



# Landcare Europe

*Workshop in Klaipeda, Lithuania*

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**Innovative approaches for species & habitat restoration with farmers in &  
outside Natura 2000 areas**

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# What is 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**.



# The farmers we work with...

- ... cultivate grasslands, farmland, wetlands and special crops
- ... in a conventional or non-conventional manner
- ... on farms stretching from <1 ha to >1.000 ha
- ... on private, public and communal land
- ... as family or agri-businesses

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# Landcare organisations in numbers

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



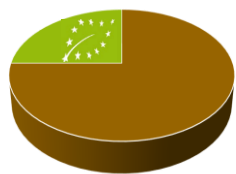
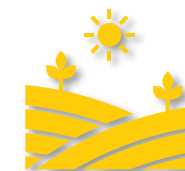
**Cooperation** with 34 countries on 5 continents

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



# Our objectives

**Exchange** 

On key factors for  
successful cooperative nature conservation

**Engage** 

With EU politics

**Expand** 

To all European countries



# LANDCARE EUROPE activities



**Promoting Landcare** as effective and necessary cooperative link between nature conservation, agriculture and communities.



**Exchanging knowledge & best practices** beyond borders to better implement EU environmental targets within an agricultural context.



**Supporting activities** of national Landcare organisations and the creation of new organisations.



**Consulting** of policy makers and supporting the national implementation of EU policies & strategies.



# We contribute to EU objectives

● Habitats, Birds & Water Framework Directives

● European Green Deal 2050

- EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
  - EU Soil Strategy 2030
  - Nature Restoration Law
- Farm-to-Fork Strategy
- EU Climate Adaptation Strategy

**Common  
Agricultural  
Policy (CAP)**



# LANDCARE EUROPE – Timeline

## First exchanges

2007-2017

Scotland, Poland,  
Spain, Italy,  
Romania, Ireland,  
...



**EU Support**  
2021



April 2022  
Italy



July 2022  
Romania



Sept/Nov 2022  
Online



March 2023  
Spain

## EU Conference



June  
2023



**Seminal  
Conference**  
2017

Presentation of  
network idea at EU  
level



**Workshops & Webinars**  
2022/2023

Exchange on key factors for successful  
cooperation

April 2023  
Lithuania



**Celebrating**  
Official  
foundation



# 8 + 1 Partners



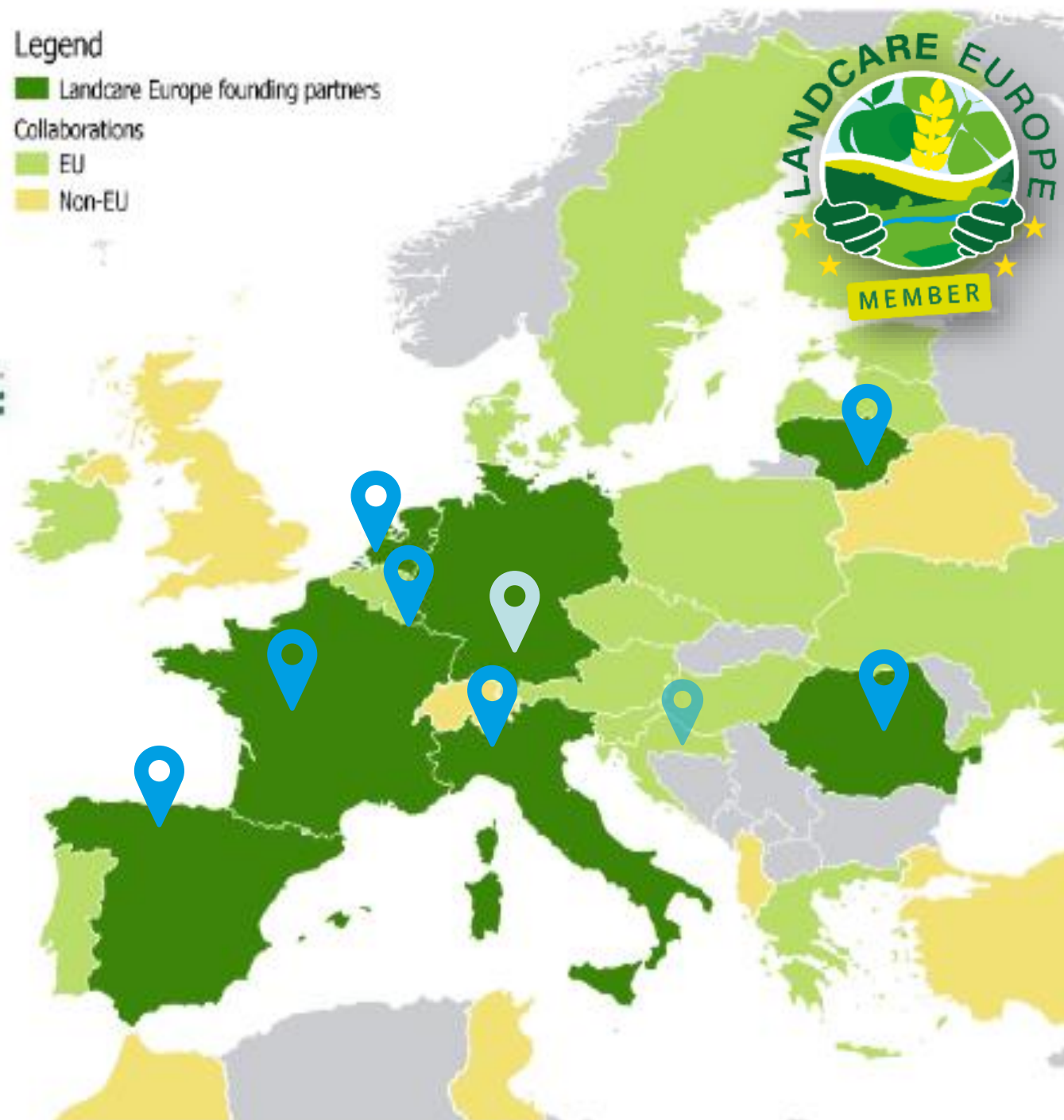
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Landcare Europe founding partners

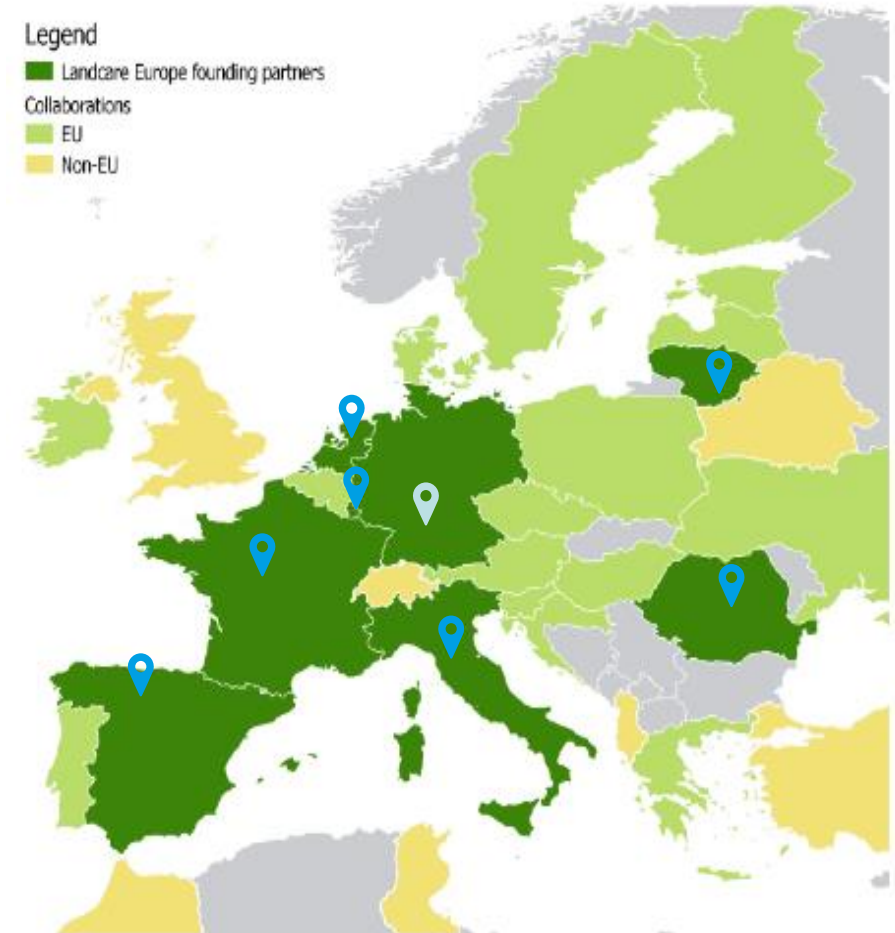
Collaborations

EU

Non-EU



# Goal: Expand to all European countries



# Why join?

## Membership...

- ...is **voluntary & reversible**
- ...**involvement is flexible** – different status available.
- ...provides **representation at EU level**
- ...allows remaining **independency** in activities.

**Open to all** non-governmental (NGOs) & non-profit organisations, who can identify with the Landcare approach and our objectives.



Pilot project  
Start



Sept

## Forming

Vision & Mission  
Comparison Study  
Work Programme



Workshop Milan



April 2022

25 participants  
18 organisations  
9 EU countries

Workshop Romania



July 2022

27 participants  
22 organisations  
11 countries

## Networking

Workshops & webinars

[www.landcare-europe.org](http://www.landcare-europe.org)



2023

## Communicating

Brochure & info sheets  
Key factors for successful cooperation

EU Conference



June 2023

Pilot project  
End



Aug 2023

## Norming

Organisational structure  
Code of conduct  
Membership  
Future

Workshop Andalusia



March 2023

Workshop Lithuania



April 2023



Celebrating  
Official foundation

## Growing

All 27 EU MS

2021

2022



# Questions?



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