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# First Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services in Europe



The results from this work will be used to inform policy decisions and policy implementation in many policy areas dependent on ecosystems and their services, such as nature and biodiversity, territorial cohesion, agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Outputs can also inform policy development and implementation in other domains such as transport and energy.

To guarantee the quality and acceptability of the final output, the European Union is exploring mechanisms for engaging with independent scientists. Ultimately, the assessment of ecosystems and ecosystem services in the European region will be undertaken as a contribution to the global Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

The mapping and assessment of ecosystems and ecosystem services is one of the key actions of the EU 2020 Biodiversity strategy.

The initial methodological work on biophysical mapping and assessment is expected to be delivered by 2014. The work carried out by the European Union and its Member States will also contribute to the assessment of the economic value of ecosystem services, and promote the integration of these values into accounting and reporting systems at EU and national level by 2020.



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