

Report launch: “Unlocking nature financing: national cost estimates for effective nature restoration”

2 June 2026, morning – Brussels and online (hybrid event) – Exact time and date tbd

As Member States are working on their National Restoration Plans, outlining the activities they intend to undertake to improve the condition of all habitat types, their successful implementation will only be possible through adequate funding. To support them in their planning, CEE Bankwatch Network and EuroNatur, in cooperation with national partners, led a study to calculate an appropriate cost estimate of their financing needs. The study focuses on four ecosystem types (coastal and inland wetlands; rivers, lakes and alluvial; grasslands; forests and woodland) in five Member States (Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Croatia), for the period 2024–2032.

The purpose of this hybrid event is to present the outcomes of this study paired with an analysis based on the latest developments of national planning, along with lessons learnt and proposed areas for improvement.

With the EU budget negotiations in full swing, through the presentation of national case-studies, the input from experts and decision-makers, the audience will have the opportunity to understand the challenges related to biodiversity funding at national and EU levels.

Considering the importance of having healthy ecosystems to sustain our livelihoods and tackle many challenges such as climate change, food security and sustaining robust and resilient economies, this event aims to highlight some crucial aspects of biodiversity financing to be considered at national and European levels for the implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation.

Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and to network and exchange.

Tentative agenda – 90 minutes:

1. Introduction and presentation of the study

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2. Keynote (host – tbc)

Member of the European Parliament – Pending confirmation

3. Presentation of the national case studies

4. Q&A

5. Wrap up and coffee