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## Nature Restoration Regulation finally approved by legislators

The proposed nature legislation triggered major disputes both in the European Parliament and the Council. Despite an inter-institutional agreement of the two legislators in November 2023, several countries first agreed to and later, in a rather unprecedented move,



backtracked from this agreement. Finally, the Council reached, by a narrow majority, the necessary quota for adoption under qualified majority. A last-minute position change from Austria, announced on Sunday by Vienna's environment minister Leonore Gewessler, paved the way for the approval.

EWA News presents you the key elements of this milestone environmental legislation, details on the major disputes within the Council, initiatives of support by 11 Member States' environmental ministers, and the final text as adopted.