

Federal Council for Sustainable Development (FRDO-CFDD)

Opinion on the federal plan for the integration of biodiversity in 4 federal key sectors (summary)

The FCSD appreciates this plan, the cooperation between different government organisations and the bottom-up approach, which creates ownership. It is a very documented and well structured document. But it sometimes is too vague. Overall, the council thinks this plan will indeed contribute to a better biodiversity policy in Belgium and to concretize to a certain extent the 2010 target to stop the loss of biodiversity.

The council stressed the importance of an integrated approach and stakeholder involvement when implementing actions. A good cooperation between the different policy levels is necessary. The plan has a large number of actions. It would therefore be wise to define priorities for actions.

The plan also contains a transversal action. Belgium should stress at international level the importance of biodiversity, not only within UN but also within other international organizations like IMF, Worldbank and WTO. The FCSD finally hopes the follow-up of this plan will be well organized.