



Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network

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Eurosite network - *facts and figures*



1989 established

80 Members

26 European countries

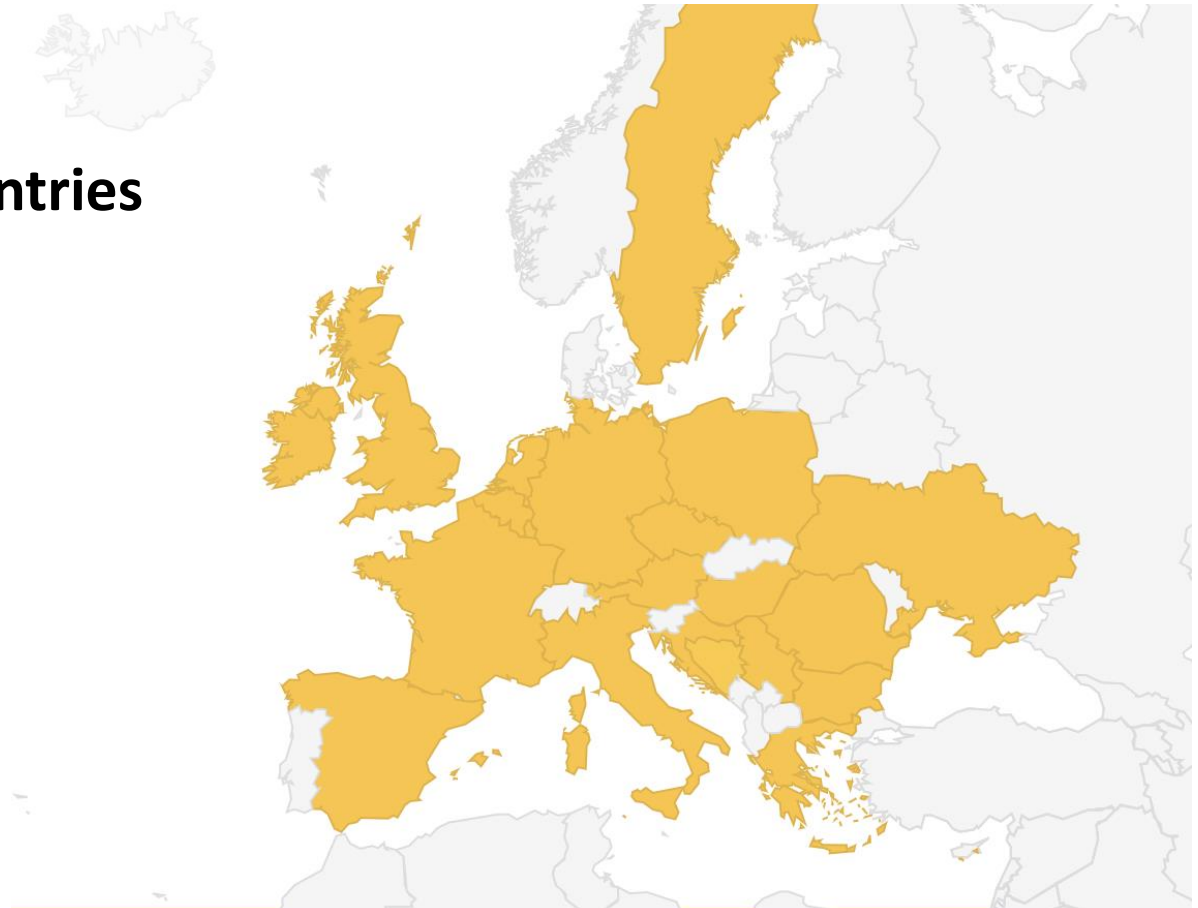
10,000 Site managers

7 Board Members

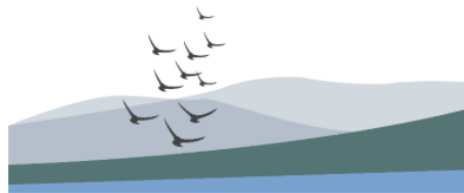
17 Council Members

12 Staff

9 Strategic partners



Strategic partners



INTERNATIONAL
LAND CONSERVATION
NETWORK

10 YEARS | *A program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*



Furosite

Global
Peatlands
Initiative



Rewilding
Europe®



Wetlands
INTERNATIONAL



GREIFSWALD
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Eurosite – connecting competence in conservation



Vision

A Europe where nature is cared for, protected, restored and valued by all.

Mission

To develop a strong and effective community of European land conservation practitioners by helping them to network, connect and exchange experience on the protection, restoration and stewardship of diverse, healthy and resilient ecosystems and natural spaces, both terrestrial and marine, across Europe.



Services for members



Travel agent



Trainer



Advocate



Broker



Expert



Librarian



Thematic Working Groups



- **2013: Economics and Ecosystem Services Working Group**
- **2014: Nature Based Solutions Working Group**
- **2018: Management Planning Expert Group**
- **2019: Remote Sensing Support Group**
- **2019: Peatland Restoration & Management Group**
- **2021: Agriculture, Biodiversity & Climate Group**
- **2021: Conservation Finance Working Group**
- **2022: Nature and Recreation Working Group**
- **2024: Private Land Conservation Working Group**





WE OFFER

farmers to present them

- as role models and inspiration for their peers.
- As good news stories to the public.
- As natural allies to policymakers



at Eurosite
EVENTS!

ABOUT US

Nature-friendly farming has a pivotal role in **solving the biodiversity and climate crisis.**

That's why the Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate (ABC) working group **brings together farmers with conservation practitioners and researchers.**



ABC

WORKING GROUP

Nature-friendly
farming



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WE NETWORK

Through the **Eurosite network**, we are linked to the **International Land Conservation Network (ILCN)**, which operates at the world level, and is thus able to **exchange experience** and solutions with practitioners (farmers, researchers, conservationists) on other continents.

The **ABC group** has a fruitful **relationship** with the **Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group (EMPEG)**.

WE ASK

- What are the **latest scientific discoveries** about land use?
- What do farmers have to say about the **feasibility** of proposed **biodiversity** and **climate-enhancing measures**?
- How can we ensure that **farmers** working with nature are **recognised and rewarded by the markets**?
- How can **subsidies, tax breaks** and payments for biodiversity and ecosystem services **benefit farmers**?

And there are so many more questions!

WE MEET

ABC meets online regularly. We meet face-to-face on-site, on-farm, and do excursions and workshops.

The ABC group organises **webinars and audiovisual presentations** on relevant topics.



Dutch farmer generations



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Main issues



- Reduced but ongoing use pesticides/fertilizer
 - Low soil and water quality
 - Low biodiversity: less flowers, insects, birds
 - Lack of knowledge
- Non-functioning agri environment schemes
- Rising rents and land prices
- History of landscape is invisible
- No relation with nearby consumer market



Result-based Payments



- + Taxpayers get proven value for their money
- + Grant flexibility to farmers
- + Farmers can take pride
- + Easy-to-perform monitoring
- + Suitable basis for consumer labels

- Additionality
- Less suitable for mobile species



Dutch nature farming course



Studeren ▾ Onderzoek ▾ Samenwerken ▾ Over Aeres ▾



🏠 Aeres Hogeschool

Natuurboeren

Inleiding beheer natuurasland



Duur: 3 lesdagen

Natuurondernemer niveau 1



Duur: 8 lesdagen

Natuurondernemer niveau 2



Duur: 8 lesdagen



Erasmus+ AGRI-Nature Mentor 2025 - 2026



Ground rules:

1. Farmers are more likely to listen to other farmers than to 'outsiders'
2. Farmers who are already delivering biodiversity are the best mentors to their peers
3. Nature means business – in the longer run, nature-friendly farming lowers input costs, improves yields and heightens resilience

Training modules for mentoring of nature-friendly farmers with Green Academy HAS in several countries (GE, AT, IT, UA, NL, UK, USA).



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