Petition by the European Environmental Bureau (www.eeb.org) :

Take action on biodiversity now !

Dear EU

Biodiversity is essential for all life on earth: it sustains the health, wealth, food and fuel on which society and economy depends. Yet we only contribute 0.1% of our yearly budget to its protection. That is 12€ per citizen per year.
Our rivers, lakes and wetlands and their inhabitants, for example, are under ever increasing pressure due to pollution, overabstraction and intensification of landuse. Although Europe has made some important progress in cleaning up its rivers in the last decades much more still needs to be done.
Therefore, we demand that EU and Member States politicians honour past commitments and step up their efforts to protect our biodiversity. It is time to adopt an ultimate rescue plan for nature & water:

Revise and strengthen the river basin management plans should be published this year and restore our rivers and lakes to health by 2015.
Invest sufficient financial ressources and take the necessary measures to meet the EU's new biodiversity target for 2020
Provide for a strong European commitment in a new global strategic plan for biodiversity to reduce loss worlwide.

We hope you will commit to meet these goals in the shortest time possible.

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