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Extracts from the press conference by Janez Potonik on the 7th Environmental Action Programme

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On 29 November 2012, Janez Potonik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment, gave a press conference on the proposal for the 7th Environment Action Programme (EAP). The programme was put forward to guide EU environment policy up to 2020. Coming shortly after its recommendations for short term growth, which emphasise the need for ensuring not just the growth of today, but also tomorrow, the Commission made proposals aimed at protecting nature, stimulating sustainable growth, creating new jobs and setting Europe on a path to prosperity and health within the limits of the planet.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03
10:00:08	Soundbite by Janez Potonik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment (in ENGLISH): We must protect, conserve and enhance our natural capital on which so much of our economic activity depend, besides implementing our 2020 Biodiversity Strategy we intend to we identified some gaps that need to be fulfilled, field like soil and land use and areas where there is room for improvement including also the forestry policy.	00:00:25
10:00:33	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:03
10:00:36	Soundbite by Janez Potonik (in ENGLISH): We want to put in place the right conditions for Single Market for resource-efficient low-carbon growth. That should be the core of the green economy we want to create; this means fully implementing the climate and energy package and agreeing the next steps for climate policy beyond 2020 including implementation of the low carbon roadmap by 2015.	00:00:24
10:01:01	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03

10:01:04	Soundbite by Janez Potonik (in ENGLISH): We must tackle environmental related challenges to health, making sure that we are prepared for new and also for emerging risks. Here the focus is on updating air quality, noise and water legislation, addressing concerns linked to chemicals and nano-materials.	00:00:19
10:01:23	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:03
10:01:27	Soundbite by Janez Potonik (in ENGLISH): The program aims to help European Union cities become more sustainable and ensure; we have the right capacity to tackle regional and global challenges. This includes follow-up of the Rio+20 conference such as setting the target for marine litter as agreed in Rio earlier this year.	00:00:21
10:01:48	Departure of Janez Potonik	00:00:04

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