



## **#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](https://restorenature.eu)

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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)

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| Dinaricum Society                                                                             | Friends of The Earth Hungary - MTVSZ - National Society of Conservationists   |
| Društvo Ekologi brez meja                                                                     | Fundación Española de Renaturalización (Rewilding Spain)                      |
| Društvo Proteus, gibanje za naravo in okolje, Bela krajina                                    | Fundación Global Nature                                                       |
| Društvo za preučevanje rib Slovenije (DPRS)                                                   | Fundacion Nueva Cultura del Agua                                              |
| Eco-TIRAS International Association of River Keepers                                          | Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania                                                   |
| ECOLISE - European network for community-led initiatives on climate change and sustainability | Gamtos apsaugos asociacija "Baltijos vilkas"                                  |
| Ecological Movement Cyprus                                                                    | Generation Climate Europe (GCE)                                               |
| Ecologistas en Acción                                                                         | Generation Earth (Youthnetwork of WWF AT)                                     |
| ECOS - Environmental Coalition on Standards                                                   | GEOTA-Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente                |
| Eko krog - društvo za naravovarstvo in okoljevarstvo                                          | GLOBAL 2000                                                                   |
| Ekoskog                                                                                       | Global Nature Fund                                                            |
| El Fanal - Col·lectiu Cultural i Ecologista del Moianès                                       | Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Europe                               |
| Environmental Center for Administration and Technology                                        | Great Lakes and Wetland Federation (Nagy Tavak és Vizes Élőhelyek Szövetsége) |
| Environmental Pillar                                                                          | Greenpeace                                                                    |
| Estonian Fund for Nature ELF                                                                  | Greenpeace Czech Republic                                                     |
| EuroNatur                                                                                     | GRÜNE LIGA e.V.                                                               |
| EUROPARC Federation                                                                           | Gyvo Žalio                                                                    |
| European Anglers Alliance (EAA)                                                               | Herpetološko društvo - Societas herpetologica slovenica                       |
| European Cave Protection Commission by the Fédération Spéléologique Européenne                | Humanitas - Centre for Global Learning and Cooperation                        |
| European Environmental Bureau                                                                 | IFAW                                                                          |
| European Living Lakes Association                                                             | Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy                                    |
| European Young Rewilders                                                                      | Institute for ichthyological and ecological research, REVIVO                  |
| Fältbiologerna                                                                                | 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 Żywa 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)                          |
|                                                                                               | Lietuvos geologų sąjunga                                                      |
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| Liga para a Protecção da Natureza                               | Public Association                                                                     | Republican | Center |
| Lithuanian Arboricultural Center                                | "Gutta-Club"                                                                           |            |        |
| Lithuanian entomological society                                | Rewilding Apennines ETS                                                                |            |        |
| Lithuanian Fund for Nature                                      | Rewilding Europe                                                                       |            |        |
| Living Rivers Foundation                                        | Rewilding France                                                                       |            |        |
| Luontoliitto (The Finnish Nature League)                        | Rewilding Oder Delta                                                                   |            |        |
| Lutra, Institute for Conservation of Natural Heritage           | Rewilding Portugal                                                                     |            |        |
| Mammal Conservation Europe                                      | Rewilding Rhodopes Foundation                                                          |            |        |
| 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                                                       | Sengirés 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                               |            |        |
| OEKOBUEO                                                        | 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, OTOB/BirdLife Poland                       |            |        |
| Päästame Eesti Metsad (Save Estonia's Forests)                  | Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development                        |            |        |
| Paliurus                                                        | Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher e.V. / German Speleological Federation |            |        |
| Partnership for Policy Integrity                                | Vogelbescherming Nederland                                                             |            |        |
| Planet Positive                                                 | Waddenvereniging                                                                       |            |        |
| Polish Society for Bird Protection                              |                                                                                        |            |        |



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International Center of Scientific Culture - The  
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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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