

The Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan



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The European Commission plans to set up an Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan. The European Green Deal, the circular economy action plan, the biodiversity strategy and the farm to fork strategy announced that the Commission would draw up an integrated nutrient management action plan to help reduce nutrient losses by at least 50%, while ensuring that there is no deterioration in soil fertility.

The integrated nutrient management action plan will look at the entire nitrogen and phosphorus cycles. It will cover all environmental media (air, water, marine and soil) and all relevant sources of pollution (e.g. agriculture, industry, urban, waste, energy, transport). It will identify policy gaps for a more coherent and integrated approach to reducing pollution throughout the nutrient cycles. The initiative will develop a framework for action needed at all levels (EU, national, regional) in order to achieve the objectives set in EU law and the climate and environmental commitments under the Green Deal. The Action Plan will complement the Air, Water and Land Pollution Action Plan. It will build on recent, ongoing and planned assessments (such as the Sludge Directive review) and a review of relevant legislation (such as the Municipal Wastewater Directive) and the Directive on Industrial Emissions).

