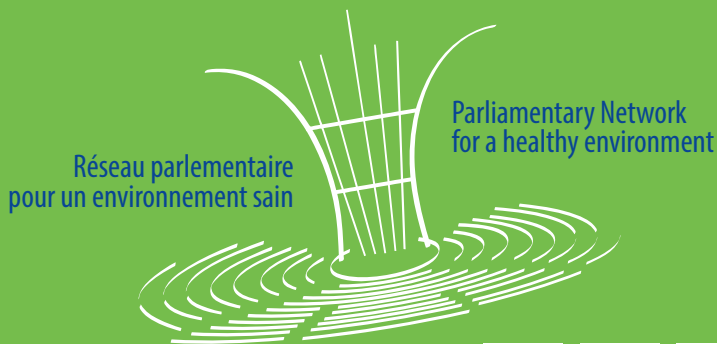




10 KEY MESSAGES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

of the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Council of Europe

2025



1 Anchor the right to a healthy environment as a human right

Recognise the right to a healthy environment at the national level and develop a binding legal instrument within the Council of Europe.

2 Recognise the crime of ecocide

Establish ecocide as a criminal offence in all member States and support the amendment of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to include ecocide as an international crime.

3 Protect the rights of future generations

Place intergenerational equity at the heart of public policies and advance environmental norms and practices from a less anthropocentric perspective.

4 Guarantee the human right to food

Adopt a rights-based approach that ensures autonomous access to healthy, adequate and sustainable food for all.

5 Protect seas and oceans

Strengthen the implementation of international treaties protecting marine life, promote sustainable practices, and integrate human rights into maritime policies.

6 Invest in a sustainable and socially just energy transition

Eliminate public subsidies for fossil fuels, invest in sustainable mobility, and reduce the risk of energy poverty.

7 Transform how we face environmental crises

Develop public policies to prevent extreme events from threatening human rights and ensure that the most vulnerable are never left without support.

8 Establish Effective Mechanisms for Citizen Participation

Ensure that environmental policies are debated and understood, giving a central role to youth engagement and local governance.

9 Fight environmental inequalities

Adopt policies that break the link between environmental crises and discrimination based on poverty, gender, or origin.

10 Enhance corporate environmental responsibility

Support, at national, European and global levels, the strengthening of corporate responsibility in matters of human and environmental protection.