



## #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](http://restorenature.eu)

#### Signatories:









Rewilding Europe

Rewilding Apennines

Rewilding Oder Delta

Rewilding Portugal

Rewilding Rhodopes

Rewilding Romania

Rewilding Spain

Rewilding Sweden

Rewilding Velebit



SLOVENE DRAGONFLY  
SOCIETY



SOCIETY FOR  
THE PROTECTION  
OF PRESPA



Suomen luonnon suojelejliitto  
The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation



UMANOTERA  
The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development



AirClim

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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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ASOCIACIÓN REFORESTA

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

Darnaus vystymosi centras

Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V. (German Environmental Action)

Deutscher Naturschutrzring (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  
Fältsbiologerna  
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 Előhelyek 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

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| Lietuvos Žaliasis Aljansas                                      | 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   | Sengirės 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               |
| 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   |  |

Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher  
e.V. / German Speleological Federation

Vogelbescherming Nederland

Waddenvereniging

WeMove Europe

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

Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura (XCN)

Youth and Environment Europe

Zeleni Osijek

ZERO - Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável