



#RestoreNature joint statement

We, the undersigned **210 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

Signatories:









Rewilding Europe

Rewilding Apennines

Rewilding Oder Delta

Rewilding Portugal

Rewilding Rhodopes

Rewilding Romania

Rewilding Spain

Rewilding Sweden

Rewilding Velebit





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Association Klaipedian Initiative for Democracy and the Environment (KIDE))

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

Lietuvos Žaliosis Alijansas	Polish Society for Bird Protection
Liga para a Protecção da Natureza	Public Association Republican Center "Gutta-Club"
Lithuanian Arboricultural Center	Rewilding Apennines ETS
Lithuanian entomological society	Rewilding Europe
Lithuanian Fund for Nature	Rewilding France
Lithuanian Ornithological Society	Rewilding Oder Delta
Living Rivers Foundation	Rewilding Portugal
Luontoliitto (The Finnish Nature League)	Rewilding Rhodopes Foundation
Lutra, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage	Rewilding Romania
Mammal Conservation Europe	Rewilding Spain
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	Sengirès 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
Naturskyddsforeningen (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
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OEKOBUERO	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, OTOP/BirdLife Poland
Päästame Eesti Metsad (Save Estonia's Forests)	Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development
Paliurus	
Partnership for Policy Integrity	
Planet Positive	

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Vogelbescherming Nederland

Waddenvereniging

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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

Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura (XCN)

Youth and Environment Europe

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