

When the Iron Curtain cracked, it revealed an Eastern bloc with a broken environment, and governments that didn't put the environment at the top of the agenda.

Western Europe had been discussing concepts such as sustainable development for nearly 20 years at that point. But, in the East, the air and water were paying the bill accumulated by industry and governments without plans for conservation.

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