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Subject: Marine biodiversity

Climate change is producing a number of severe effects, including ocean warming, acidification of the marine environment, and alterations in rainfall. This combination of factors tends to exacerbate the effects of other man-made pressures on the sea, resulting in a loss of marine biodiversity. Many people's livelihoods depend on biodiversity and marine ecosystems, and that is why action is needed right away to halt ocean warming.

What steps is the Commission taking under Directive 2014/89/EU to establish a framework for maritime spatial planning with a view to promoting the sustainable growth of maritime economies, the sustainable development of maritime space, and the sustainable exploitation of marine resources?