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## INVESTING for a greener future

EU Green Week > 30 May - 3 June 2016



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### > **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

The 2030 Agenda is a universal framework for all countries to help eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development and includes an ambitious set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They are aimed at different key issues that included slashing poverty, hunger, disease, gender inequality, and addressing climate change.

### > **2035: Paths towards a sustainable EU economy**

This EU study shows long-term visions for sustainable development using realistic and desirable possible futures. It examined different green industries and developed scenarios that would promote sustainability.

### > **UNEP Inquiry**

The UNEP Inquiry supports the transition to a green economy by developing a green financial system. It does this by identifying best practices, and exploring financial market policy and regulatory innovations that drive more green investment.

### > **European Youth Parliament**

The EYP encourages young people to engage in independent thinking and socio-political initiatives and facilitates the learning of crucial social and professional skills. It motivates young people to get involved in European politics by providing both national and international forums to express opinions.

### > **About Green Week**

Green Week is the biggest annual occasion to debate and discuss European environment policy. The 2016 edition will focus on the theme 'Investing for a greener future' and will take place from Monday, 30 May to Friday, 3 June. Online debates, twitter chats and live webstreaming from events will take place during the week.

### > **European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)**

The EFSI is managed by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and co-financed by the EIB and the European Commission. The EFSI aims to mobilising private investment and support strategic investments in key areas such as infrastructure, education, research and innovation, as well as risk finance for SMEs.

### > **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)**

ESIF includes money from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF), and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

### > **LIFE**

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately EUR 3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate.

### > **Circular economy**

The circular economy is an alternative to a traditional 'linear economy' in which we keep resources in use for as long as possible. It optimises the flow of goods and services to get the most out of raw materials and cut waste to an absolute minimum.