



Landcare Europe

Workshop in Klaipeda, Lithuania

18 April 2023

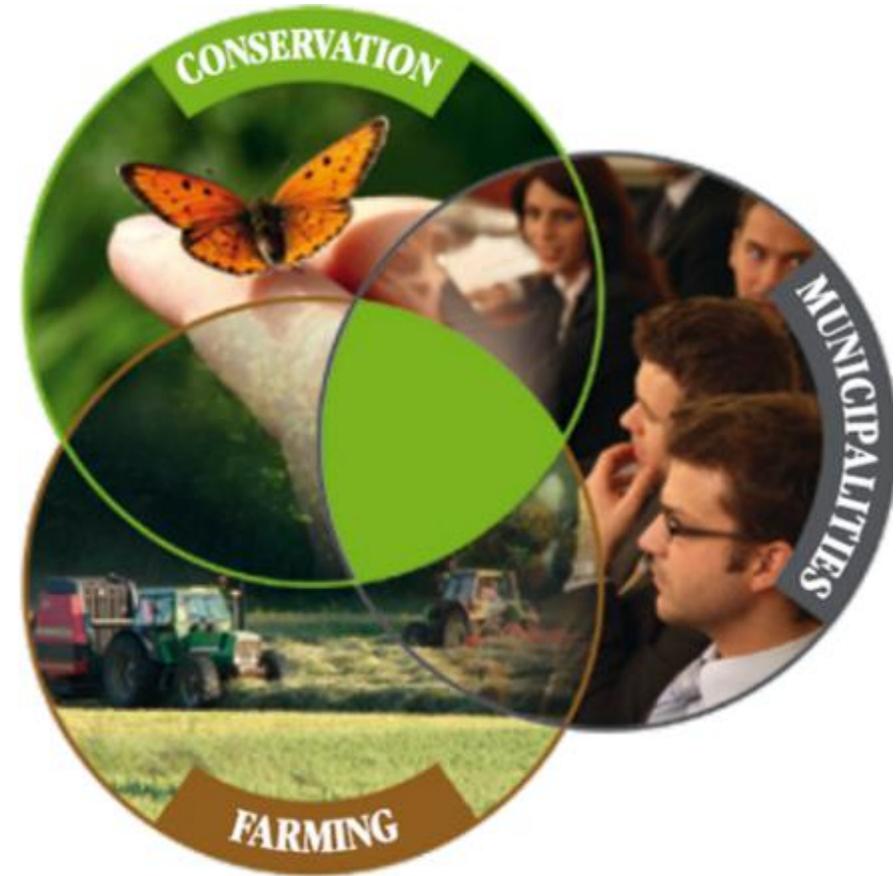
Innovative approaches for species & habitat restoration with farmers in & outside Natura 2000 areas

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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)



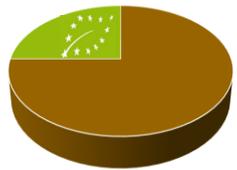
Cooperation with 34 countries on 5 continents

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

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

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

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

4 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



Celebrating
Official
foundation



**Seminal
Conference**
2017
Presentation of
network idea at EU
level



Workshops & Webinars
2022/2023

Exchange on key factors for successful
cooperation



April 2023
Lithuania

8 + 1 Partners

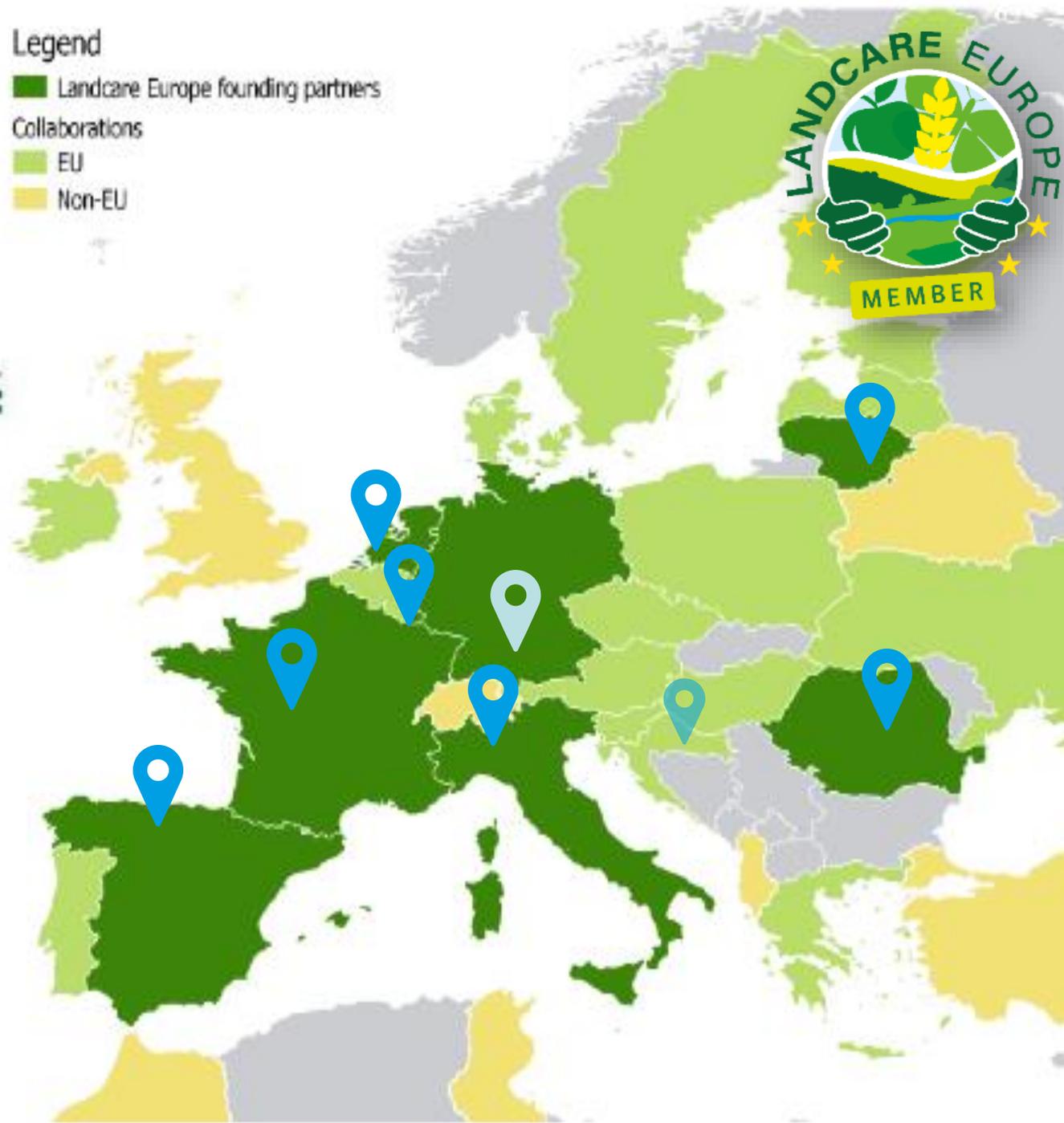
Legend

Landcare Europe founding partners

Collaborations

EU

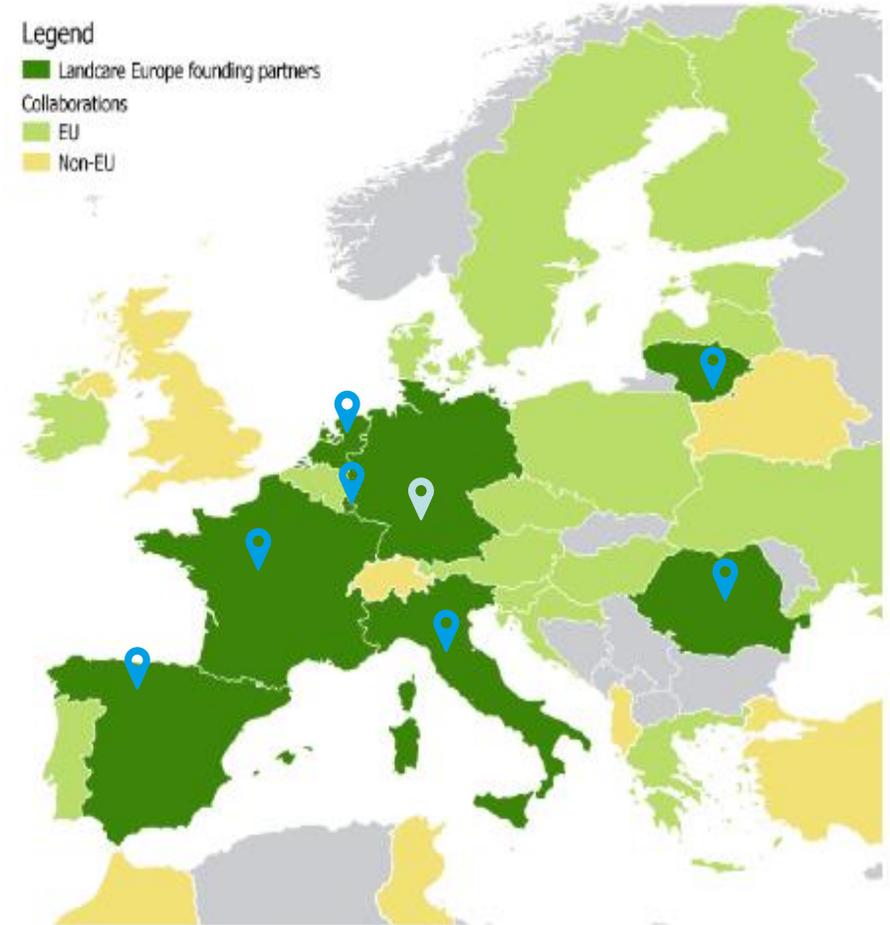
Non-EU



Goal: Expand to all European countries



Legend
■ Landcare Europe founding partners
■ Collaborations
■ EU
■ Non-EU



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



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?

