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# Nutrients management – action plan

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Human activities have altered the Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorus cycles





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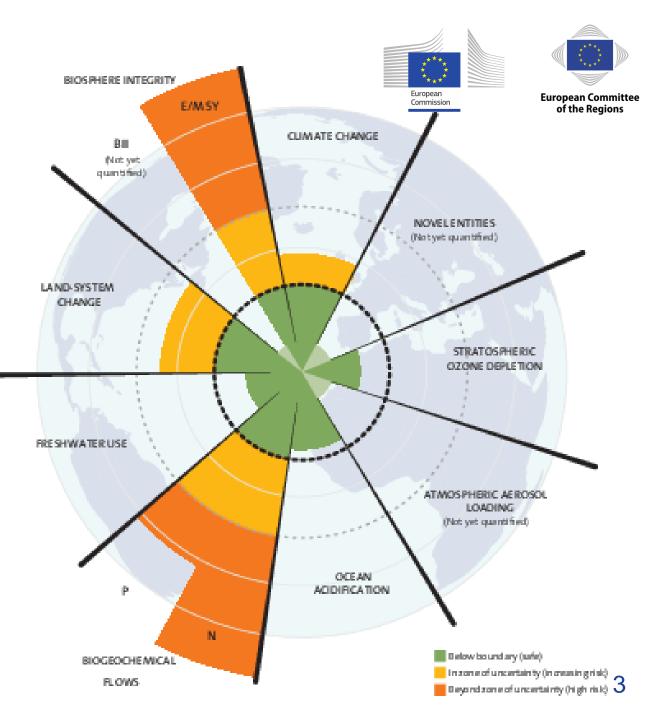


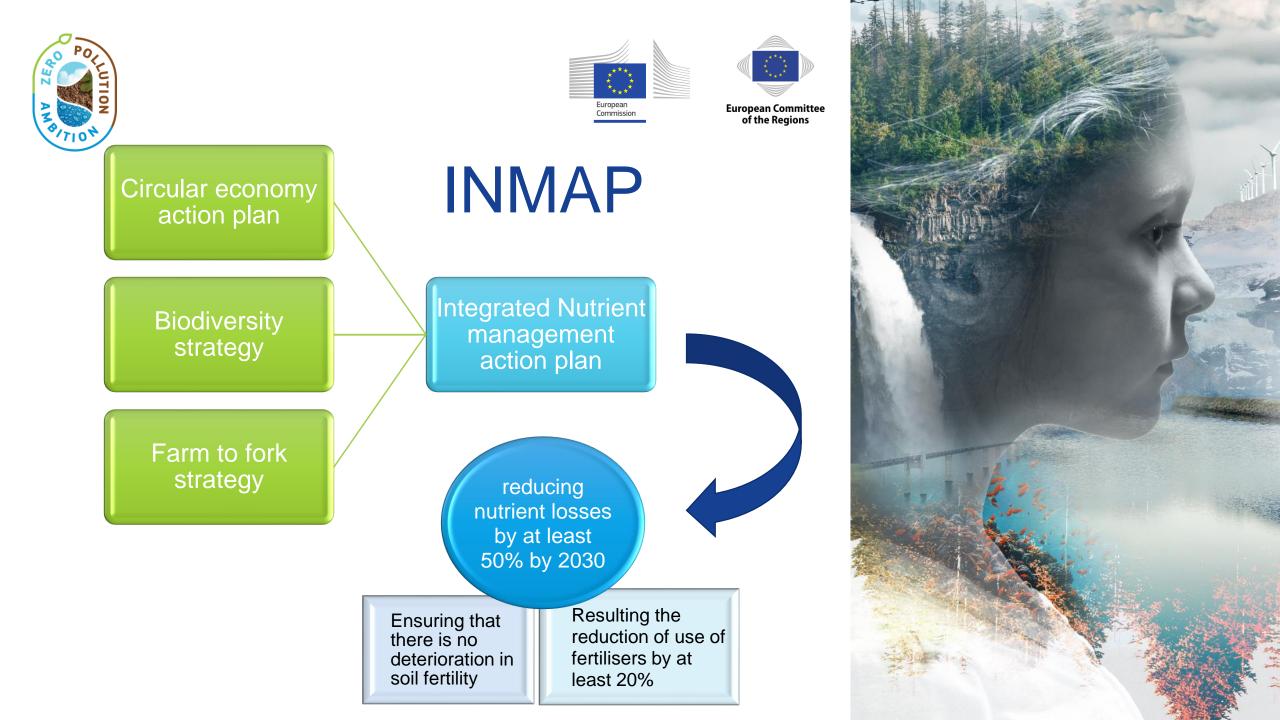


## Nutrients have trangressed planetary boundaries

In Europe, nitrogen and phosphorus are exceeding safe planetary boundaries

- for N by a factor of 3.3
- for P by a factor of 2









Long-standing EU legislation has tackled nutrient pollution in the fields of water, air and industrial emissions, but harmful levels persist

- The INMAP will look at:
- shortcomings in legislation
- implementation gaps
- integrated approach on nutrient pollution encompassing air, water, soil and climate









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#### The INMAP aims to:

- ensure sustainable application of nutrients
- address nutrient pollution at source
- increase the sustainability of agriculture and other sectors, and
- focus efforts on nutrient pollution hotspots







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#### Areas of intervention





# Stakeholder consultation





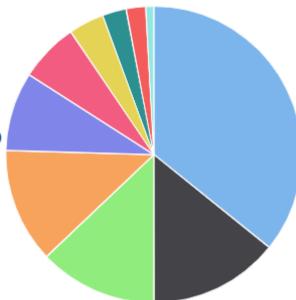
Call for evidence

• 70 feedbacks received

Open public consultation

- 23 May 26 August
- 232 replies received

- EU citizen: 83 (35.78%)
- Business association: 33 (14.22%)
- Company/business organisation: 30 (12.93%)
- Academic/research Institution: 29 (12.50%)
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO): 20 (8.62%)
- Other: 15 (6.47%)
- Public authority: 9 (3.88%)
- Environmental organisation: 6 (2.59%)
- Trade union: 5 (2.16%)
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Next steps

- Preparations are ongoing.
- Adoption originally planned for 2022 but the exact date is uncertain (could be early 2023).
- The Commission always remains open to input.



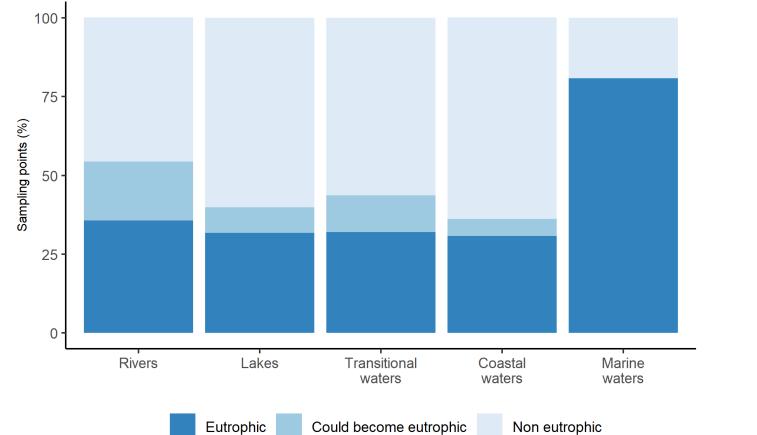




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#### **Relevance for aquaculture**

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2016-2019: trophic status of surface waters (reporting under Nitrates Directive)





## **Relevance for aquaculture**

- Aquaculture benefits greatly from clean marine and freshwater environments
- Aquaculture may contribute to nutrient pollution in some cases
- Aquaculture can provide innovative solutions supporting a sustainable recycling of nutrients





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