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Veronica Manfredi is Director in DG Environment since February 2018.

Her Directorate plays a pivotal role in leading Europe towards Zero-Pollution whilst securing a sound implementation of the Water Resilience Strategy in good synergy with the implementation of the Ocean Pact, both adopted by the Commission in June 2025. Her Directorate also co-leads on Chemicals legislation, including REACH, and steers on the sound implementation of the Green City Accord which, in synergy with the Smart and Climate-Neutral Cities Mission, the Covenant of Mayors and other major urban initiatives, aims at tangibly delivering on the European Green Deal goals at local level.

Internationally, her team leads the EU negotiations within the so called ‘triple COPs’ (Stockholm, Basel and Rotterdam) as well as on the UN Minamata Convention on Mercury and the UN Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution. It also provides steady support to the work of the four Regional Sea Conventions (notably the HELCOM – Baltic Sea, OSPAR – North Atlantic Sea, Barcelona – Mediterranean Sea, and the Bucharest Conventions – Black Sea) and the International Commissions for the Protection of the Rhine and Danube rivers.

A lawyer by background, Veronica deepened her knowledge of International and EU law in Rome, Turin, Kiel, Bruges and Brussels.