



Weekly Policy News Summary

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Commission proposes to increase funding to support the environment and climate action

For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the Commission is proposing to increase funding by almost 60% for LIFE, the EU programme for the environment and climate action. The LIFE programme is among the EU funding programmes for which the Commission is proposing the largest proportional increase, with a budget of €5.45 billion between 2021 and 2027. The Commission has integrated climate action into all major EU spending programmes, in particular cohesion policy, regional development, energy, transport, research and innovation, the Common Agricultural Policy as well as the EU's development policy, making the EU budget a driver of sustainability. To implement the Paris Agreement and the commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Commission proposes to raise the level of ambition for climate financing across all EU programmes, with at least 25% of EU expenditure contributing to climate objectives.

Nordic countries sign a letter of intent to be at the forefront of 5G development

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden commit to create the conditions for 5G to flourish and support the 5G Action Plan. They want to become the first and most integrated 5G region in the world by creating a common Nordic 5G space. The deployment of 5G will require substantial investments which are facilitated by the appropriate regulatory framework. To achieve this goal they will cooperate closely to encourage and monitor development of 5G, especially in the following sectors:

- Transport: Sustainable and climate – efficient transport solutions, Transport system and connected vehicles, Remote – controlled airborne systems (drones).
- Mission critical communications: Emergency services, Law enforcement.
- Advanced automation of in the manufacturing industry: Augmented reality for employees, Interconnected factories, Robust and low latency communications, e.g. for robot control.
- Energy, Environment, agriculture and aquaculture.

For more information [Read the full "Letter of Intent"](#) and Commission's policy on 5G: [Towards 5G](#).

Outcomes of workshop on the evolution of the Copernicus In Situ Component

In the context of current reflection on the shape of a future Copernicus Regulation, the workshop gathered a broad grouping of key players including delegates to the Copernicus User Forum, the Commission, the European Environment Agency (EEA) and the Entrusted Entities for Copernicus Services and the Space Component. Participants discussed the possible scenarios for the short and long-term evolution of the Copernicus In Situ Component.

A report on the workshop proceedings, as well as the presentations delivered during the event, are now available [here](#).
