



#RestoreNature joint statement

We, the undersigned **207 civil society organisations**, call upon all EU Member States, Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission to urgently adopt a strong Nature Restoration Law that is fit for purpose to tackle the twin biodiversity and climate crises.

We are heading towards a mass biodiversity extinction and climate breakdown, threatening the very basis of life as we know it. The science is very clear on this. Efforts so far have been largely inadequate to address these crises and to restore our relationship with nature. Unsurprisingly, increasingly frequent droughts, floods and forest fires are making the effects of the crises ever-more obvious all across Europe.

The EU Nature Restoration Regulation is the unique opportunity of this decade to change the pathway from continuous deterioration to regeneration, where we steer towards a safe and resilient future of living in harmony with nature. Restoring nature means restoring our greatest ally in tackling the climate crisis and its severe impact, restoring our own health and wellbeing, and restoring our livelihoods and economies. Nature restoration is one of the best investments our society can make. Yet, time is running out.

We therefore call upon national governments, Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission to:

- **Adopt the Nature Restoration Regulation by the end of 2023.**
- **Ensure that by 2030, nature restoration is happening on EU land and seas on a large scale.** We therefore support the proposal of the rapporteur of the European Parliament to ensure that by 2030, at least 30% of the EU's land and at least 30% of the EU's sea area are covered by effective area-based restoration measures, with fair and proportionate contributions by all Member States.
- **Ensure strong nature restoration targets for all ecosystems covered by the legal proposal** (terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine natural habitats, urban ecosystems, rivers, pollinator habitats, agricultural ecosystems, peatlands and forest ecosystems). The targets need to match the extent and urgency of the biodiversity and climate crises.
- **Ensure that all targets are fully met by 2040 at the latest.** Delaying action until 2050 undermines the EU's climate neutrality obligations and risks crossing irreversible tipping points.

- **Adopt fully implementable targets**, with clear safeguards to ensure that the Common Fisheries Policy does not block the implementation of marine restoration.
- **Ensure the long-term non-deterioration of restored ecosystems**. Allowing habitats to degrade right after restoring them not only fails to address the crises in the long-term, but is also inherently inefficient and a waste of public funding.
- **Support a strong accountability framework** to ensure all Member States contribute fairly to the law and can be held accountable.
- **Call for dedicated nature restoration funding** as part of the next EU budget.
- **Withstand and counter vested interests**, who are continuously trying to undermine the Nature Restoration Law.

Delaying action, watering down the ambition or limiting the scope of the law will only make it more difficult, more costly and more time-consuming to deal with the consequences. It would put our life and that of all other beings at stake. So let's make it work now.

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MAMMAL
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Alba Natura Civil Foundation

Alpe Adria Green International

Amigos de la Tierra

Aplinkosaugos koalicija (Environmental Coalition of Lithuania)

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Austrian Youth Biodiversity Network - GYBN Austria

Balkan River Defence

BIOM Association

BirdLife - SEO

BirdLife Austria

BirdLife Bulgaria - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds

BirdLife Cyprus

BirdLife DOF

Birdlife Estonia

Birdlife Europe and Central Asia

BirdLife Finland

Birdlife Greece – Hellenic Ornithological Society

BirdLife Hungary - MME

BirdLife Italy - Lipu

BirdLife Malta

BirdLife Slovenia DOPPS

BirdLife Sweden

Birdwatch Ireland

BLOOM

Bodensee-Stiftung - Internationale Stiftung für Natur und Kultur

BOS+

Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

CEE Bankwatch Network

CEEweb for Biodiversity

Center for Environmental Policy (AAPC)

Center for Protection and Research of Birds

Center for Research and Information for the Environment Eko-svest

Centrum Ochrony Mokradeł / Wetlands Conservation Centre

CIDAMB - Associação Nacional para a Cidadania Ambiental

CIPRA Slovenia

Client Earth

Climate Action Network Europe

Climate Catalyst

CMCC Foundation | Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change

Coalition Clean Baltic

Comitato AVB

Comité Schone Lucht

Cork Nature Network

Czech Society for Ornithology

Danish Society for Nature Conservation

Darnaus vystymosi centras

Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (German Environmental Action)

Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR)

Dinaricum Society	Friends of The Earth Hungary - MTVSZ - National Society of Conservationists
Društvo Ekologi brez meja	Fundación Española de Renaturalización (Rewilding Spain)
Društvo Proteus, gibanje za naravo in okolje, Bela krajina	Fundación Global Nature
Društvo za preučevanje rib Slovenije (DPRS)	Fundacion Nueva Cultura del Agua
Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers	Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania
ECOLISE - European network for community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability	Gamtos apsaugos asociacija "Baltijos vilkas"
Ecological Movement Cyprus	Generation Climate Europe (GCE)
Ecologistas en Acción	Generation Earth (Youthnetwork of WWF AT)
ECOS - Environmental Coalition on Standards	GEOTA-Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente
Eko krog - društvo za naravovarstvo in okoljevarstvo	GLOBAL 2000
Ekoskog	Global Nature Fund
El Fanal - Col·lectiu Cultural i Ecologista del Moianès	Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Europe
Environmental Center for Administration and Technology	Great Lakes and Wetland Federation (Nagy Tavak és Vizes Élőhelyek Szövetsége)
Environmental Pillar	Greenpeace
Estonian Fund for Nature ELF	Greenpeace Czech Republic
EuroNatur	GRÜNE LIGA e.V.
EUROPARC Federation	Gyvo Žalio
European Anglers Alliance (EAA)	Herpetološko društvo - Societas herpetologica slovenica
European Cave Protection Commission by the Fédération Spéléologique Européenne	Humanitas - Centre for Global Learning and Cooperation
European Environmental Bureau	IFAW
European Living Lakes Association	Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
European Young Rewilders	Institute for ichthyological and ecological research, REVIVO
Fältbiologerna	International Mire Conservation Group
Fédération des réserves naturelles catalanes/ RNN Jujols	IPoP - Institute for Spatial Policies
Federation of Environmental Organisations in Cyprus (FEOC NGOs)	Irish Wildlife Trust
FIRE	Jamarski klub Kamnik
Forests of the World (Verdens Skove)	Koalicja Żywa Ziemia [Living Earth Coalition]
Foundation for Peatland Restoration and Conservation	LandschappenNL
France Nature Environnement (FNE)	Lašišos dienoraštis
Friends of Akamas	Latvian Fund for Nature
Friends of Fertő lake Association	Latvian Ornithological Society
Friends of the Earth Cyprus	Leefmilieu
Friends of the Earth Czech Republic - Hnutí DUHA	Legambiente
Friends of the Earth Germany - BUND e.V.	Lietuvos gamtos draugija (Lithuanian Nature Society)
	Lietuvos geologų sąjunga
	Lietuvos Žaliasis Aliansas

Liga para a Protecção da Natureza	Public Association	Republican	Center
Lithuanian Arboricultural Center	"Gutta-Club"		
Lithuanian entomological society	Rewilding Apennines ETS		
Lithuanian Fund for Nature	Rewilding Europe		
Living Rivers Foundation	Rewilding France		
Luontoliitto (The Finnish Nature League)	Rewilding Oder Delta		
Lutra, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage	Rewilding Portugal		
Mammal Conservation Europe	Rewilding Rhodopes Foundation		
MEDASSET	Rewilding Sweden		
MedINA	Rewilding Velebit Foundation		
MedWet	RUPI		
Mes Darom (Let's Do It Lithuania)	SABUKO - Society for Nature Conservation		
Michael Succow Foundation	Salviamo l'Orso		
Milvus Group	Seas At Risk		
MIO-ECSDE	Sengirés fondas The Ancient Woods Foundation		
Morigenos	SEPANSO Aquitaine		
NABU	SFEPM - Societe Française pour l'Etude et la Protection des Mammifères		
Natagora	Slovene Dragonfly Society		
natur&ëmwelt	Slovensko društvo za zaščito voda		
Naturalists Club Poland (Klub Przyrodników)	ŠO društvo Ohranimo naravo čisto		
Naturefriends International	Societatea Ornitologică Română		
Naturskyddsföreningen (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation)	Society for Ecological Restoration Europe		
Natuur & Milieu	Society for the Protection of Prespa		
Natuur en Milieufederaties	Society for Sustainable Living		
Natuurmonumenten	SPEA (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds)		
Natuurpunt	SPECO - Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia		
Natuurpunt vzw	Stop Avalon Tata Civil Mozgalom		
Noé	Swedish Anglers Association (Sportfiskarna)		
NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)	Tagis - Centro de Conservação das Borboletas de Portugal		
Oceana Europe	TETT -Tegyünk Együtt Tudatosan Településünkért Egyesület		
OEKOBUEO	The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation		
Okoljsko društvo Proteus	The Habitat Foundation		
One Voice	The North Sea Foundation		
Ornithologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bodensee	The Polish Society for Protection of Birds, OTOB/BirdLife Poland		
Päästame Eesti Metsad (Save Estonia's Forests)	Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development		
Paliurus	Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher e.V. / German Speleological Federation		
Partnership for Policy Integrity	Vogelbescherming Nederland		
Planet Positive	Waddenvereniging		
Polish Society for Bird Protection			

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Western Center of the Ukrainian department of the
International Center of Scientific Culture - The
World Laboratory

Wetlands International Europe

Wild Europe Foundation

WWF European Policy Office, on behalf of the EU
WWF Network (with WWF in Czechia and
WWF-Belgium)

Youth and Environment Europe

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ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável