**Appendix 1 – relevant policies**

| Relevant global policies include: | Relevant EU policies include: |
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| Pillar 1 |  |
| * The UN Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals – in particular, UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 8 (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all) and 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development) * Convention on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona Convention) [Document 21976A0216(01)] and its Protocols * The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020 [COM/2015/081 final] | * The European Green Deal [COM(2019) 640 final] * A Farm to Fork Strategy [COM(2020) 381 final] * A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 [COM(2021) 345 final] * A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment [COM(2018) 673 final]And Bioeconomy Progress Report (2022). * Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) [DIRECTIVE 2008/56/EC] and Water Framework Directive (WFD) [Directive 2000/60/EC] - including in terms of Good Environmental Status and restoration of aquatic ecosystems * The Nature Restoration Law[[1]](#endnote-1) |
| Specific to Topic 1.1 Blue and green technologies |  |
|  | * A new Circular Economy Action Plan [COM(2020) 98 final] * Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 [COM(2020) 380 final] * Digitising European Industry: Reaping the full benefits of the “Shaping Europe’s digital future” [COM(2020) 67 final] and the “Digital Europe Programme” [Regulation (EU) 2021/694 * European Cluster Partnerships * European Missions [COM(2021) 609 final] ] and especially the Mission Ocean and waters * European Research Area (ERA) * A New European Innovation Agenda [COM(2022) 332 final] * Guidelines for the Implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans [SWD(2020) 223 final] * Pact for skills - upskilling shipbuilding and maritime technology workers in Europe * REPowerEU Plan [COM(2022) 230 final] * Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth [COM(2017) 376 final] * Sustainable Blue Economy [COM(2021) 240 final] * Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership [Horizon Europe] * Territorial Agenda 2030 - A future for all places * Zero Emission Waterborne Platform Partnership [Horizon Europe] * The EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil' * Communication ‘[Towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector](https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/publications/communication-commission-towards-strong-and-sustainable-eu-algae-sector_en)' * The Marine Spatial Planning Directive (MSPD) |
| Specific to Topic 1.2 Fisheries and aquaculture |  |
|  | * Blue Transformation roadmap 2022-2023 * The Common Fisheries Policy [Regulation (EU) no. 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013] * The European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy [(COM(2018) 28 final] * The EU’s Directive on single-use plastics [Directive (EU) 2019/904] * The EU’s Directive establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning [Directive 2014/89/EU]. * Directive on Nitrates [91/676/EEC] * EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 [COM(2020) 380 final] * The Nature Restoration Law * GFCM 2030 Strategy for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea * Malta MEDFISH4EVER Ministerial Declaration * Strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for the period 2021 to 2030 [COM (2021) 236 final] * Natura 2000 Directives (2009/147/CE and 92/43/CEE) * EU Fisheries Package 2023 (February 2023):  1. *Communication on the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture sector* 2. *Communication on the common fisheries policy today and tomorrow* 3. *Report on the Common Market Organisation for fishery and aquaculture products* |
| Specific to Topic 1.3 Maritime and marine governance and services |  |
| * Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean [2010/631/EU] | * Directive on establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning [2014/89/EU] * European Research Area (ERA) * European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience [COM(2020) 274 final] * Sustainable Blue Economy [COM(2021) 240 final] * Territorial Agenda 2030 - A future for all places * The European Green Deal [COM (2019) 640 final] * The European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy [(COM(2018) 28 final] * The EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil' |
| Pillar 2 |  |
| * The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020 [COM/2015/081 final] |  |
| Specific to Topic 2.1 Maritime transport |  |
|  | * A new Circular Economy Action Plan [COM(2020) 98 final] * Directive on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues [2000/59/EC] * Directive on port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships [(EU) 2019/883] * Directive on river information services [2005/44/EC] * Directives and regulations on digital maritime systems and services, including on the European Maritime Single Window (EMSW) [2005/44/EC, 2010/65/EU, (EU) 2019/1239, (EU) 2023/204, (EU) 2023/205] * Regulation on the security on ships and in port facilities [(EC) No 725/2004] * Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, currently under repeal by the Proposal of the European Commission for the new TEN-T Regulation.] * Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulations (EU) 1316/2013 and (EU) 283/2014, currently under amendment by the Proposal of the European Commission for the new TEN-T Regulation * Regulation (EU) 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight, setting up the EU Rail Freight Corridors, currently under: a) amendment by the Proposal of the European Commission for the new TEN-T Regulation and b) potential repeal by the Proposal of the European Commission for a Regulation on the use of railway infrastructure capacity, with effect from December 2023 * The Fuel EU Maritime initiative. * The EU AFIR Initiative |
| Specific to Topic 2.2 Multimodal connectivity |  |
|  | * Directive laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic (Text with EEA relevance) [(EU) 2015/719] * Directive on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States [92/106/EEC] * Regulation concerning a European rail network for competitive freight, setting up the European Rail Freight Corridors, currently under revision [(EU) 913/2010] * Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network [(EU) No 1315/2013] |
| Specific to Topic 2.3 Urban nodes |  |
|  | * Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing [No 347/2013] * Territorial Agenda 2030 - A future for all places * The New EU Urban Mobility Framework [COM(2021) 811 final] |
| Specific to Topic 2.4 Renewable energy sources |  |
|  | * An Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans [COM(2020) 641 final] * A Renovation Wave for Europe Strategy: Greening our Buildings, Creating Jobs, Improving Lives [COM(2020)662 final] * Directive on Energy Efficiency [(EU) 2018/2002] * Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings [(EU) 2018/844] * Directive on the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources [(EU) 2018/2001] * European Investment Bank (EIB) Guidelines for (Energy) Project Financing and Risk Assessment * Fit for 55 Package: Clean Energy for All Europeans Package * REPowerEU Plan [COM(2022) 230 final] * The Energy Community Treaty [2006/500/EC] * A Europe fit for the digital age |
| Specific to Topic 2.5 "Future-proof energy networks |  |
| * The Central and South Eastern Europe energy connectivity (CESEC) * East Mediterranean Gas Forum - Long-term strategy * South East Europe 2030 Strategy (Regional Cooperation Council) | * An Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans [COM(2020) 641 final] * Council Regulation on enhancing solidarity through better coordination of gas purchases, reliable price benchmarks and exchanges of gas across borders [(EU) 2022/2576] * European Investment Bank (EIB) Guidelines for (Energy) Project Financing and Risk Assessment * Fit for 55 Package: Clean Energy for All Europeans Package * Guidelines for the Implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans [SWD(2020) 223 final] * Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing (TEN-T) [No 347/2013] * Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network [(EU) No 1315/2013] * REPowerEU Plan [COM(2022) 230 final] and Strategy for EU External Energy Engagement [REPowerEU] * The Energy Community Treaty [2006/500/EC] * The European Green Deal [COM (2019) 640 final] * Directive on common rules for the internal market for electricity [(EU) 2019/944] * Regulation concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply [(EU) 2017/1938, (EU) 2022/1032] * Regulation on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector [(EU) 2019/941] * Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Action to Confront Climate Change [(EU) 2018/1999] * Regulation on the internal market for electricity [(EU) 2019/943] |
| Pillar 3 |  |
| * The UN Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals * UN Convention Biological Diversity and its Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework * Convention on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution (Barcelona Convention) [Document 21976A0216(01)] and its Protocols * Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals [Document 21979A0623(01)] * UN Framework Convention on Climate Change * The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020 [COM/2015/081 final] | * The European Green Deal [COM(2019) 640 final] * A Farm to Fork Strategy [COM(2020) 381 final] * A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 [COM(2021) 345 final] * Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 [COM(2020) 380 final] * The Nature Restoration Law * Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) * Directive on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora [92/43/EEC] * Directive on the conservation of wild birds [2009/147/EC] * Green Infrastructure — Enhancing Europe’s Natural Capital [COM/2013/0249 final] * Guidelines for the Implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans [SWD(2020) 223 final] * Regulation on Invasive Alien Species [(EU) 1143/2014 |
| Specific to Topic 3.1 Marine and coastal environment |  |
| * UN Convention on the Law of the Sea * UN Resolution on Single-Use Plastics | * 8th Environment Action Programme * The Common Fisheries Policy [Regulation (EU) no. 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013] * EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries * Directive as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags [(EU) 2015/720] * Directive on establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning [2014/89/EU] * Directive on Nitrates [91/676/EEC] * Directive on port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships [(EU) 2019/883] * Directive on quality of water intended for human consumption [(EU) 2020/2184] * Directive on Urban Waste Water Treatment [(EU) 91/271/EEC] * Directive on Waste Framework [(EU) 2008/98/EC] * EU Action Plan: Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil [COM(2021) 400 final] * European Alien Species Information Network (EASIN) * European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy [SWD(2018) 16 final] * Forging a climate-resilient Europe - the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change [COM(2021) 82 final] * Integrated Costal Zone Management (ICZM) [(EU) 2002/413/CE] * Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) [Directive 2008/56/EC] * Recovery and Resilience Facility [Document 02021R0241-20230301] * Regulation as regards introducing new environmental economic accounts modules (Natural capital accounting) [(EU) No 691/2011] * The European Green Deal [COM (2019) 640 final] * Water Framework Directive (WFD) [Directive 2000/60/EC] * New approach for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the EU [COM/2021/240 final] * Council conclusions on a sustainable blue economy acknowledging blue corridors [Council conclusions, May 2021, 9153/21] |
| Specific to Topic 3.2 Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity | |
| * Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora [CITES CoP19] * The Ramsar Convention * UNESCO World Heritage Convention | * The European Green Deal [COM(2019) 640 final] * Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) * EU Environment Partnership Programme for Accession (EPPA) * Regulation as regards introducing new environmental economic accounts modules (Natural capital accounting) [(EU) No 691/2011] * Regulation on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network [(EC) No 401/2009] |
| Pillar 4 |  |
| * UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) | * The European Green Deal [COM (2019) 640 final] * Sustainable Blue Economy [COM(2021) 240 final] * A Farm to Fork Strategy [COM(2020) 381 final] * A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 [COM(2021) 345 final] * Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 [COM(2020) 380 final] * The Nature Restoration Law * Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) |
| Specific to Topic 4.1 Facilitating digital and green transition of the tourism and cultural heritage offer | |
| * UNESCO World Heritage Convention * EuroVelo: the European cycle route network | * A European Strategy for more Growth and Jobs in Coastal and Maritime Tourism [COM/2014/086 final] * European Agenda for Tourism 2030 - Council conclusions (adopted on 01/12/2022) * National tourism strategies of EUSAIR participating countries * Resolution establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes [CM/Res(2013)66] * Resolution on establishing the EU strategy for sustainable tourism [2020/2038(INI)] * Resolution on the implementation of the New European Agenda for Culture and the EU Strategy for International Cultural Relations [2022/2047(INI)] * Transition Pathway for Tourism, European Commission [DG GROW] * New European Agenda for Culture [COM/2018/267 final] and national cultural strategies * Digital Services Act [Directive 2000/31/EC and Regulation (EU) 2022/2065] * Creative Tourism Network (CTN) * Decision on establishing the Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 [No 445/2014/EU] * European Capital and Green Pioneer of Smart Tourism * European Creative Hubs Network: A New European Agenda for Culture [SWD(2018) 167 final] * European Cultural Tourism Network (ECTN) |
| Specific to Topic 4.2 Preparing for the future: knowledge, skills and management | |
| * EuroVelo: the European cycle route network | * European Agenda for Tourism 2030 - Council conclusions (adopted on 01/12/2022) * National tourism strategies of EUSAIR participating countries * Resolution establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes [CM/Res(2013)66] * Resolution on establishing an EU strategy for sustainable tourism [2020/2038(INI)] * Resolution on the implementation of the New European Agenda for Culture and the EU Strategy for International Cultural Relations [2022/2047(INI)] * Transition Pathway for Tourism, European Commission [DG GROW] * New European Agenda for Culture [COM/2018/267 final] and national cultural strategies |
| Specific to Topic 4.3 Greening of Tourism products and services |  |
| * WTO policy framework on Origin Products * UNESCO World Heritage Convention | * European Agenda for Tourism 2030 - Council conclusions (adopted on 01/12/2022) * Resolution on establishing the EU strategy for sustainable tourism [2020/2038(INI)] * Transition Pathway for Tourism, European Commission [DG GROW] * Transition Pathway for Agri-food, European Commission [DG GROW] * Digital Services Act [Directive 2000/31/EC and Regulation (EU) 2022/2065] * EC SWD (2023) 263 Co-creation of a transition pathway for a more resilient, sustainable and digital agrifood ecosystem |
| Pillar 5 |  |
| * UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals | * The European Pillar of Social Rights [Document 52017DC0250] and European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan [COM/2021/102 final] |
| Specific to Topic 5.2 Youth engagement and employment |  |
| * Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education (09/2023) document “The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal” | * Manifesto for Youth by Youth to Shape European Cooperation Policy * The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027 [Document 42018Y1218(01)] * Youth Guarantee [2020/C 372/01] * ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve) [(EU) 2022/2175] * European Alliance for Apprenticeship (EAfA) * European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeship (2018/C 153/01) * Youth Employment Support Package * Quality Framework for Traineeships (Council Recommendation 10/03/2014) * Recommendation of establishing a European Child Guarantee [(EU) 2021/1004] * Regulation on establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport [(EU) 2021/817] * Regulation on establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme [(EU) 2021/888] * Regulation on establishing the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps [(EU) No 375/2014] * European care strategy [COM(2022) 440 final] |
| Specific to Topic 5.3 Promoting skills acquisition for future labour markets | |
| * Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education (09/2023) document “The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal” | * Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy [SWD(2021) 373 final] * European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience [COM(2020) 274 final] * Harnessing talent in Europe’s regions [COM/2023/32 final] * Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults [2016/C 484/01] * Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability [COM(2021) 770 final] * Recommendation on individual learning accounts [COM(2021) 773 final] * Regulation establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) [(EU) 2021/1057] * Regulation on establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport [(EU) 2021/817] * Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth [COM(2017) 376 final] * Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence Programme (Horizon Europe) * Europe fit for Digital Age |
| Specific to Topic 5.4 Equal opportunities in the labour market | |
|  | * EU Pay Transparency Directive [Directive (EU) 2023/970] * EU Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages [Directive (EU) 2022/2041] * EU Directive on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions [Directive (EU) 2019/1152] * EU Legal Framework on Labour Mobility * EU Legal Framework on Labour Migration, particularly Seasonal Workers * EC Communication on decent work [COM(2022) 66 final] |
| Specific to Topic 5.5 Social Innovations | |
|  | * Agenda towards sustainable Europe by 2030 * Green paper on ageing * Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy [COM(2021) 778 final] * A Europe fit for the digital age |

1. The EU has adopted the Nature Restoration Law on 17 June 2024 to contribute to the continuous, long-term and sustained recovery of biodiverse and resilient nature across the EU’s land and sea areas through the restoration of ecosystems. The law establishes a framework in which Member States will put in place restoration measures which together shall cover at least 20% of the EU’s land and sea areas by 2030 and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050. This builds on the headline ambition set out in the biodiversity strategy that by 2050 all ecosystems are restored, resilient and adequately protected, and that, as a milestone, Europe's biodiversity is on the path to recovery by 2030. It is recognised that restoring nature will significantly contribute to the EU’s climate mitigation and adaptation objectives, to prevent and mitigate the impact of natural disasters, and to the EU’s international commitments. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)