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A guide to Advocate and Engage in Nature Restoration using Nature-based solutions



Toolkit

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- Nature Restoration Survey Report
- Advocacy Pathways and Opportunities for Youth Inclusion in the Development of National Restoration Plans (NRPs)

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Definitions

Biodiversity: Biodiversity is the variety of life on Earth, including species, genes, and ecosystems that exist in nature. Biodiversity is essential for functioning natural systems and providing ecosystem services, such as pollination, nutrient cycling, water purification, climate regulation, and soil formation¹. Biodiversity also supports human well-being, health, food security, cultural diversity, and more:²

Ecosystems: Ecosystems are communities of living organisms in conjunction with the non-living components of their environment, interacting as a system. These biological communities form a variety of habitats, where different species fulfill unique roles, contributing to the overall function and stability of the ecosystem.³

Nature Restoration: Nature restoration involves the active recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded, damaged, or destroyed to return them to their natural state, enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration and soil fertility. Restoration activities include for example reforestation and invasive species removal with the aim to rebalance ecological systems. Nature restoration contributes directly to ecosystem recovery, helping to restore biological diversity and improve environmental health.⁴

Nature-based Solutions: Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are actions that use natural or semi-natural ecosystems to address societal challenges and provide human well-being and biodiversity benefits. NbS can help mitigate and adapt to climate change, enhance food and water security, reduce disaster risks, and promote human health and social cohesion. Some examples of NbS are restoring wetlands to improve water quality and flood protection, planting urban forests to cool cities and enhance air quality, and creating green corridors to connect habitats and facilitate wildlife movement.^{5, 6}

For more information on NbS you can check the [Global Youth Biodiversity Network's NbS Information Brief](#).⁷



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7 "What Are Nature-Based Solutions?" Nbs Youth Position, Services 4. Accessed April 26, 2024. <https://www.nbsyouthposition.org/brief>.

Nature Restoration Survey Report

Fundamentals of the Nature Restoration Law

A) The EU Nature Restoration Law (NRL) aims to restore the degraded ecosystems of the Member States, by reaching specific targets that ensure their improvement and protection. This novel and necessary law arises from the urgent need to restore the poor state conditions of the European ecosystems. The established targets are as follows:⁸

- By 2030, Member States must restore at least 30% of their habitats, with an overall EU target of 20%
- By 2040, the restoration target will increase to 60%.
- By 2050, the restoration target will increase to 90%

These restoration objectives pertain to agricultural, forest, wetland, riverine, grassland and marine ecosystems. Additionally, the objectives include increasing biodiversity and protecting vital natural processes performed by vital species groups such as pollinators (The EU #NatureRestorationLaw, 2024).

Over the course of negotiations between the Parliament, Council and Commission, the original proposal approved in 2022 has undergone drastic changes. On 27 February 2024, the Parliament approved the law at Plenary session. Nevertheless, the approved text is subject to significant challenges that threaten its integrity and effectiveness such as loose language and non-binding targets, time delays caused by emergency brakes and inadequate protection levels for vulnerable ecosystems. The last step was a majority approval from the EU Council. Initially, in March 2024, the NRL was rejected by Hungary, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden and Poland.⁹

⁸ Nature Restoration: Parliament Adopts Law To Restore 20% Of EU's Land And Sea | News | European Parliament, s. f.

⁹ EU Council position hardens against Nature Restoration Law. Accessed April 14, 2024. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/biodiversity/news/eu-council-position-hardens-against-nature-restoration-law/>



There was great mobilisation from European organisations and even the eleven Council ministers led by Ireland who wrote an open letter calling for their colleagues to approve the law. Citizen support for the NRL was also high.

A [survey](#) was also made to capture citizen's opinion regarding the Nature Restoration Law in those countries who did not support the law (Poland, Finland, Sweden, Italy, the Netherlands and Hungary). Overall, three out of four citizens (75%) responded are in favor of the law¹⁰, which put pressure on these countries to respect the opinion of their citizens. Fortunately, the NRL was passed on the 17th June 2024, with 20 members (representing 66% of the Union's population) voting in favour¹¹, with the Austrian Environmental Minister changing her vote at the last minute.¹²

Member states have two years to submit their national nature restoration plans to the European Commission, i.e. by mid-2026. This plan will have to detail countries' strategy for meeting the targets set out in the law, as well as setting up a monitoring system.

The passing of the law will now trickle down to the single member states, and remains of utmost importance for the EU to achieve Green Deal goals and to reach its commitment agreed during the 2022 Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15, when the [Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework \(GBF\)](#) was signed. Among other things, under the GBF, signatories committed to restore 30% of all degraded ecosystems and conserve 30% of land, waters and seas by 2030 on a global level.

Official documents regarding the NRL

- [Nature Restoration Law overview - European Commission](#)
- [Official Journal of the Environment Council of June 17 2024](#)
- [Nature Restoration Law](#)
- [Nature Restoration Law: Council gives final green light \(press release, 17 June 2024\)](#)
- [Public session of June 17 2024](#)

¹⁰ Nature Restoration Law supported by 75% of citizens in countries not backing the law. WWF EU. Accessed July 11 2024. <https://www.wwf.eu/?13795416/Nature-Restoration-Law-supported-by-75-of-citizens-in-countries-not-backing-the-law>

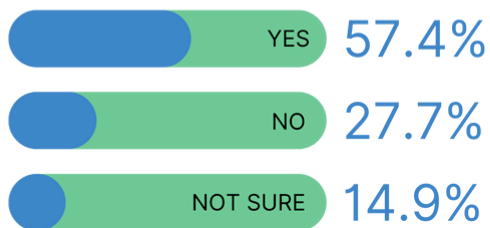
¹¹ "Nature restoration law: Council gives final green light." Council of the European Union. Accessed 23 June 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/06/17/nature-restoration-law-council-gives-final-green-light/>; "Voting result". Council of the European Union. Accessed 23 June 2024. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CONSIL:ST_11308_2024_INIT

¹² Nature Restoration Law gets green light after Austria flips. Euro News. Accessed 22 June 2024. <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/06/17/nature-restoration-law-gets-green-light-after-austria-flips>

GCE Youth Survey

B) In March 2024, GCE launched a youth survey regarding the NRL and Nature-based Solutions (NbS). Using the information gathered through this survey, GCE aims to **deepen perspectives and knowledge** on policy instruments and funding mechanisms. Forty-seven total participants, ranging in age from 18 to 30 years old, responded to the survey. The most prevalent nationalities represented in the pool of participants were German, Italian, French and Dutch, with overseas participation also comprising Indonesia, American and Mexican respondents.

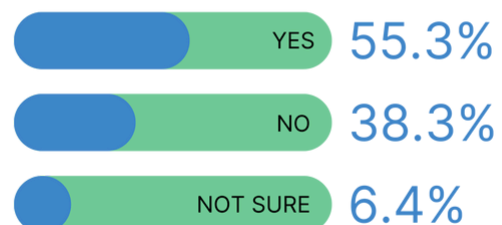
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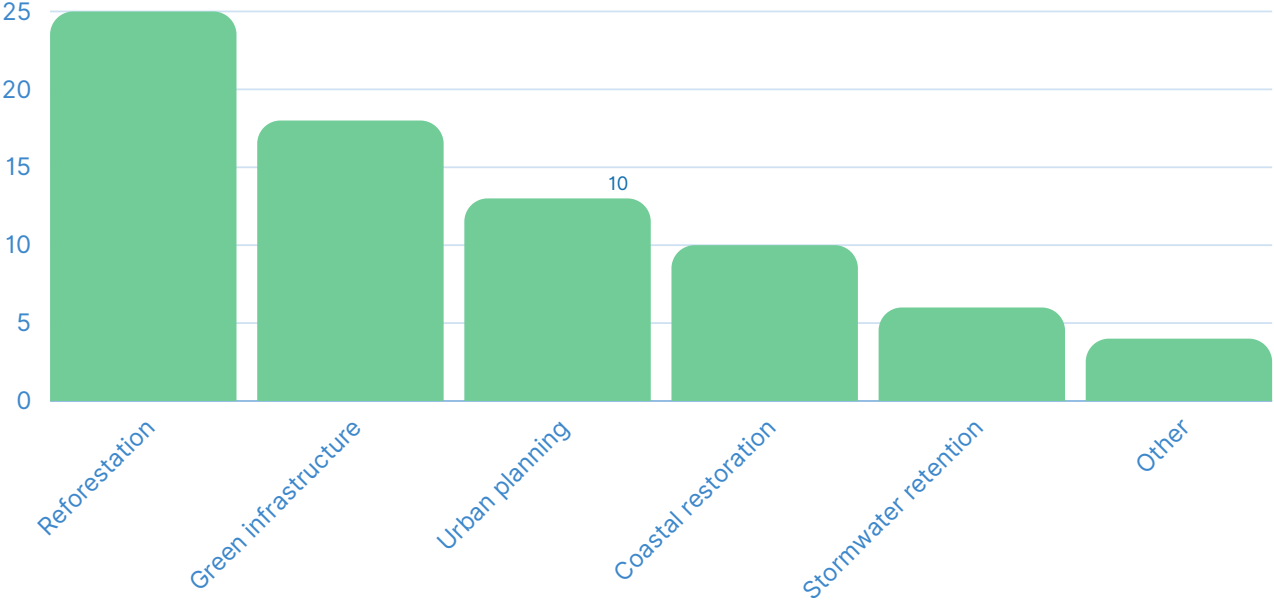
The most prevalent countries of residence for participants included **Germany, the Netherlands and the UK**. Over half of the participants are acquainted with NbS and aware of the NRL. Moreover, a significant number engaged in NbS endeavours like tree planting efforts, eco-friendly infrastructure projects, and reviving coastal areas.

Additional responses highlighted diverse NbS practices such as traditional farming, organic agriculture, and wetland rehabilitation, showcasing the breadth of approaches. These ventures were largely facilitated by volunteer work, advocacy, and participation in Erasmus initiatives. Individuals who did not partake in these activities expressed regrets over limited opportunities or insufficient information in their locality, or simply displayed more interest in other subjects. Here we provide some key insights into our survey findings.

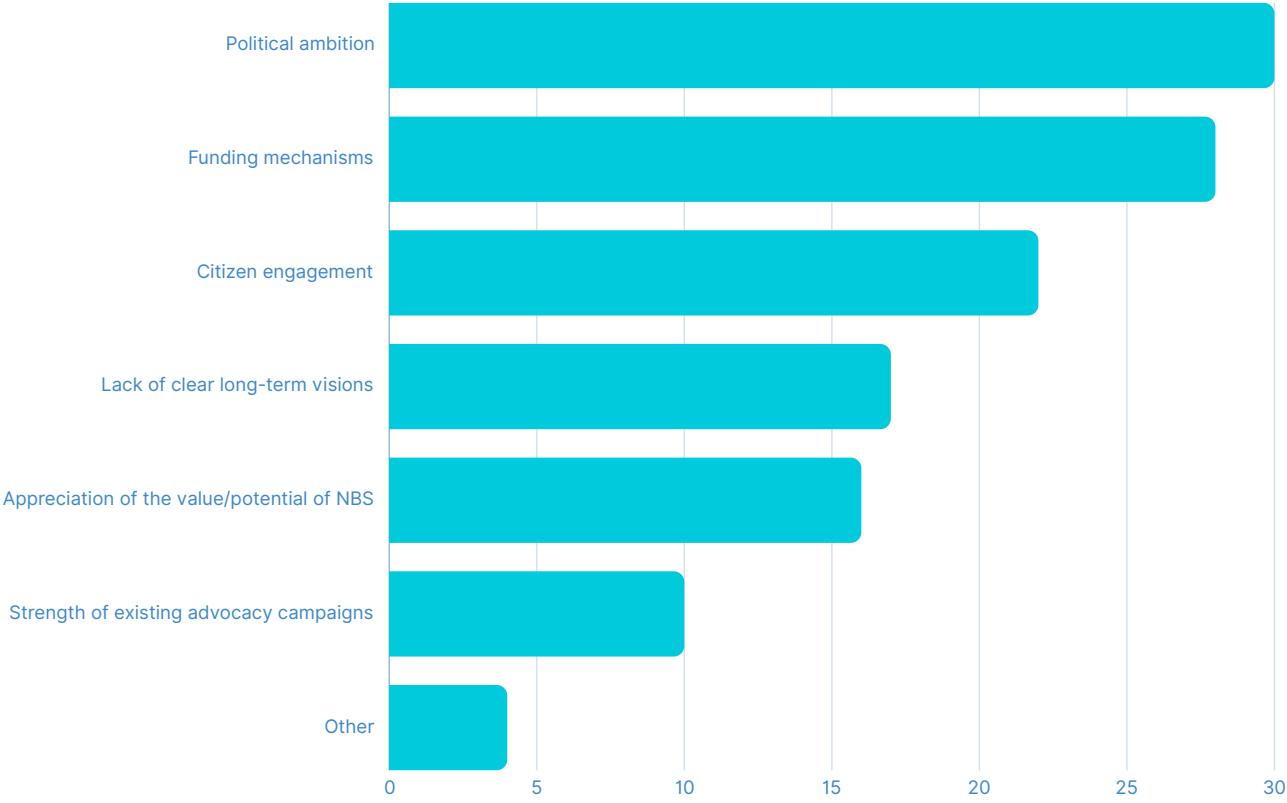
Have you heard about the EU Nature Restoration Law?



Types of NBS initiatives encountered or participated in



Perceived challenges to NBS implementation in EU policies



Advocacy Pathways and Opportunities for Youth Inclusion in the Development of National Restoration Plans (NRPs)

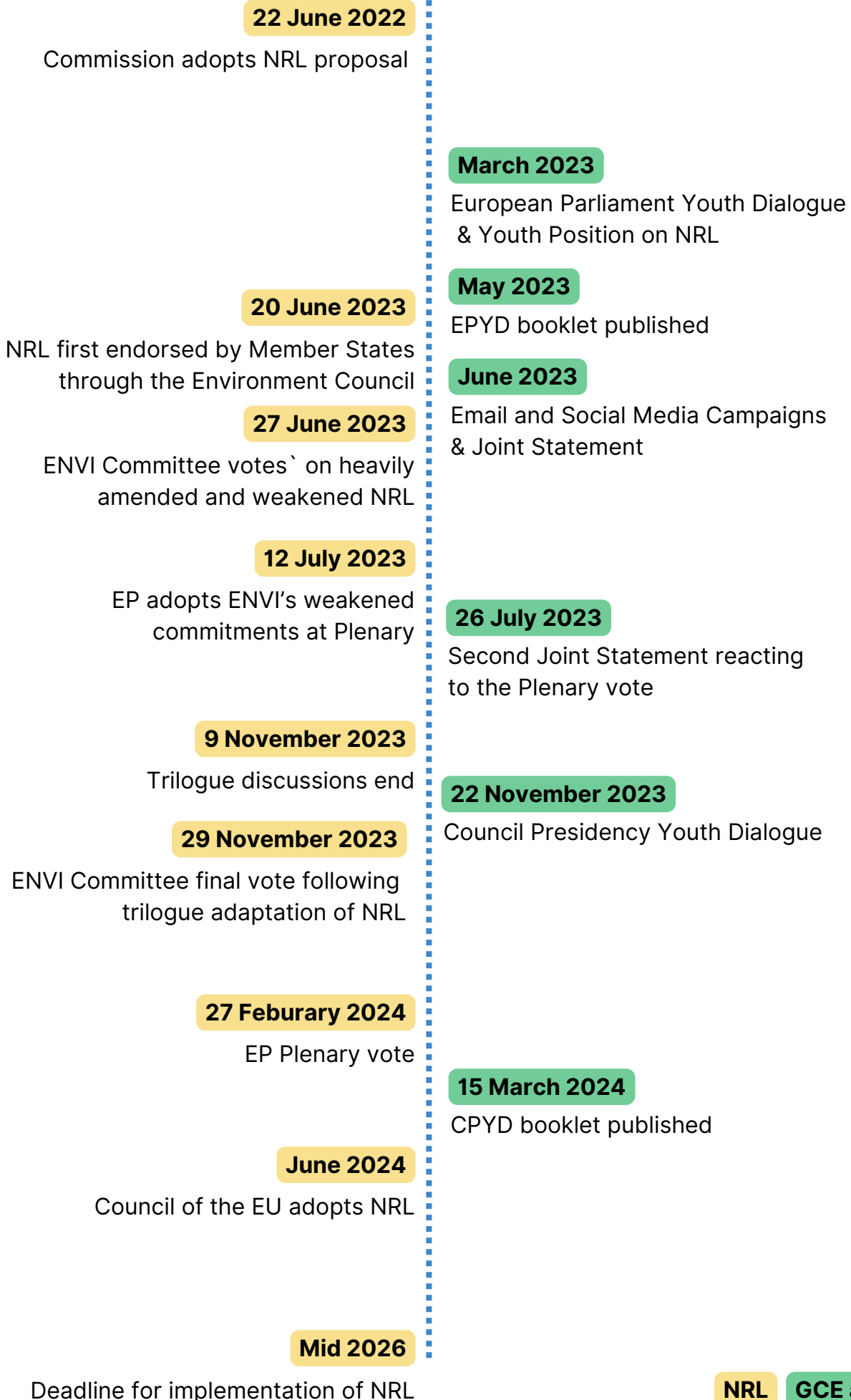
As part of the NRL, individual Member States will have the responsibility of drafting National Restoration Plans (NRPs) aiming to assist in the attainment of EU-wide goals for biodiversity restoration. **On the next page is a timeline of NRL developments and associated GCE actions thus far.**

NbS will remain an important tool in ensuring that NRPs are ambitiously conceptualised and implemented. In fact, NbS offer an array of benefits to Member States and also will be vital in the promotion of wellbeing in human and natural communities throughout the NRL's implementation.



Timeline

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However, youth must be included in environmental decision-making as they represent valuable stakeholders and can bring valuable skills to NbS development. Indeed, youth are instigators of societal transformation, allowing us to employ NbS to improve communities wellbeing.

But how can youth take an active role in the development of the NRPs and NbS?

01

Advocacy and Awareness

Youth can advocate for the inclusion of sustainability principles and NbS in NRPs by raising awareness about environmental issues among policymakers and the public. We can use social media, organize campaigns, and participate in demonstrations to highlight the importance of integrating NbS into national planning processes.

02

Participation in decision-making and projects

Youth can actively engage in decision-making processes related to NRPs and NbS by participating in consultations and attending stakeholder meetings. Our perspectives and ideas can contribute to more inclusive and effective policies that address the needs of both current and future generations.

E.g., the French Ministry of Ecology initiative Atlas de la biodiversité communale (ABC, Municipal biodiversity atlas): communities and youth can participate and support local authorities to set up inventories of habitats and species at the city level

03

Education and Capacity Building

Youth can take proactive steps to build their knowledge and skills in environmental conservation, sustainable development, and NbS. This may involve participating in training programs, workshops, and mentorship initiatives that equip youth with the tools and expertise needed to contribute meaningfully to NRP development and NbS implementation.



Important dates and events to keep in mind

Elections

It can be the EU Parliamentary elections or National and subnational elections. Elections and the road to the elections are a pivotal moment for citizens to push policymakers to listen to our voices and for us to decide who we want to represent us. You can check the [Europe Elects website](#) for the elections calendar of the years to come. Below we shared some of the upcoming dates for the second part of 2024.

- 20-21 September 2024: Czech Republic regional elections
- 22 September 2024: Germany's Brandenburg state elections
- 29 September 2024: Austrian legislative elections

International events

- 21 October - 1 November 2024 (Cali, Colombia): UN Biodiversity - CBD COP 16
- 11-22 November 2024 (Baku, Azerbaijan): UNFCCC COP 29



Relevant Organisations & Practical Examples of Their Work

Embarking on the journey of environmental stewardship, three dynamic youth-led organizations stand out: Italy's Etifor, France's RESES and the European Young Rewilders. In the following sections, we'll explore the initiatives and impact of these organizations in greater detail.

ETIFOR

Etifor is an Italian consulting firm specializing in sustainable development and natural resource management. Founded in 2009 within the University of Padua, the now B-corp benefit company offers a range of services aimed at promoting sustainability across various sectors, with a particular focus on forestry, agriculture, and landscape management. Etifor's expertise lies in providing innovative solutions that balance economic, social, and environmental considerations. They work with clients from both the public and private sectors, offering tailored strategies, research, and project implementation support to address complex sustainability challenges. With a team of multidisciplinary experts, Etifor is committed to fostering a more sustainable future through responsible stewardship of natural resources and ecosystems.

RESES

RESES stands for Réseau Étudiant pour une Société Écologique et Solidaire (Student Network for an Ecological and Solidarity Society). Since 2007, the 150 student associations network carries out projects related to ecological and solidarity issues with themes such as food, biodiversity, climate, waste, etc with the conviction that youth and students are an essential force for building tomorrow. RESES aims to ensure that all students are trained and committed to environmental and solidarity-based issues, as well as climate and biodiversity concerns. They also strive for campuses to be fully sustainable and engaged in the ecological transition across governance, operations, and education. To achieve these objectives, RESES collects knowledge and expertise from various associations, provides training and resources, and amplifies the voices of students in national and international discussions on environmental issues, particularly related to education and vocational integration.

European Young Rewilders

EYR is a network of young people and young professionals facilitating capacity-building, as well as the sharing of experiences and knowledge on rewilding. Rewilding is a progressive approach to conservation. It's about letting nature take care of itself, enabling natural processes to shape land and sea, repair damaged ecosystems and restore degraded landscapes. Through rewilding, wildlife's natural rhythms create wilder, more biodiverse habitats. EYR aims to connect and empower young professionals from different sectors by informing, educating on and facilitating rewilding practices. EYR also aims to amplify young people's voices on rewilding, including facilitating meaningful youth inclusion in decision-making and increasing awareness of the role of youth and activism in the field of rewilding.

Relevant Organisations & Practical Examples of Their Work

Here you can explore a diverse array of organizations and events from a few municipalities in Europe, each passionately advocating for sustainability and embracing the essence of nature. These hopefully can offer you glimpses into what could be achieved closer to your own vicinity, serving as catalysts for inspiration and sparking ideas for potential ventures.

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

- [Zaiafet on the Moon](#) (Zaiafet pe Luna) - a 3-day Zero Waste Festival happening every year in Cluj, Romania. They promote sustainability through on-site composting and recycling workshops, by shedding light on local artisans, and also through minimalism. The 3-day sustainability and music festival takes place at Luna Estate, a noble domain from the 17th century, with a historic park that is home to centuries-old trees, often visited by wild animals. Also, everyone is expected to bring their own reusable bottles, housewares and own cutlery.
- [Sustainable Cluj](#) (Clujul Sustenabil) - NGO with the mission to support economic, environmental and social initiatives in Cluj, with the purpose of sustainable urban development. They supported initiatives such as: REACTOR - an augmented reality mobile app designed for primary and high school children to understand the effect climate change has on cities and find innovative ways to build a resilient City of the Future in Cluj; workshops in schools that teach children concepts such as biodiversity and sustainability, or co-creating the Green Film Days in Cluj, as a means for all to find out how to engage in sustainable living.



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- [Via Transilvanica](#) (“The Road that Unites”) - a long-distance tourist route of 1400 km, that crosses Romania and can be traversed through walking, cycling or horse riding.
- [Cluj Food Bank](#) - an NGO with the mission of reducing food waste by redistributing it to the unfortunate ones. To date, they have donated close to 6.5M portions of food, and have fed more than 45.000 people.
- [Center for Innovation and Civic Imagination](#) - Their primary focus is on promoting civic engagement, innovation, and creativity within the community. The center organizes various activities, workshops, and projects aimed at fostering civic participation, problem-solving, and social innovation. They may also collaborate with local government, NGOs, and other stakeholders to address societal challenges and enhance community development through creative and innovative approaches.
- EcoForce - the first ecological magazine in the heart of Transylvania that aims to inspire the young people of the city of Cluj to actively contribute to the fight against climate change, pointing that each and every one of us can make a positive impact in the world.



Udine/Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy:

- [Guardiani del Torre](#): a civic association for the protection of the river Torre - themes they touch upon are pollution reduction, hydraulic defense, protection of hydrogeological instability, denaturalisation and landscape improvement. The project started by Elsa Merlino, who protected the river from unauthorised excavations that could have destroyed the “magredi”, spontaneous expanses of vegetation rich in biodiversity and protected by the regional government.
- [ReGeneration Hub Friuli](#): a NGO focusing on empowering youth through creation opportunities, spreading awareness, and reaffirming the belief that change is still achievable. Each summer they organise the NanoValbruna Forum, a green festival in the heart of the Friulian Alps, bringing different stakeholders together through workshops and seminars. During the festival they also have the “BAITE Award” Contest, an international competition aimed at young people and their innovative start-up ideas.

- Harpo verdepensile: a company offering green roofing system solutions cooperating with the best Italian Universities in the botanical and engineering fields.
- Marevivo (Trieste unit): an environmental foundation that protects the sea and its resources.
- eFrame: a consulting firm offering sustainable and green solutions to public and private firms to shift their business models to climate positive and sustainable ones.

Wien/Vienna, Austria:

- Green4Cities: Green4Cities is an office for landscape architecture and research and development for urban green infrastructure
- Naturebase: a company specialized in green walls. LivingPANELS have their origin in an international research project. A cooperation between renowned European universities, such as the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna produced the first LivingPANELS and examined it scientifically for many years. They were then further developed by NatureBase to market maturity.
- Plantika: a company offering green roof services in Wien. Aims to create more green spaces in cities and thereby improve the climate in urban spaces.
- Umweltdachverband (UWD): an Environmental Umbrella Organisation, a non-partisan platform with 35 member organisations, which in turn represent the interests of around 1.3 million members, promoting environmental protection and nature conservation in Austria and thus actively shaping the world of tomorrow.
- Nature Freunde Jugend: in English Nature Friend Youth, an organisation focusing on people, movement and the environment. Nature lovers' youth would like to encourage young people to actively shape their leisure time.
- Alpenverein: the Alpine Club is the largest alpine association in Austria. As a "**lawyer of the Alps**", the Alpine Club has gained a say in alpine spatial planning and has established itself as an ecological conscience in Alpine environmental issues. They offer sound experiential educational education and children's and youth groups.

Available/free courses & institutions/organisations in Europe posting internship calls

Free online courses

- [Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience](#)
- [Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development](#)
- [Ecosystem-based Adaptation E-Learning Course](#) by IISD
- [Climate Action Project](#): Free virtual 6-week project allowing teachers and students aged 3-21 to collaborate on environmental topics
- [Nature-based Solutions professional certificate IUCN Global Standard™](#): minimum 3 years of work experience
- [Green Marketing Challenge](#): Test on 10 principles to sustainability claims on products
- [Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Working with nature to adapt to a changing climate](#)
- [Integration of the SDGs into National Planning](#): Support for designing strategies and plans to implement the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the SDGs
- [Integrated Approaches to Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support for the SDGs](#): Practical ways to support UN country teams and Member States in implementing and accelerating the 2030 Agenda, using the MAPS (Mainstreaming, Acceleration, and Policy Support) approach.
- [SDGAcademyX: Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Working with nature to adapt to a changing climate](#) (available in multiple languages)

Youth Organisations

- [Generation Climate Europe](#)
- [Youth and Environment Europe](#)
- [European Young Rewilders](#)
- [Global Youth Biodiversity Network Europe](#)
- [RESES](#)
- [Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(Youth\)](#)
- [International Young Naturefriends](#)



Books, Scientific Papers, Presentations etc.

- [Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard](#) by Douglas W. Tallamy
- [Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life](#) by Edward O. Wilson
- [Rewilding](#) (Edited by Nathalie Pettorelli, Institute of Zoology, London, Sarah M. Durant, Institute of Zoology, London, Johan T. du Toit, Utah State University)
- [IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions](#)
- [Global Biodiversity Outlook 5: A flagship report by the Convention on Biological Diversity that summarizes the state of biodiversity and the progress towards the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The report also outlines the actions needed to achieve the 2050 Vision of living in harmony with nature.](#)
- [Nature-based solutions in action: Lessons from the Frontline](#) published by CAN (Climate Action Network)
- [Nature-based solutions to address global societal challenges](#) published by IUCN

Resource platforms

- [Oppla](#): EU repository of NbS, provides a knowledge marketplace, where the latest thinking on natural capital, ecosystem services and nature-based solutions is brought together.
- [Global Centre for Adaptation](#): International Organisation, keep an eye out for online events
- [The Nature Conservancy](#): Global environmental nonprofit present also in Europe - volunteering opportunities, events and educational resources
- [Nature-based Solutions IUCN](#): News, Resources etc. from the International Union for Conservation of Nature
- [edX](#): Online education platform with courses in various fields (including sustainability, biodiversity and more)
- [Future Learn](#): Online education platform
- [The Nature Conservancy: Youth Engagement \(Tools & Resources\)](#) and [Data & Tools](#)
- [Network Nature | Nature-based Solutions resources](#) – Nearly 500 useful resources to co-create, implement, monitor and measure Nature-based Solutions. Produced by Horizon projects, international organisations and others.
- [Network Nature | NbS Knowledge Database](#) - Tools and guidance on NbS that can be filtered by societal challenges, specific themes and countries
- [Network Nature | Database of EU research and innovation projects on nature-based solutions](#): Gather European research and innovation projects results related to NbS
- [NetworkNature | Nature-based solutions knowledge gaps](#): List of knowledge gaps to help to identify future research topics and solutions
- [Nature-based solutions: Transforming cities, enhancing well-being](#): EU's NbS projects results

Advocacy templates

The following texts can be adapted and used by youth advocates and environmentalists to send to local authorities and administrations. You can add momentum and actively participate in the push for stronger nature restoration legislation in your local communities and neighbourhoods by sending these messages to elected officials who have the power to implement meaningful change. Every voice matters!

See below some templates that you can modify and translate.

New Message

To

Subject

Dear *[name of the official, office, ministry, or other public administration]*

We as *[European / own nation youth / name of the organisation]* are actively aware of the dire need for Member States to develop and implement National Restoration Plans (NRPs) as obliged by the Nature Restoration Law (NRL) by June 2026. We therefore urge you to represent and adhere to the demands of concerned citizens by driving forth ambitious NRPs and securing a climate-resilient future for your European community.

We ask you to






- a) to invite youth advocacy organizations to participate in meetings regarding the development of NRPs, giving them opportunities and platforms to discuss and exchange ideas, ultimately including organizations at local, regional, national and international levels (i.e. Generation Climate Europe);
- b) throughout the development of NRPs, to promote youth engagement in practical restoration activities, motivating actors facilitating ecosystem restoration to hire recent graduates and young professionals, thereby instilling such practices with the knowledge and skill sets possessed by youth on restoration projects

We look forward to seeing how these actions develop and generate positive and beneficial impacts both for society and for the environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

[Your name]

Send     

Hey [name], European youth demand action!
Accelerate National Restoration Plans under the
Nature Restoration Law. We insist on inclusive youth
participation and hands-on engagement in ecosystem
restoration. Let's secure a resilient future together.
#YouthforNature #NatureRestorationLaw



@[name] Youth are the driving force for change! It's
time to actively involve us in shaping and
implementing nature-based solutions for a sustainable
future. Let's work together to restore ecosystems and
build resilience. Our future depends on it! 🌱📁
#YouthforNature



"[Minister's Name], we urge you to develop efficient
National Restoration Plans under the Nature
Restoration Law. Ensure an open, inclusive process
involving youth and local communities. Together, we
can build a sustainable, resilient future! 🌍🌱
#YouthForNature #RestorationNow"

Not only in your local communities! Given some ministers still voted at the EU Council against the NRL, it is important to put pressure on them to develop the NRPs in a timely and efficient manner. See below some templates that you can modify and translate into your mother tongue.

New Message



To

Subject Call for Timely and Inclusive Development of National Restoration Plans

Dear *[Name of the Minister]*,

I hope this message finds you well.

As a concerned citizen and representative of the European youth, I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of developing and implementing sound, efficient, and well-aimed National Restoration Plans (NRPs) as mandated by the Nature Restoration Law (NRL).

The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated, as the health of our ecosystems and the resilience of our climate depend on timely and effective action.

We urge your ministry to prioritize the following key actions in the development of NRPs:

1. **Inclusivity in the Planning Process:** Ensure an open and transparent process that involves diverse stakeholders, including youth advocacy organizations, local communities, scientists, and environmental NGOs. This will foster a sense of ownership and commitment across all sectors of society.
2. **Youth Engagement:** Actively invite youth organizations and local communities to participate in meetings and discussions regarding the NRPs. Providing platforms these stakeholders to share their ideas and perspectives will enrich the planning process and ensure that the plans are innovative and forward-thinking.
3. **Practical Involvement:** Promote youth engagement in practical restoration activities. Encourage actors facilitating ecosystem restoration to hire recent graduates and young professionals. This approach will not only provide valuable hands-on experience for young people but also infuse restoration projects with fresh knowledge and skill sets.
4. **Timely and Efficient Implementation:** Establish clear timelines and milestones to ensure that the NRPs are developed and implemented efficiently. Regular progress updates and public reporting will help maintain transparency and accountability, as mandated in the NRL.

We are confident that your ministry can develop robust NRPs that will effectively address the environmental challenges we face and contribute to a sustainable and climate-resilient future for our national and European community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing proactive steps taken towards the development and implementation of ambitious National Restoration Plans.

Best regards,

[Your Name] [Your Contact Information]

[Your Organisation, if applicable]

Send



List of Ministers who voted against the NRL

Country	Name	Title	Contact
Finland	Kai MYKKÄNEN	Minister for the Environment and Climate	X: @KaiMykkanenMail:kai.mykkanen@eduskunta.fi
Hungary	Anikó RAISZ	Minister of State for Environmental Affairs	X:@AnikoRaiszLinkedIn:Anikó Raisz
Italy	Gilberto PICHETTO Fratin	Minister for the Environment and Energy Security	X: @GPichettoMail:urp@minambiente.it
	Vannia GAVA	Deputy Minister for the Environment and Energy Security	X: @VanniaGavaLinkedIn:Vannia Gava
The Netherlands	Vivianne HEIJNEN	Minister for the Environment	X: @vivianneheijnenLinkedIn:Vivianne Heijnen
	Rob JETTEN	Minister for Climate and Energy Policy	X: @RobJettenLinkedIn: Rob Jetten
Poland	Krzysztof BOLESTA	State Secretary, Ministry for Climate and Environment	X: @k_bolestaLinkedIn: Krzysztof (Chris) Bolesta
Sweden	Daniel WESTLÉN	State Secretary to the Minister for Climate and the Environment	X: @DWestlenLinkedIn: Daniel Westlén

Environmental ministers rally to save nature restoration law - but Hungary remains defiant. Accessed April 16, 2024. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/biodiversity/news/environment-ministers-rally-to-save-nature-restoration-law-but-hungary-remains-defiant/>; Environmental Council. Accessed April 16, 2024. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/fflp0fcf/20240325envi-participants.pdf>