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Environmental legislation and the Troika

Open letter to President Juncker on evidence in WWF report



The recent WWF report regarding environmental legislation in Greece highlights how legal and political safeguards for environmental protection have been seriously damaged by Troika policies. This report is yet more evidence of the failures of the short sighted economic policies driven by the Troika and forced upon countries in economic crisis. Greece's natural capital is being destroyed and its chances of a sustainable recovery undermined. We will continue to push for more accountability and supervision of the reform policies. This should involve mandatory assessment of the reforms' environmental and social impacts and longer term sustainability. Sacrificing these in the interests of economic activity is a certain recipe for expensive, future social and environmental disaster. We are calling on President Juncker must ensure that there is a follow up to the findings of the WWF assessment report and that a rigorous assessment of the environmental and social impacts of economic reform policies in Greece is carried out.

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