

# **RED4NATURE**

## **CHANGING EU RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY**

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# WHO ARE WE?

NGO based in Radolfzell & Brussels

Connect people and nature

Working with local NGOs and activists in Europe

Focus on nature conservation  
in Central, Eastern Europe

Conservation focus:  
wetlands, rivers, lakes, primary forests;  
migratory birds and large carnivores;  
cultural landscapes and traditional livelihoods

A wide river flows through a lush green forest. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees and the sky. The forest is dense with various shades of green, indicating a healthy ecosystem. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The word "euRONATUR" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the river.

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An aerial photograph of a vibrant turquoise river winding through a lush green forest. The river's water is exceptionally clear, revealing the rocky riverbed and surrounding vegetation. The banks are lined with dense, verdant trees and shrubs, interspersed with patches of light-colored rocks and boulders. The overall scene conveys a sense of natural beauty and environmental purity.

**#ProtectWater**





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to stop hydropower finance (2018-2019)

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# NO MONEY. NO DAMS.

Tell International Banks to Stop Investing in the Destruction  
of Europe's Last Wild Rivers

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# WHY RED4NATURE

**The Renewable Energy Directive (RED):**  
reducing carbon emissions through  
renewable energy investments

**Aligning climate mitigation with  
nature conservation objectives**

**Let's talk about low-nature-impact energy!**





Photo: Goran Šatavek

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# WHAT LEGISLATIVE CHANGE?

## NEW EU DIRECTION

- New hydropower (& forest biomass) cannot be counted towards RE targets
- Sensitivity of species and habitats accounted for in planning decisions for RE
- Change the grid to enable decentralised energy (e.g. solar)
- Incentivise solar energy on buildings
- Incentivise heating with geothermal energy





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## TIMELINE

### EU POLITICS

- Phase 1: European Commission drafts proposal
- **Phase 2: European Parliament and Council adopt positions - until June 2022**
  - **Key players:**
    - MEP Markus Pieper
    - MEP Nils Torvalds
    - Slovenian & French Presidency
- Phase 3: Triologue Negotiations - until 2023





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# OUR STRATEGY

## TAKE UP SPACE

- Build online presence
  - Trend #RED4Nature & #StopFakeRenewables
  - Blog about what we think
  - Create Platform with other nature NGOs - Joint statement
  - Bring online media attention
- Build in-person presence
  - Intense lobby meetings
  - Host political events
  - Send postcards to ministers and MEPs
  - Interview MEPs - create social media content





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## WHAT YOU CAN DO AS ACTIVISTS?

- **Lead actions nationally:** host events, invite MEPs/politicians to see a river
- **Speak to national decision makers:** call them, come to lobby week meetings, go to their events
- **Support each other online:** twitter, facebook, instagram, tiktok
- **Attend events & speak up:** online or offline - ask questions, take up space; make your voice heard





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