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## **EFA MEP calls to vote in favour of the Nature Restoration Law**

EFA MEP François Alfonsi, intervened in plenary today to defend the importance of the nature restoration law. This proposal aims to restore ecosystems, habitats and species across the EU's land and sea areas to enable the long-term recovery of biodiversity, contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation objectives as well as comply with international commitments.

The law, which has been classified as the cornerstone of the EU Green Deal, has suffered a series of offensives organized by EPP leadership, that tried to influence the elaboration of the draft report in the ENVI Committee as well as pressure MEPs from their own party to vote against the law.

This law is crucial to improve nature in Europe. This is key to the fight against climate change, contributes to drought, fire and flood prevention and is essential for long-term food security as well as the livelihoods of farmers.

In that vein, the Corsican MEP pointed out some of the consequences of climate change in ecosystems across Europe.

“Posidonia meadows in the Mediterranean are an exceptional ecological heritage, with the highest CO2 capture capacity in the world. But this heritage continues to decline under the pressure of human economic activity.”

### **François Alfonsi EFA MEP said:**

“I'd like to stress the consequences of global warming in the Mediterranean, where I live. Climatologists have said that this is where the impact will be the worst.”

“Shouldn't we put an end to this as a matter of urgency? Implementing rigorous nature restoration legislation as quickly as possible - that's what we can do with this law.”

“Without this law, the destruction will continue. It would be irresponsible to reject it tomorrow.” He concluded.

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