Declaration on combating algal blooms

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The European Parliament adopted a declaration on combating algal blooms.

It recalls that algal blooms, which are linked to eutrophication in coastal waters and estuaries, occur along all of Europe's coasts (along the Channel, the Atlantic, the North Sea, the Baltic and the Mediterranean). These blooms cause serious damage to the good ecological status of the waters concerned, to public health and to the economic dynamism of the areas involved. Therefore, it is necessary to find a solution in order to address phenomena like this, which transcend national borders.

It is for this reason that the Members call on the Commission to draw up, under Directive 2000/60/EC, a European action plan on combating algal blooms that is based on the exchange of best practice and cooperation with those affected by these phenomena.