the implementation of the environmental component of the European Green Deal and increase recognition of the LRAs' role in the development and implementation of EU environmental legislation; 2. To raise awareness and capacity-building of ENVE members on the opportunities and challenges linked to the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Zero Pollution; 3. To continue interinstitutional dialogue on EU environment policy.
<p>Progress report summary on the fulfilment of the policy objectives in 2021</p>	<p>The ENVE commission adopted opinions on Environment Action Programme and Marine Environment and organised follow-up activities on these opinions and past ones. Opinions on the Zero Pollution Action Plan and on Pollinators adopted in January 2022.</p> <p>ENVE has been working with DG ENV for the creation of the Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform (1st meeting: December 2021), and will develop a series of events over 2022.</p> <p>ENVE is leading the CoR contribution for COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in particular by contributing to the Edinburgh Declarations that advocates for a greater role of LRAs in biodiversity.</p> <p>ENVE members participated in events of the EU Green Week, the EU Regions Week, EWWR, Green Capital/Green Leaf awards, etc. Finally, ENVE cooperated with other EU institutions and organisations in promoting environment policy implementation that involves and includes LRAs.</p>
<p>Proposed CoR measures and support activities in 2022 with timeline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies/action plans have been approved for the three main environmental priorities of the Green Deal: biodiversity, Circular Economy and Zero Pollution. ENVE will prepare opinions on the key proposals of local and regional interest in these strategies and assess possible participation or dissemination of information on non-legislative actions of interest for LRAs; • Zero Pollution will be a Flagship considering the relevant legislative proposals of interest for LRAs, the implementation of the Action Plan and the new Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform; • Cooperation with DG ENV, in particular on the activities under the Enhanced cooperation. • Involvement of ENVE members in events such as, EU Green Week, EU Regions Week, EWWR, Green Capital/Green Leaf awards,

	<p>Natura2000 awards, UN CBD COP15;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENVE members' participation in events on the opportunities and challenges linked to the European Green Deal implementation and the green recovery co-organised with ICLEI and Regions4 based on the 2021-2022 Action Plans adopted in 2020; • ENVE members' participation in interinstitutional EU dialogues and cooperation activities with EIB, OECD, EESC (Circular Economy Stakeholders Platform), in global talks on biodiversity under the AC SNG at the UN CBD COP15 and in the framework of the Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform; • Potential studies to be considered: Air Quality, Water policy, Microplastics. • Continuing support to Green City Accord and development of Urban Greening Platform.
<p>Key interinstitutional developments for follow-up and indicative timeline for implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of negotiation on Environment Action Programme to 2030 defining strategic perspective; • French and Czech presidencies of the EU Council; • European Parliament plenaries, ENVI committee meetings and activities of relevant intergroups; • Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform (2nd meeting 25/04, 3rd meeting October during EWRC, 4th meeting December, multiple other events in the framework of the platform are being planned); • Green Week: 30 May-5 June 2022; • UN CDB COP15: 25 April-8 May 2022; • (TBC) Participation to the organisation of the European Year of Greener Cities in 2023.