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Combining forces to increase the impact of peatland communication - The Multi Peat partners together in Amersfoort during a visit at the dutch project site Witte Veen. (Photo by Multi Peat)





#### **Peat Pals for LIFE**

Dear Reader,

we are pleased to invite you to come along on our journey to restored and protected peatlands. As a group of LIFE projects, we pooled our resources and created this newsletter to keep you up to date with the developments around peatland policy and our projects.

We hope that our articles are informative and inspiring, showcasing that within the peatland community, we are connected by a shared vision. We believe, that to fight the climate and biodiversity crises efficiently we need to restore and protect peatlands. These ecosystems have long proven to be carbon mega stores and a refuge to a multitude of endangered species. So on a daily basis, we get our hands dirty - rewetting, monitoring, evaluating... in short doing our best to ensure peatlands can thrive. This newsletter should present an opportunity to look at our shared progress and celebrate the small and big wins. We know your time is valuable – so this newsletter will be released quarterly, if there are enough updates. Less frequently if we consider that we have too little to say or celebrate.

With no further delay, we hope you enjoy the read!

Your Peatland Post team.



Introducing three LIFE Projects on Peatland restoration



The Multi Peat team together in Amersfoort, Netherlands 2023 (Photo by Multi Peat)

## **LIFE Multi Peat**

The LIFE Multi Peat Project restores and manages peatlands in Poland, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Ireland. Optimising the hydrological system of degraded peatlands to reduce GHG emissions and recovering optimal conditions to restart sequestering functions of the peatlands is how the project 'LIFE Multi Peat' plans to transfer an unfavourable situation into a favourable one.



Peat Pals for LIFE kick-off meeting near the project site in Fochteloërveen (Photo by Multi Peat)

# **Peat Pals for LIFE**

Central to the project is the restoration of a variety of degraded and carbon-rich peat ecosystems in the Netherlands (Fochteloërveen) and Flanders (Valley of the Abeek, Dommeldal and the Veewei). Natuurmonumenten, Natuurpunt, Wageningen University and Eurosite work together on this objective in the upcoming years. Last October the joint project kick-off took place near the

Fochteloërveen.



Photo of Mara Pakalne in Lielais Pelecare Mire by Diana Nemme

### **LIFE Peat Carbon**

To secure a livable planet for all and combat climate change, it is essential to upscale peatland restoration measures in Europe. LIFE Peat Carbon works across European borders with a multidisciplinary team from Latvia, Finland, Denmark and Germany to restore peatlands for humans and nature.

# **Peatland News & Events**

# Peatland restoration in Ireland: Galway Windpark

The Galway Wind Park project is Ireland's largest of its kind, exploring the synergies of clean energy production by wind turbines and the protection of blanket bogs. This new approach of colocation could prove a crucial strategy in the protection and rehabilitation of the Atlantic blanket bog, which is direly needed as the habitat has been depleted by over 80%. Read the <u>full article</u>.





European Peatland Mapathon to unlock the potential of the Peatland Policy Portal