



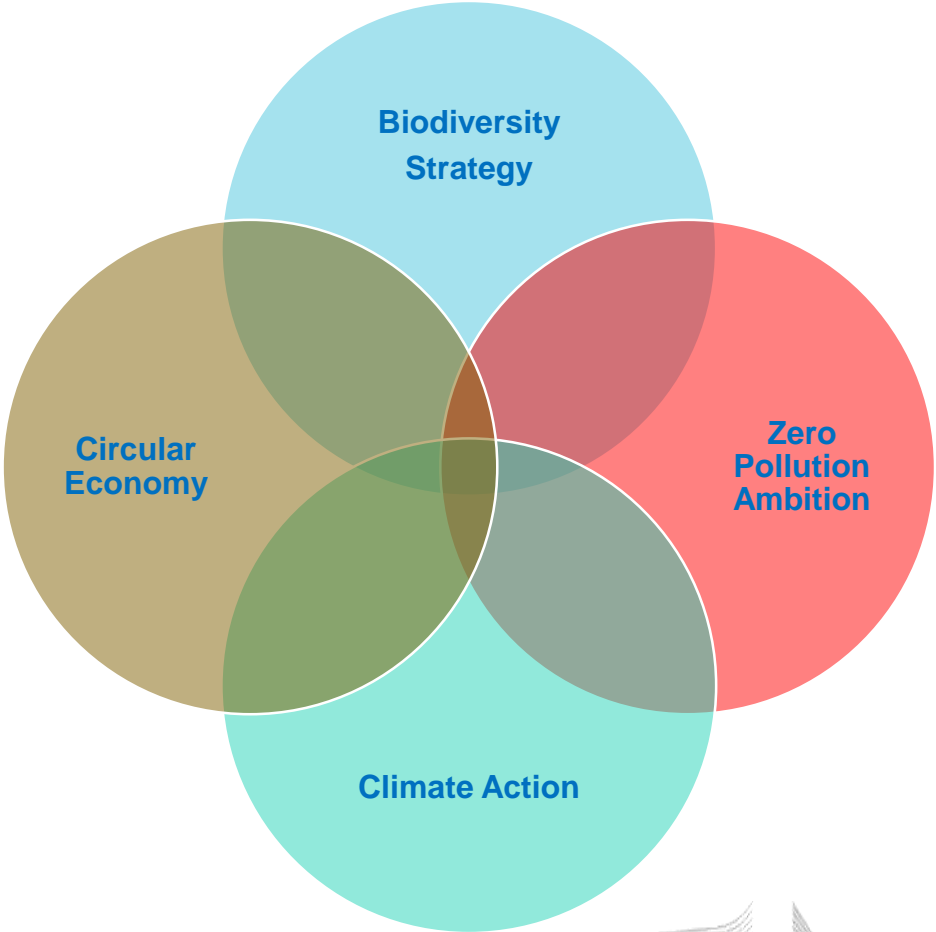
TOWARDS A ZERO POLLUTION AMBITION FOR A TOXIC-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Preparation of the Zero Pollution Action Plan

10/02/2021

We are encountering major ecological crises

EU is responding through interrelated solutions



The European Green Deal

zero pollution actions

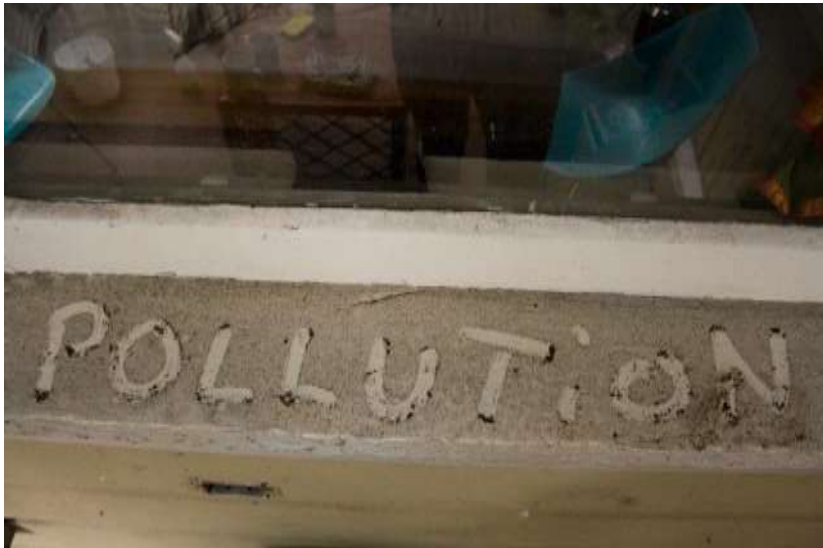


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A European Climate Pact



Zero Pollution Action Plan



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- Framing
- Some elements
- State of planning

Zero Pollution Action Plan - scope



Prevent and reduce pollution to waters and oceans and facilitate remediation



Prevent and reduce air and noise pollution



Prevent and reduce soil pollution and facilitate remediation

Hierarchy of action on pollution

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Union policy on the environment shall be based on the **precautionary principle** and on the principles that **preventive action** should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be **rectified at source** and that the **polluter should pay**.



Protect health and the environment

Encourage innovation and business opportunities

Areas of actions



Strengthen implementation and enforcement (air/water/marine/...)



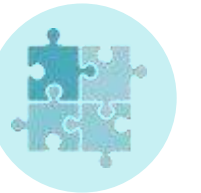
Take a close look at (& revise where appropriate) the relevant health and environment *acquis*



Design targeted, additional actions
(e.g. soil)



Create regular Monitoring and Outlook tools



Promote supporting and cross-cutting initiatives
(e.g. stakeholder engagement, global dimension, digitalisation, financing)

Deliverables



Zero Pollution Action Plan Communication



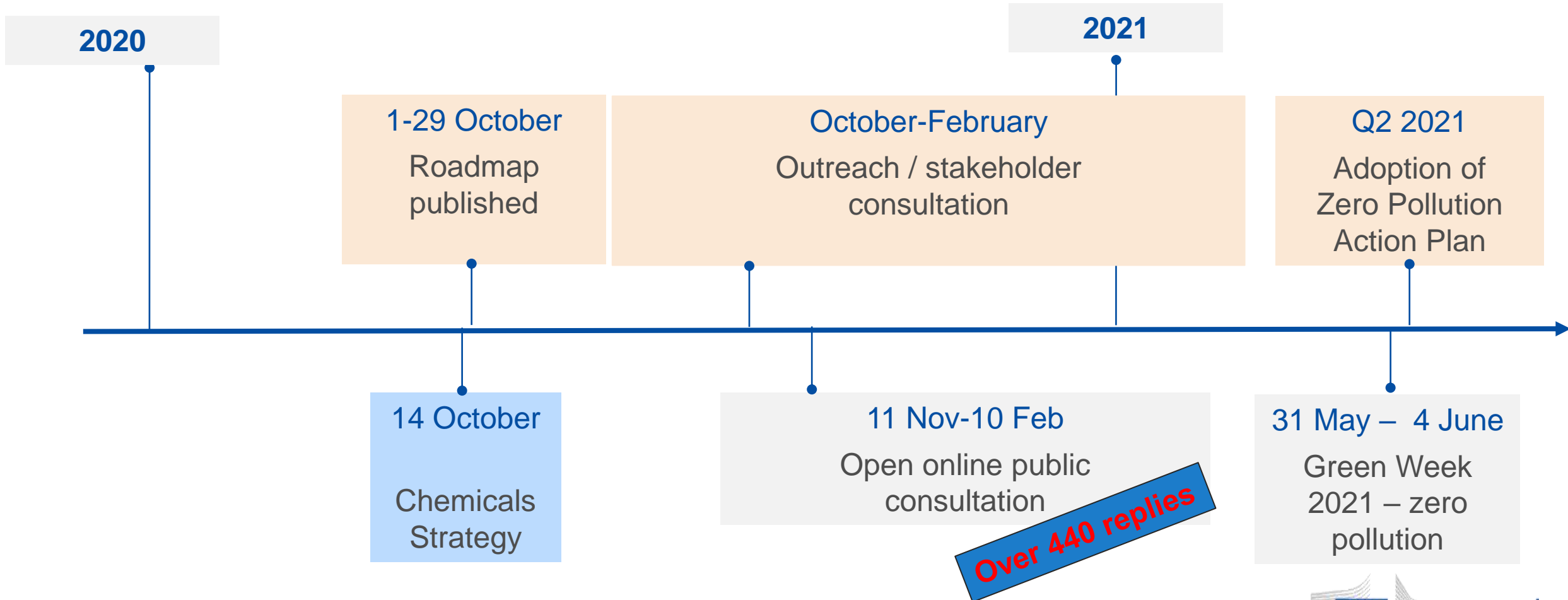
Supporting Staff Working Documents, e.g. on

- *Monitoring and Outlook*
- *Digital Solutions for Zero Pollution*



Dedicated packages of actions from 2021-2023 (incl. legislative actions)

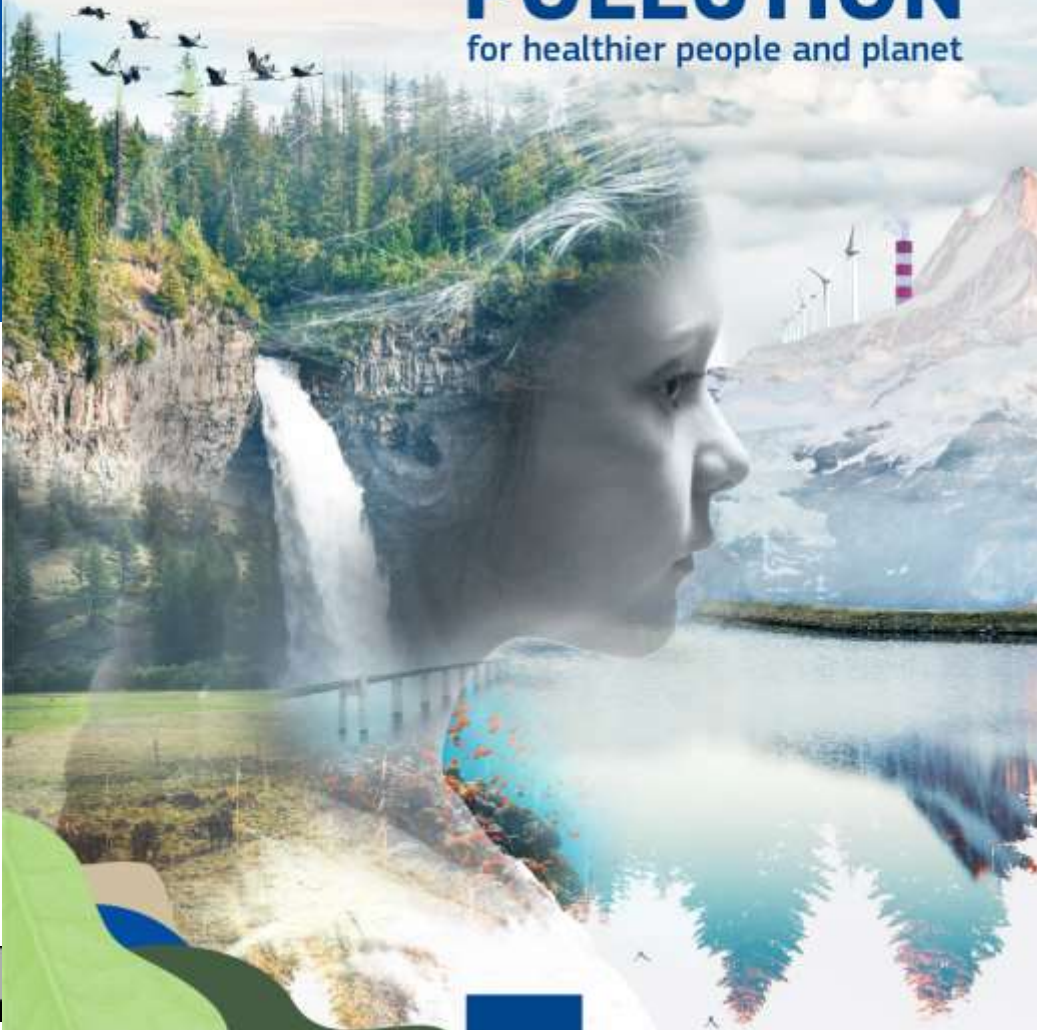
Zero Pollution Action Plan - tentative timeline



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More information:

- Publication of [Roadmap](#) and [Zero Pollution webpage](#)
- Open public consultation ongoing on [‘Have your say’ portal](#) (*Deadline 10 Feb 2021!!*)
- Contact: ENV-ZERO-POLLUTION@ec.europa.eu

Your input is still welcome!



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