



Landcare Europe

The network that brings together agriculture, nature conservation and communities for biodiversity, resilient ecosystems and quality of life in our European cultural heritage landscapes.

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Our Approach

WE PROMOTE

... land management in Natura 2000 areas and beyond that sustains or regenerates healthy soils, clean water and air, stable habitats, rich biodiversity and diverse landscapes in Europe and helps to mitigate climate change.



WE WORK

... in a **cooperative approach** with land users, farmers, local communities, nature conservation organisations, political authorities and decision-makers to preserve and restore biodiversity and resilience in our European landscapes in a contemporary, innovative and sustainable manner.

WE OFFER

...competent advice and knowledge exchange on all aspects of preserving landscapes in Europe. We bring together expertise from agriculture and forestry, nature conservation and politics, network the stakeholders. We support our members by representing and promoting their interests and experiences at national and European level.



Our Objectives

→ **Establishing an EU network between conservationists, farmers & local communities, based on existing Landcare initiatives**

■ **Specific objectives:**

1. Exchanging **key factors for successful cooperative nature conservation** with European partners to improve existing organisations and support the creation of new ones
2. **Contributing** to implementing **EU Biodiversity Strategy targets**, esp. **Natura 2000** site-level conservation & habitat types and species linked to agriculture
3. Promoting & **engaging farmers in biodiversity-friendly land management**
4. Promoting and **implementing EU financial support** with a focus on CAP measures and especially agri-environmental management
5. **Capacity building** for members and their stakeholders, e.g. farmers
6. **Discussing ways to include** farmers and farmers' associations as well as other **stakeholders in the decision-making process of LE**



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Who is Landcare Europe? (status April 2022)



- 1** Deutscher Verband für Landschaftspflege e.V. (DVL), **Germany**; **2** Agri-Cultura-Natura Transylvaniae Association (ACNT), **Romania**;
3 Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF), **Lithuania**; **4** BoerenNatuur, **Netherlands**;
5 Fédération Conservatoires d'Espaces Naturels (FCEN), **France**; **6** Legambiente Lombardia, **Italy**; **7** SICONA-Sud-Ouest, **Luxembourg**; **8** Trashumancia y Naturaleza (TyN), **Spain**



Cooperation



- With 29 European countries
- Outside Europe on 4 continents

Goal: Network expansion to all 27 EU MS



Landcare Europe Network in numbers

Results from a survey on the 8 founding partners (survey Nov 2021)



Cooperation with 34 countries on 5 continents

Over **2000 employees**



Securing income & employment in rural areas

Farm land management from **1 ha ... 1000 ha**



75% conventional farmers

Over **100,000 consultations** of farmers, citizens and politicians

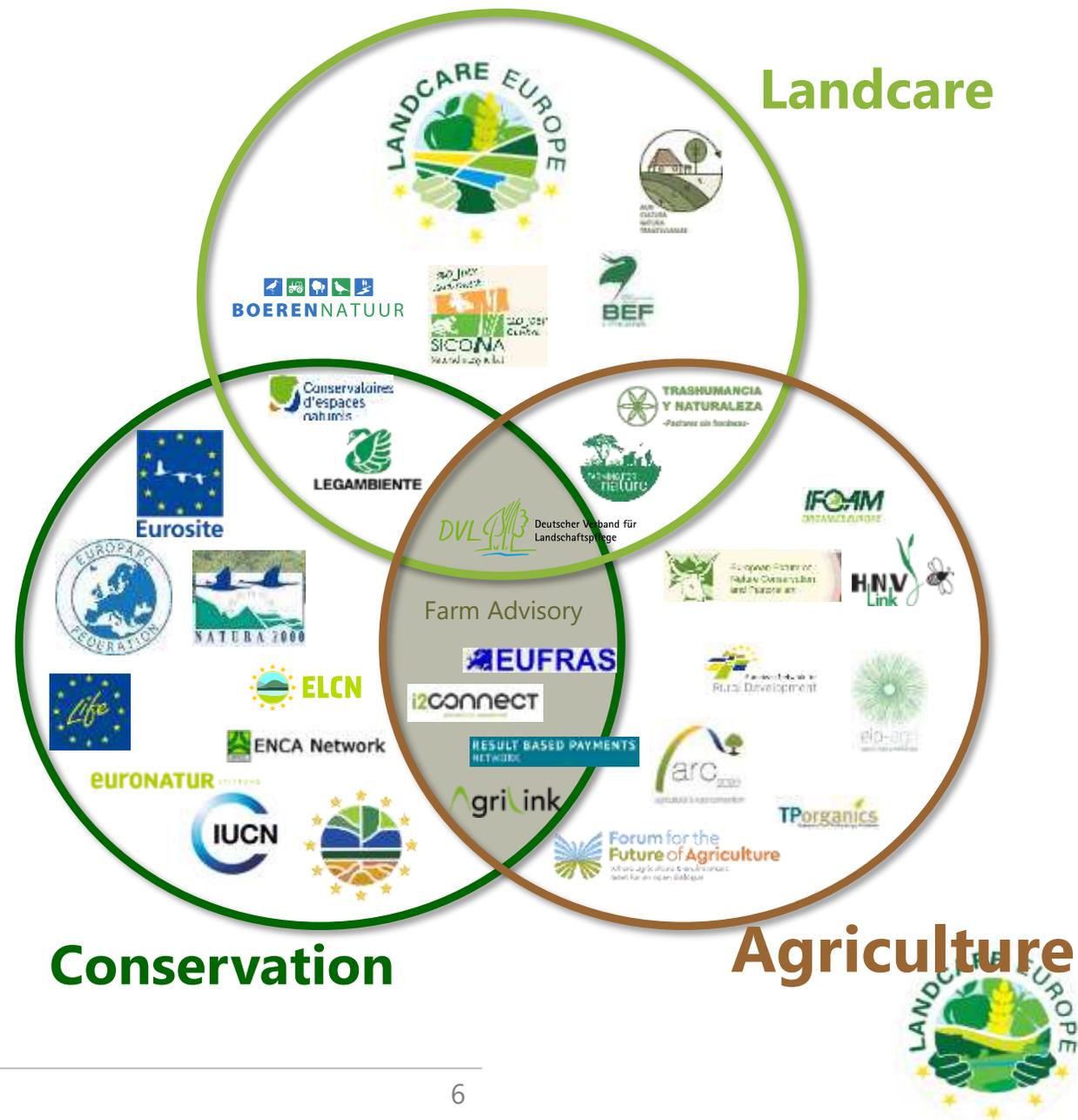


Why another network?

Comparison with 22 EU networks / initiatives
 Protected areas & biodiversity (N2000, BHD)
 Agriculture / farming

→ **Landcare Europe closes this gap**

- ✓ **Exchange** of knowledge & best practices **beyond borders** to better implement EU environmental targets within an agricultural context
- ✓ Promoting the **importance of Landcare activities** for the environment & benefit of people (health, wellbeing, food security) at national & EU level
- ✓ Supporting **creation of new organisations**



Work on EU Objectives

❑ Natura 2000 areas

- *Management & restoration*
- *Contributing to Natura 2000 Biogeographical Processes & "Farming for Natura 2000"*

❑ Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

- *Consulting farmers/landowners on CAP measures*
- *Consulting administrative bodies/ politicians on the design of CAP architecture*

❑ Water Framework Directive (WFD)

- *Consulting on reduction of fertilizers and pesticides, bank border strips, etc.*
- *Renaturation of water bodies*
- *Creating agricultural landscapes with higher water infiltration*

❑ EU Biodiversity Strategy

❑ EU Green Deal with Farm-to-Fork Strategy





The Network

Extension & How to join

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Conservation organisations

- LIFE & other conservation project coordinators

Farmers / Landowners & their cooperatives

- Farming associations



“Municipalities”

- Political stakeholders
- Park authorities
- Communal organisations / decision makers

Who else?

- European institutions
- Other EU networks in related fields
- Leading scientists in related fields



How to join the network?

Organisation:

1. The network is open to all non-governmental (NGOs) & non-profit organisations who can identify with the vision & mission.
2. Members shall be represented by the network while remaining independent in their activities.
3. Membership is voluntary and reversible.
4. Landcare Europe is the cooperative link between nature conservation, agriculture and communities.



A workshop session in progress. Several people are gathered around a large wooden table. The table is covered with various documents, including a newspaper clipping with the word 'FORMATION' visible, and several sheets of paper with charts and graphs. Numerous colorful sticky notes (pink, green, yellow, blue) are placed on the documents. One person's hand is visible, pointing at a document. In the background, there are office supplies like a white mug, a black desk lamp, and a printer. The overall atmosphere is collaborative and focused on creative problem-solving.

Workshops & other activities



First Landcare Europe Workshop

Milan 27-29 April, Lombardy, Italy



Local & suburban food production in & outside Natura 2000 areas – direct marketing from farm to fork



- Promotion of local, added-value products from Natura 2000 areas
- Brand development of local/regional products, incl. from Natura 2000 sites
- Consumer-oriented direct marketing from farm-to-fork
- LIFE projects implementing biodiversity measures in CAP SP
- Land stewardship approaches & sustainable water and soil management



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Lombardian region in Italy
Map: www.reterurale.it





Field Trip: La Cassinazza & Parco Ticino



Workshops of LANDCARE EUROPE in 2023

Spain – Andalucía

Improving water management, biodiversity, ecosystem services & yield in extensive farming & agroforests in & outside Natura 2000 areas

7 – 9 March 2023



- Extensive farming & agroforestry systems with diversity in N2000 areas
- Socio-economic impacts of natural & cultural heritage sites on agricultural areas (agrotourism)
- Soil quality & water use in areas with drought risks
- CAP recommendations

Lithuania – Nemunas Delta

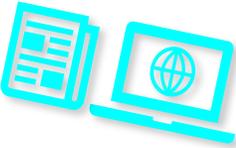
Innovative approaches to promote species & habitat restoration in & outside Natura 2000 areas – fostering good-practice-based payment schemes

18 – 20 April 2023



- Improving N2000 network in collaboration with farmers
- "Good-practice-based payment schemes" (GPBPS)
- Restoring wetlands & farmland bird habitat for biodiversity & farming
- Marketing of agricultural „waste“ (field visit)

LANDCARE EUROPE Webinar series



First webinar: 6 September 2022, 5 -7 pm

Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

Prof. Agnoletti, UNESCO Chair

November

Landcare Europe – Objectives & Future

Please register at
www.landcare-europe.org



EU Conference Landcare Europe in Brussels



- First week of June 2023
- 2 half-days at European Parliament & other venue in Brussels
- Legal foundation of Landcare Europe as an organisation
- Presenting the Landcare approach to a broad audience
- Goal: Invite participants from all EU MS



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Thank you!

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