

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

*11 June 2026, 10:30-12:00 – European Parliament (room Spinelli 3H1) and online (hybrid event)*

Two years after the adoption of the Nature Restoration Regulation, Member States are working on their National Restoration Plans, outlining the activities they intend to undertake to improve the condition of all ecosystems. One element will be instrumental in their successful implementation: adequate funding. To support Member States 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.

Hosted by **MEP Cesar Luena**, whose role has been instrumental in the adoption of the Regulation, 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. The organisers will present some 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. The event will be facilitated by Branka Španiček, Strategic Area Leader - Finance and Biodiversity, CEE Bankwatch Network.

### **Agenda – 90 minutes:**

10:30 - Welcome and coffee

11:00 – Introduction and brief presentation of the study

*Tess Hartmann-Hergott, EU Policy Officer – Biodiversity Finance, EuroNatur*

11:10 - Keynote

*MEP Cesar Luena (S&D)*

11:20 Presentation of the national case studies

*Case study: Hungary – Zsuzsanna Ujj, Project coordinator, National Society of Conservationists - Friends of the Earth Hungary*

*Case study: Estonia – Tristan Saupold, National Biodiversity Campaigner, Estonian Green Movement*

11:35 - Reflection on the need for biodiversity budget planning for local implementers

*Member of the Committee of the Regions – Pending confirmation*

11:45 - Q&A

12:00 – End of the event