

Land Is For Ever

Adapting new conservation tools to engage private landowners in national and regional conservation efforts in EU Member States



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Current situation



EU by 2020: Halt Biodiversity loss

- Natura 2000: Europe's nature protection network
- Biodiversity conservation on private land?
 - Engagement of private landowners is required
 - In most EU Member States: voluntary programs supporting land owners in participating nature conservation management



Examples of conservation regulations and tools

- New Flemish Nature legislation: Subsidies and Tax benefits

One single legislation and application procedure for all types of nature and all types of owners

- Wildlife Estate Label

Public recognition

- Information and on-the-ground support programs

- ...

→ Lack of awareness of existing and programs

→ Lack of programs in some National/Regional/European laws and policies

Overall project objective



- Expand the use of private land conservation methods and approaches in the EU
- Develop recommendations for new and more effective private land conservation policies *changes, administrative regulations, guidelines, funding, incentives, capacity needs, ...*
- Develop a Network of European Private landowners involved in nature conservation

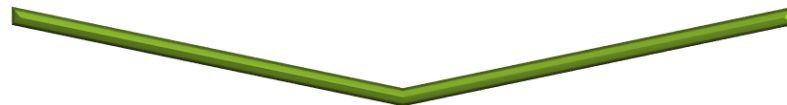


Project process



Bottom-up approach

- Rather unique approach in Policy development
- Land owners and managers will be closely involved through the project (Network)



Greater chance of success and cooperation



Project process



- **List** current conservation tools in EU and US
- Assess **landowner understanding**: Focus Group discussions in different EU Member States
- Engage local governmental organizations and stakeholders

- Germany
- France
- Czech Republic
- Spain
- Portugal
- Belgium
- Sweden
- Finland
- Poland
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Luxembourg
- Estonia
- Austria
- Romania

** Selected countries can change depending on availability of local stakeholders*



Project process



Develop **EU Network of individual Private Landowners** engaged in private land conservation in **synergy** with the EU Private Land Conservation Network

Field testing of a set of innovative tools

Provide the European Commission with a set of **Policy recommendations**



Project management



Coordination

European Landowners organisation (ELO)

Committed to promote a sustainable and prosperous countryside
Large membership in the 28 EU States



Partners

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Conservation organisation worldwide
Pioneered the use of numerous private land tools



Agency for Nature and Forest (ANB)

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Your contribution is very welcome !



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