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Submit your area(s) for consideration by **September 21st 2025**
Selected sites will be confirmed by **December 2025**



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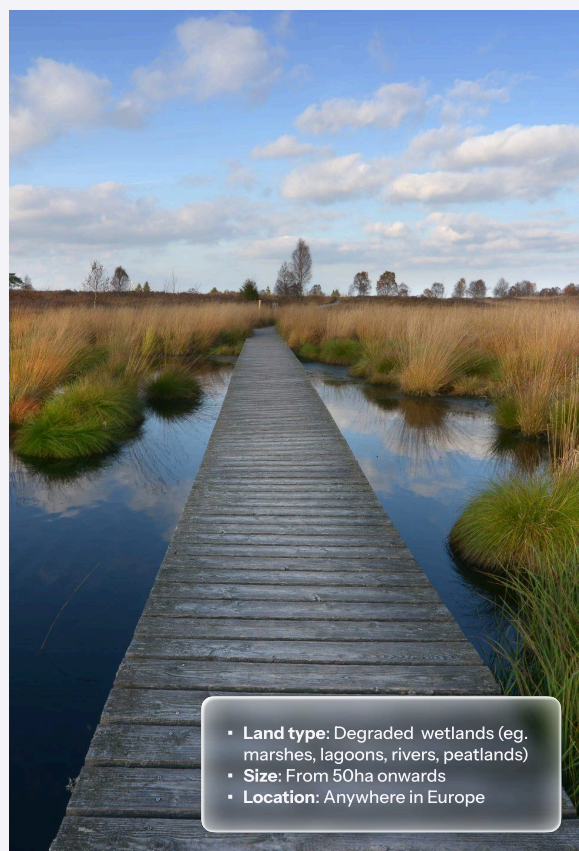
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Earn revenue by restoring *nature*.

Europe is exploring new ways to reward those who restore and protect nature. Similar to carbon credits, biodiversity credits are certificates that represent measurable positive ecological outcomes – such as healthier habitats, more species, or better water storage. These credits can then be purchased by companies, institutions, or individuals who want to invest in nature.

The EU LIFE project “Testing Biodiversity Credits in European Wetlands” (2025–2027) is piloting this approach. Together with landowners, we will restore degraded wetlands, generate biodiversity credits, and test their value on the market.



- **Land type:** Degraded wetlands (eg. marshes, lagoons, rivers, peatlands)
- **Size:** From 50ha onwards
- **Location:** Anywhere in Europe



What is involved

- 1. Baseline assessment** – Measuring the condition of the site before intervention.
- 2. Restoration actions** – Activities like rewetting peatlands, removing invasive species, reintroducing native plants, or restoring natural water flows.
- 3. Monitoring and verification** – Independent experts confirm that the ecological improvements meet the criteria of a recognized nature credit standard.
- 4. Issuance of credits** – One credit corresponds to a defined unit of nature-positive outcome (eg. 1 credit = 1% nature improvement in 1ha of wetlands).

Why participate

Free expert support: Tailored advice on feasibility, step-by-step project development, and certification.

New income streams: Generate additional revenue from biodiversity credits, alongside traditional land uses.

Market access: We help connect you with buyers for your credits.

Recognition: Gain visibility as a pioneer and environmental steward in an EU-backed initiative.

Long-term land value: An increase in ecological, recreational, and/or benefits related to improved soil quality and climate change adaptation.

How is it organized

All restoration activities on the land itself remain in the hands of the landowner, ensuring **full ownership and control** over the land.

You decide how involved you want to be: the more you take on restoration and credit management yourself, the larger your share of the revenues. If you prefer less involvement, you can still benefit by receiving a fair share without handling things like certification or sales.

Duration: Projects typically run 10–30 years. Ending a project early is possible under defined conditions, with no costs incurred.



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For more information on the project please visit the [EU Commission Public Database](#) or the NABU Project Website: <https://en.nabu.de/topics/ecosystems/life-biodiv-crew.html>