



## #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.

For more information, visit [restorenature.eu](http://restorenature.eu)

#### Signatories:





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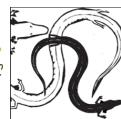
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das Borboletas de Portugal



The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development



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Bewegungen

AirClim	CIDAMB - Associação Nacional para a Cidadania Ambiental
AKTI PROJECT & RESEARCH CENTRE	CIPRA Slovenia
Alba Natura Civil Foundation	Client Earth
Alpe Adria Green International	Climate Action Network Europe
Amigos de la Tierra	Climate Catalyst
Aplinkosaugos koalicija (Environmental Coalition of Lithuania)	CMCC Foundation   Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change
ARCHE NOAH	Coalition Clean Baltic
ASOCIACIÓN REFORESTA	Comitato AVB
Association Klaipedian Initiative for Democracy and the Environment (KIDE))	Comité Schone Lucht
Austrian Youth Biodiversity Network - GYBN Austria	Cork Nature Network
Balkan River Defence	Czech Society for Ornithology
BIOM Association	Danish Society for Nature Conservation
BirdLife - SEO	Darnaus vystymosi centras
BirdLife Austria	Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (German Environmental Action)
BirdLife Bulgaria - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds	Deutscher Naturschutzing (DNR)
BirdLife Cyprus	Dinaricum Society
BirdLife DOF	Društvo Ekologi brez meja
Birdlife Estonia	Društvo Proteus, gibanje za naravo in okolje, Bela krajina
Birdlife Europe and Central Asia	Društvo za preučevanje rib Slovenije (DPRS)
BirdLife Finland	Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers
Birdlife Greece – Hellenic Ornithological Society	ECOLISE - European network for community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability
BirdLife Hungary - MME	Ecological Movement Cyprus
BirdLife Italy - Lipu	Ecologistas en Acción
BirdLife Malta	ECOS - Environmental Coalition on Standards
BirdLife Slovenia DOPPS	Eko krog - društvo za naravovarstvo in okoljevarstvo
BirdLife Sweden	Ekoskog
Birdwatch Ireland	El Fanal - Col·lectiu Cultural i Ecologista del Moianès
BLOOM	Environmental Center for Administration and Technology
Bodensee-Stiftung - Internationale Stiftung für Natur und Kultur	Environmental Pillar
BOS+	Estonian Fund for Nature ELF
Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust	EuroNatur
CEE Bankwatch Network	EUROPARC Federation
CEEweb for Biodiversity	European Anglers Alliance (EAA)
Center for Environmental Policy (AAPC)	European Cave Protection Commission by the Fédération Spéléologique Européenne
Center for Protection and Research of Birds	European Environmental Bureau
Center for Research and Information for the Environment Eko-svest	
Centrum Ochrony Mokradeł / Wetlands Conservation Centre	

European Living Lakes Association	Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
European Young Rewilders	Institute for ichthyological and ecological research, REVIVO
Fältsbiologerna	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 Žywa 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)
Friends of The Earth Hungary - MTVSZ - National Society of Conservationists	Lietuvos geologų sąjunga
Fundación Española de Renaturalización (Rewilding Spain)	Lietuvos Žaliasis Aljansas
Fundación Global Nature	Liga para a Protecção da Natureza
Fundacion Nueva Cultura del Agua	Lithuanian Arboricultural Center
Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania	Lithuanian entomological society
Gamtos apsaugos asociacija "Baltijos vilkas"	Lithuanian Fund for Nature
Generation Climate Europe (GCE)	Living Rivers Foundation
Generation Earth (Youthnetwork of WWF AT)	Lutra, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage
GEOTA	Mammal Conservation Europe
GEOTA-Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente	MEDASSET
GLOBAL 2000	MedINA
Global Nature Fund	MedWet
Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Europe	Mes Darom (Let's Do It Lithuania)
Great Lakes and Wetland Federation (Nagy Tavak és Vizes Előhelyek Szövetsége)	Michael Succow Foundation
Greenpeace	Milvus Group
Greenpeace Czech Republic	MIO-ECSDE
GRÜNE LIGA e.V.	Morigenos
Gyvo Žalio	NABU
Herpetološko društvo - Societas herpetologica slovenica	Natagora
Humanitas - Centre for Global Learning and Cooperation	natur&émwelt
IFAW	Naturalists Club Poland (Klub Przyrodników)
	Naturefriends International
	Naturskyddsföreningen (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation)
	Natuur & Milieu

Natuur en Milieufederaties	Stop Avalon Tata Civil Mozgalom
Natuurmonumenten	Swedish Anglers Association (Sportfiskarna)
Natuurpunt	Tagis - Centro de Conservação das Borboletas de Portugal
Natuurpunt vzw	TETT -Tegyünk Együtt Tudatosan Településünkért Egyesület
Noé	The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation
NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)	The Habitat Foundation
Oceana Europe	The North Sea Foundation
OEKOBUERO	The Polish Society for Protection of Birds, OTOP/BirdLife Poland
Okoljsko društvo Proteus	Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development
One Voice	Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher e.V. / German Speleological Federation
Ornithologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bodensee	Vogelbescherming Nederland
Päästame Eesti Metsad (Save Estonia's Forests)	Waddenvereniging
Paliurus	WeMove Europe
Partnership for Policy Integrity	Western Center of the Ukrainian department of the International Center of Scientific Culture - The World Laboratory
Planet Positive	Wetlands International Europe
Polish Society for Bird Protection	Wild Europe Foundation
Public Association Republican Center "Gutta-Club""	WWF European Policy Office, on behalf of the EU WWF Network
Rewilding Apennines ETS	WWF in Czechia
Rewilding Europe	WWF-Belgium
Rewilding France	Youth and Environment Europe
Rewilding Oder Delta	Zeleni Osijek
Rewilding Portugal	ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável
Rewilding Rhodopes Foundation	
Rewilding Sweden	
Rewilding Velebit Foundation	
RUPI	
SABUKO - Society for Nature Conservation	
Salviamo l'Orso	
Seas At Risk	
Sengirès fondas   The Ancient Woods Foundation	
SEPANSO Aquitaine	
SFEPM - Societe Française pour l'Etude et la Protection des Mammifères	
Slovene Dragonfly Society	
Slovensko društvo za zaščito voda	
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Societatea Ornitologică Română	
Society for Ecological Restoration Europe	
Society for Sustainable Living	
SPEA (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds)	
SPECO - Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia	