



#RestoreNature joint statement September 2023

We, the undersigned **200 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 witnessing a mass biodiversity extinction and climate breakdown, threatening the very basis of our 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, as we saw again this summer, are making the effects of these crises ever more visible across Europe. It's clear that we need effective nature restoration measures on a large scale.

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 climate change, 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.

In the past months, we saw unprecedented opposition to the EU Nature Restoration Regulation, leading to unacceptable weakening and even almost losing the legal text. We therefore strongly call upon national governments, Members of the European Parliament and the European Commission to get back on the right track by safeguarding the following key elements in the EU Nature Restoration Regulation:

- Ensure that all terrestrial and marine habitats are covered by **quantified, time-bound and enforceable targets in and outside Natura 2000 areas**
- Ensure **non-deterioration** of ecosystems to safeguard investments and long-term benefits, fully in line with Europe's commitments for climate and biodiversity
- Include restoration of **agricultural ecosystems, complemented by dedicated targets for the restoration of drained peatlands.**
Restoring agricultural ecosystems is crucial for resilience of food systems and the agricultural sector. Peatland restoration plays a key role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Include strong indicators **for the restoration of forest ecosystems**, scientifically valid for all forest types
- Ensure **implementable marine targets** with clear safeguards, so that the Common Fisheries Policy does not block marine restoration
- Ensure **dedicated and additional funding** to finance restoration measures
- Ensure clear **public participation and access to justice** provisions
- Ensure the Law can **enter into force immediately**, without preconditions for the timely and steady implementation of the restoration targets

We cannot afford anymore to delay actions, to water down ambition or to limit the scope of the law. It would only make it more costly and time-consuming to deal with the consequences of our inaction. It would put our future and that of all other beings at stake. We need to make it work now, we need to #RestoreNature.

For more information, visit restorenature.eu.

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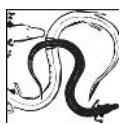
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The Nature Conservancy



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Aplinkosaugos koalicija (Environmental Coalition of Lithuania)

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Association for nature and environment conservation and sustainable development promotion ARGONAUTA

Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce

Association Hyla

Austrian Youth Biodiversity Network - GYBN Austria

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

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Bodensee-Stiftung - Internationale Stiftung für Natur und Kultur

Bond Beter Leefmilieu

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Brod Ecological Society-BED

Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

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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	European Living Lakes Association
Centrum Ochrony Mokradeł / Wetlands Conservation Centre	European Young Rewilders
CIRF - Italian Centre for River Restoration	Eurosite
Client Earth	Fair Seas
Climate Action Network Europe	Fältbiologerna
Climate Catalyst	Fédération des Parcs naturels régionaux de France
Coalition Clean Baltic	Federazione Nazionale Pro Natura
Coastwatch	Forests of the World (Verdens Skove)
Comitato AVB	Foundation for Peatland Restoration and Conservation
Comité Schone Lucht	France Nature Environnement (FNE)
Conservation International Europe	Free Rivers Italia
Cork Environmental Forum	Friends of Fertő lake Association
Cork Nature Network	Friends of the Earth Czech Republic - Hnutí DUHA
County administre board of Skane	Friends of the Earth Europe
Croatian Society for Birds and Nature Protection	Friends of the Earth Germany - BUND e.V.
Czech Society for Ornithology	Fundación Española de Renaturalización (Rewilding Spain)
Danish Society for Nature Conservation	Fundación Global Nature
Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (German Environmental Action)	Fundacion Nueva Cultura del Agua
Deutscher Naturschutzbund (DNR)	Gamtos apsaugos asociacija "Baltijos vilkas"
Deutsche Stiftung Meeresschutz	Generation Climate Europe (GCE)
Društvo Ekologi brez meja	Generation Earth (Youth Network of WWF AT)
Društvo Proteus, gibanje za naravo in okolje, Bela krajina	GEOTA-Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente
Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers	Global Nature Fund
ECOLISE - European network for community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability	Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Europe
Ecologistas en Acción	Great Lakes and Wetland Federation (Nagy Tavak és Vizes Előhelyek Szövetsége)
ECOS - Environmental Coalition on Standards	Green Impact
Ekoskog	Greenpeace
El Fanal - Col·lectiu Cultural i Ecologista del Moianès	GRÜNE LIGA e.V.
Environmental Center for Administration and Technology	Hnutí Brontosaurus
Environmental Pillar	IFAW
Estonian Fund for Nature ELF	IFOAM Organics Europe
EuroNatur	Irish Wildlife Trust
EUROPARC Federation	Italian Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN Italy)
	Jane Goodall Institute Belgium

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Latvian Fund for Nature	Polish Society for Bird Protection
Latvian Ornithological Society	Rewilding Apennines ETS
Leefmilieu	Rewilding Europe
Legambiente	Rewilding France
Liga para a Protecção da Natureza	Rewilding Oder Delta
Lithuanian Arboricultural Center	Rewilding Portugal
Lithuanian entomological society	Rewilding Rhodopes Foundation
Lithuanian Ornithological Society	Rewilding Romania
Living Rivers Foundation	Rewilding Spain
Lutra, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage	Rewilding Sweden
Mammal Conservation Europe	Rewilding Velebit Foundation
Marine Explorers Society - 20000 Leagues	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
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MedINA	SABUKO - Society for Nature Conservation
MedWet	Salviamo l'Orso
Michael Succow Foundation	Sciaena
Milvus Group	Seas At Risk
MIO-ECSDE	Sengirés fondas The Ancient Woods Foundation
Morigenos	Slow Food Italia
Mouvement Ecologique	SNPN
NABU	Societatea Ornitologică Română
Natagora	Society for Ecological Restoration Europe
natur&ëmwelt	Society for the Protection of Prespa
Naturalists Club Poland (Klub Przyrodników)	Society for Sustainable Living
Naturefriends International	SPEA (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds)
Naturskyddsföreningen (Swedish Society for Nature Conservation)	SPECO - Sociedade Portuguesa de Ecologia
Natuurmonumenten	Svoboda zvířat (Freedom for Animals)
Natuurpunt	Swedish Anglers Association (Sportfiskarna)
Natuurpunt vzw	Terre d'Abeilles
NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council)	The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation
Oceana Europe	The Green Tank
OceanCare	The Habitat Foundation
One Voice	The Nature Conservancy
Österreichisches Kuratorium für Fischerei und Gewässerschutz	The North Sea Foundation
Partnership for Policy Integrity	The Polish Society for Protection of Birds, OTOP/BirdLife Poland
Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe)	Udruga za održivi razvoj Hrvatske
PIC - Legal Center for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment	Udruga za promicanje ekološke proizvodnje hrane, zaštite okoliša i održivog razvoja „Eko-Zadar“
	Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development
	Umweltdachverband

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Wild Europe Foundation
Wildlife Conservation Society EU office (WCS EU)
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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