



THE PEATLAND POST



The Peat Pals for LIFE partners in Sweden during a visit in the Store Mosse National Park.



Peat Pals for LIFE

Dear Reader,

This is the third issue of Peatland Post, the last in 2024. What's new in our peatland world? We are all increasingly aware of the significant changes that will take place in nature conservation policy following the entry into force of the Nature Restoration Regulation, and we are about to have a major discussion on the shape of the National Restoration Plans. We are also approaching the implementation of the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy and the debate on CAP reform is gaining momentum. We discussed this issue during the webinar 'Peatlands, Agriculture and the CAP' described below (focused i.e. on the recommendations gathered by the LIFE Multi Peat project partners). And in the meantime? We are exchanging experiences (Peat Pals for LIFE study tour in Sweden), sharing our restoration work at local and regional level (Natuurpunt in Flanders) and discussing the future of the European Peatlands Initiative (EUKI Peatlands project). In this issue you can also upload the manuals on peatland farming and peatland restoration prepared by the European Landowners' Organisation. Finally, NABU takes us to Finland (video on restoration through deforestation, LIFE PeatCarbon). Finland, Lapland, reindeer, Christmas trees, lots of snow... it's probably high time to wish you a Happy New Year;-)

Your Peatland Post Team



Peatland News

Peat Pals for Life visited Store Mosse National Park during twinning initiative

In September 2024, the Peat Pals for LIFE project partners (Natuurmonumenten, Natuurpunt, Wageningen University & Research and Eurosite) visited the Store Mosse National Park in Sweden.

They say: “We saw how a drained and excavated raised bog recovers after rewetting, without an excess of nitrogen. There was also a valuable exchange in the field of education and communication. Walking on peat with snowshoes on was a completely new experience for us! We are going to investigate how we can introduce the public to this in the Fochteloërveen.”

Read more about it [here!](#)



Peat Pals for LIFE in Flanders: The Word is Out!

The first one-and-a-half year of Peat Pals for Life has passed. In Flanders, Natuurpunt has been very busy in preparing the restoration measures in its pilot sites. We have been focussing on local communication about the project, with vision of reaching out to stakeholders in the near future. Furthermore have we been fine tuning our implementation plans so that all necessary preparatory assessments can start soon. Read more about it [here!](#)



Reviving Europe's Lungs: The Push for Peatland Restoration Through the European Peatlands Initiative

In his article Martin Vallejo explores the efforts underway to protect and restore these vital ecosystems. The article highlights the challenges and opportunities of fostering institutional collaboration, improving data, and raising awareness across the continent. [Read the article on EUKI website](#). Available there also in Spanish.



Eurosite Webinars: Peatlands, Farming, and the Common Agricultural Policy

On 19 December 2024, Eurosite organised a webinar presenting the interim results of two peatland projects: [LIFE Multi Peat](#) and [EUKI 'Building the European Peatlands Initiative](#).

We welcomed two speakers:

Leonor Cesar das Neves – [European Landowners' Organization](#): First steps to proactive peatland management: Guidance for agriculture, forestry, and restoration

Wiktor Kotowski – [Wetlands Conservation Centre](#): Preliminary recommendations for the Common Agricultural Policy (based on the analysis from 5 EU countries in the Life Multi Peat project).

Watch it [here](#) if you missed it.

[Read more](#) on the LIFE Multi Peat project website.



EUROSITE WEBINARS
Peatlands, farming and the Common Agricultural Policy

Webinar agenda

11:00-11:20. **Leonor Cesar das Neves - European Landowners' Organization:** First Steps to Proactive Peatland Management: Guidance for Agriculture, Forestry, and Restoration

11:20-11:40. **Wiktor Kotowski - Centrum Ochrony Mokradel:** Preliminary recommendations for the Common Agricultural Policy (based on the analysis from 5 EU countries in the Life Multi Peat project).

11:40-12:00: Q&A session and panel discussion - Fot. Tomasz Wilk

Welcome!

• Please ask your questions in the Q&A

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Peatland Publications

Restoration through deforestation - Peatland protection in Finland

Restoration embodies hope, and in this video, we delve into peatland restoration efforts in Pallas, Finland, under the [LIFE PeatCarbon project](#). Join Anna and Jack as they brave the icy cold and deep snow to document the area's transformation. Once devastated by failed timber plantations from the 1950s, the goal is to restore the original peatland by adjusting tree biomass to its natural state and closing drainage ditches. Unlike other ecosystems, peatlands can store unlimited carbon—a vital resource in our fight against climate change. Discover how these dedicated researchers are making a meaningful impact for the environment and our future.



EUKI Peatlands Project released two manuals on peatlands!

We are excited to share that two out of three manuals for the EUKI Project on Peatlands are now available!

Developed by the [European Landowners' Organization \(ELO\)](#), these manuals, developed as part of Building the European Peatlands Initiative: a strong alliance for peatland climate protection in Europe – a project formed under the European Climate Initiative (EUKI), focus on fostering collaboration for peatland conservation, restoration, and sustainable use. They include practical insights and strategies for landowners, farmers, and policymakers working to restore Europe's precious peatlands and mitigate climate change.

 Released Manuals:

- 1 Farming in Peatlands: A roadmap for transitioning to sustainable agriculture practices, including paludiculture, with innovative funding models and solutions. [Download here](#)
- 2 Peatland Restoration on Private Land: A comprehensive guide on site assessment, setting restoration goals, and leveraging financial incentives. [Download here](#)

📌 The final manual, completing this essential series, will be available soon. Stay tuned!
Together, let's restore Europe's peatlands for a more sustainable future. 🌱

For more details, visit [EUKI Peatlands Project](#).

The project is coordinated by Eurosite - the European Land Conservation Network.

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