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on behalf of the European Commission
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Decision CBD/COP/DEC/15/6¹ requests Parties to submit, in advance of the 16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAP), or to communicate national targets aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The Commission has submitted the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030², as well as aligned EU targets that draw on relevant European Green Deal (EGD)³ instruments and address all elements of the GBF targets. To some extent, national targets of Member States will derive from, and build on, these EGD instruments, in particular the Nature Restoration Regulation⁴.

The Commission is aware that so far, just over half of all Member States have submitted NBSAPs and/or uploaded national targets aligned with the GBF. The Commission strongly encourages Member States that have not yet done so to communicate their national targets and revise their NBSAPs as soon as possible, as well as to strengthen their implementation. This will provide for transparency and enhance the credibility of the EU and its Member States in the global discussions. To facilitate mutual learning and exchange, the Commission organised end of August 2024 an NBSAP Dialogue for the Western European and Others Group as well as all Member States. Member States are also regularly invited to present and discuss their adopted NBSAPs at the EU Biodiversity Platform⁵. The Commission will also reflect progress in the adoption of NBSAPs in the country reports on the Environmental Implementation Review⁶ in 2025.

¹ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-15/cop-15-dec-06-en.pdf>

² https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/biodiversity-strategy-2030_en

³ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en

⁴ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-restoration-law_en

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=2210>

⁶ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/law-and-governance/environmental-implementation-review_en