8th EAP Mid-term Review

Zero Pollution Stakeholder Platform
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European Commission
The 8\textsuperscript{th} Environment Action Programme (EAP) and its mid-term review

- Legally agreed framework for action on environment and climate policy until 2030, building on the European Green Deal.

- Key to achieving the SDGs and multilateral environmental and climate agreements as well as long-term resilience of the EU economy and society.

- Mid-term review required by Article 5(1) 8\textsuperscript{th} EAP decision.

- Adoption by Commission on 13 March 2024 - COM(2024) 123 final and SWD(2024) 60
Key take aways on priority objectives: Zero Pollution

- From tackling point sources of pollution to **systemic and comprehensive approach**
- **Increased ambition for the acquis:** extending scope (soils, forests, more polluting activities) and alignment with science (air, water)
- **Improved mainstreaming** (e.g. air in National Energy and Climate Plans and climate target in the Multiannual Financial Framework)
- Improved **knowledge base** (e.g. Zero Pollution Monitoring and Outlook)
- Increased uptake of the **polluter pays principle** (e.g. extended producer responsibility in revised Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive)
- Increased awareness on links between **pollution, human health and inequalities**.
- Dedicated rules on the most vulnerable in air quality, drinking water and urban wastewater legislation.
Conclusions
Building blocks for reaching 8th EAP 2030 objectives

- Implementation of EU climate and environmental legislation
- Increasing synergies between different priorities to accelerate reaching the targets
- Mobilizing investments (private and public)
- Anchoring climate and environment in economic governance
- Boosting skills and talents for green transition
- Ensuring just transition – including through dialogue and redistributive mechanisms to spread the costs and benefits equally across the population
Thank you

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