

# LANDCARE EUROPE

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.



## OUR NETWORK ACTIVITIES AT NATIONAL AND EU LEVEL

- 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 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 CONSULT AND WORK WITH

- > 100,000 farmers
- > 1000 citizens
- > 600 political stakeholders

... on the local, regional, national and EU level

### WE SUPPORT EU OBJECTIVES

- EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
- Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- Water Framework Directive (WFD)
- EU Soil Strategy 2030
- European Green Deal 2050
- EU Climate Adaptation Strategy
- Farm-to-Fork Strategy

### 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

### LANDCARE EUROPE

- has founding partners in 8 EU Member States (status August 2022)
- represents more than 250 national and regional Landcare organisations with over 2000 employees
- collaborates with 29 countries on projects, field visits and knowledge exchange

## WORKING AREAS OF LANDCARE ORGANISATIONS

- Bringing together farmers, land users, political decision makers, environmentalists & communities
- Regenerating biodiverse and resilient ecosystems in & outside Natura 2000 sites and other protected areas
- Raising public awareness on sustainable farming practices that provide healthy food, as well as other public goods and ecosystem services
- Elaborating good-practice-based payment schemes for agricultural measures that protect our public goods biodiversity, water, soil and climate
- Supporting & advising farmers & land users on
  - national and EU agri-environmental measures within the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
  - good practices that foster species protection & habitat restoration
  - new income sources for agricultural value chains like direct marketing, nature conservation, landscape management, renewable energies, eco-tourism, participation in research and others
  - livestock protection measures in rural areas for better human-wildlife coexistence

## CURRENT NETWORK PARTNERS

- Deutscher Verband für Landschaftspflege e.V. (DVL), Germany
- Agri-Cultura-Natura Transylvaniae Association (ACNT), Romania
- Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF), Lithuania
- BoerenNatuur, The Netherlands
- Fédération Conservatoires d'Espaces Naturels (FCEN), France
- Legambiente Lombardia, Italy
- SICONA-Sud-Ouest, Luxembourg
- Trashumancia y Naturaleza, Spain

## LANDCARE EUROPE AS A NETWORK ...

1. ... is open to all non-governmental (NGOs) & non-profit organisations, who can identify with the Landcare approach and our objectives.
2. ... represents its members at EU level while they remain independent in their activities.
3. ... offers a voluntary and reversible membership.



Our goal is to grow the network to all European countries.

Do you want to join?



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

## Vision & mission

Landcare Europe aims to preserve and restore biodiversity and resilience in European landscapes in a contemporary, innovative and sustainable manner by working in a cooperative approach with land users, farmers, local communities, nature conservation organisations, political authorities and decision-makers on private, public and communal land. Landcare Europe fosters a more nature-inclusive agricultural system providing healthy food and other public goods and ecosystem services, which improve the quality of life for people and other living beings. The network promotes 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.

## Core activities

The main focus of Landcare Europe lies on the exchange of knowledge & best practices beyond borders to better implement EU environmental targets within an agricultural context. These exchanges allow to define key factors for successful cooperative nature conservation, which can be transferred and therefore applied to other countries. The network shares expertise on local food production and direct marketing, species and habitat restoration in cooperation with farmers, good-practice-based payment schemes, managing large carnivores in rural grassland farming, as well as improving water and soil management, biodiversity, ecosystem services and yield in intensively farmed systems, including agroforests.

**The network aims to extend its reach to all EU Member States, connect existing Landcare or Landcare-like organisations as well as guide the foundation of organisations in countries, in which such a structure does not yet exist.**

## Why another network?

Farmers manage about 40 % of the Natura 2000 network of protected areas. The implementation of European environmental policies and directives - such as the European Nature and Water Framework Directives as well as the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 or the "Farm-to-Fork" Strategy - can only be achieved across borders and in cooperation with stakeholders from agriculture, nature conservation and politics. By following such an approach Landcare associations support nature conservation, responsible land management, sustainable, future-proof agriculture providing livelihoods while preserving cultural heritage landscapes on private, public and communal land and ensuring regional food security even in times of global crises.

The German Landcare organisation DVL has been instrumental in initiating a European network since 2007 by organising mutual visits to close this gap in the current NGOs landscape. In 2021, DVL received seed funding from the European Commission for 2 years to formally establish such a network at EU level together with partners it has been collaborating over years.

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