



## **#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:







Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy EUROPE



Institut za politike prostora Institute for Spatial Policies



Liga para a protecção da natureza



MEDASSET Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles



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Wetlands  
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EUROPE



Association for nature and environment protection

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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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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 Mokradel / 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

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Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (German Environmental Action)

Deutscher Naturschutzring (DNR)

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

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



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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 (with WWF in Czechia and  
WWF-Belgium)

Youth and Environment Europe

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ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável