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**Environmental agenda of the CZ PRES  
-evaluation**

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# Legislative achievements



## of the CZ PRES - First reading agreements:

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on **substances that deplete the ozone layer**
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (**EMAS**)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a **Community Ecolabel scheme**
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning **trade in seal products**
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **Stage II petrol vapour recovery during refuelling of passenger cars at service stations (VOC II)**
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of **biocidal products** on the market as regards the extension of certain time periods



## Council meetings during CZ PRES

### Environment Council – 2 March 2009

- **Contribution** of the Council (Environment) to the **Spring European Council** (19 and 20 March 2009) + **Further development of the EU position on a comprehensive post-2012 climate agreement** – Council Conclusions
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **industrial emissions** – Policy debate
- **GMOs** (MON 810 – Hungary, Austria; T25 – Austria – Adoption)
- Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Community with regard to proposals for amendments to the International Convention on the Regulation of **Whaling** - Adoption
- AOB - The fall in demand for recycled materials



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### Environment Council – 25 June 2009

- **Adaptation to climate change** – Council Conclusions
- **Climate change – international negotiations** – Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **industrial emissions** – Political agreement
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the **protection of soil** – Progress report
- Green Paper on **Biowaste** – Council Conclusions
- Communication on **Invasive species + Biodiversity Action Plan** Review – Council Conclusions



## European Sustainable Development

- **June 2001:** the European Council at Göteborg – “A Sustainable Europe for a better world: A European Strategy for Sustainable Development”
- **In 2005,** the European Council: sustainable development as a key principle governing all the Union’s policies and activities; the “Declaration on the guiding principles for sustainable development”
  - key objectives of the declaration:
    - environmental protection
    - social equity and cohesion
    - economic prosperity
    - meeting our international responsibilities
- **the Lisbon Strategy** relaunched in March 2005
- **June 2006,** The Renewed Sustainable Development Strategy



# Sustainable Europe – Quality through Feedback

- **political will** necessary
- strategy as a **living document** – i.e. even if prepared by academia, it must not be “academic”
- **sound indicators** as a part of implementation mechanisms
- main conditions of conservation of high **quality of life**:
  - without **changing the attitude of individual consumers**, producers and service providers, no sustainable development is possible
  - **positive motivation** for ways of safeguarding the high standard of living enjoyed by human being









