



Working Group 'Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions'

Natural Heritage Mission - Introductory webinar

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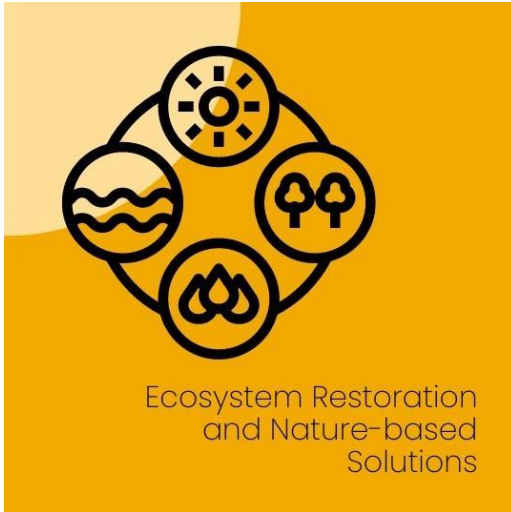


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Who Are We?



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Working Group co-leaders from C4T:



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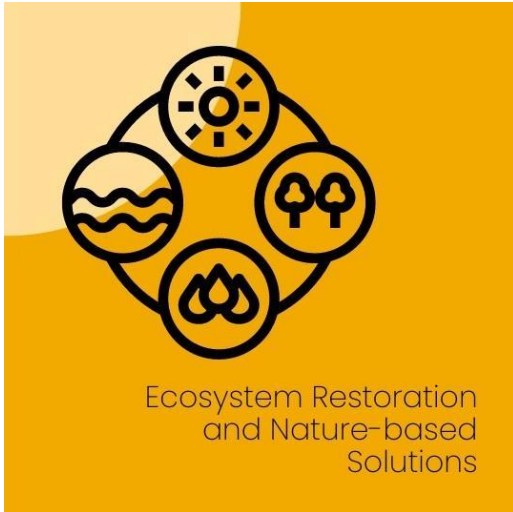


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Scope



Address **Target 2** (Restoration) and **Target 11** (Ecosystem services) of the new **Global Biodiversity Framework**

Tackle key issues concerning **barriers to restoration upscaling** and promoting **best available practices and sharing knowledge sharing** to inform restoration strategies

POLICY AND ADVOCACY



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GBF - Target 2

Target 2: Restoration

Ensure that by 2030 **at least 30 percent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration**, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.



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GBF - Target 11

Target 11: Ecosystem services

Restore, maintain and enhance nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services, such as the regulation of air, water and climate, soil health, pollination and reduction of disease risk, as well as protection from natural hazards and disasters, through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches for the benefit of all people and nature.



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Goals and Expectations

- **Working Group focus:** Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions
- **Policies targeted by the Working Group:**
 - **GLOBAL:** Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) - Target 2 & Target 11
 - **EU:** EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Nature Restoration Law (still pending)
 - **MED:** Barcelona Convention - ICZM Protocol and SPA/BD Protocol, Post 2020 SAP BIO



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Principles to Be Followed

- All **GBF targets** are somehow **interlinked**. Discussions should ensure **integration**
- Many **policies** not directly related to this Working Group enter in **contradiction with its goals** (i.e. urban development) and should be monitored as well
- **Harmonisation of policies** should be a goal of the Working Group discussions at **Mediterranean** scale, and at the **various levels of governance** (i.e. country vs. cities)
- **Multilevel governance**, specially the local context, should be also taken into account
- We already have MANY policies, most of the time, the **problem** lies in their **implementation**



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Themes to Be Followed (I)

- **Identification and assessment of existing barriers to restoration upscaling:** strong planning and implementation processes should be in place, consider funding streams (for the long term) available to them, and engage with stakeholders to ensure that support for the restoration project is maintained and that benefits are distributed equitably.
- **Landscape level restoration: How can it work in practice?** Wetlands, seagrass, rivers and forests are priority ecosystems to focus on. An integrated and holistic approach should be taken to promote connectivity between



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Themes to Be Followed? (II)

- **Promote best available practices and knowledge sharing:** Explore the technical, financial, policy/governance and socio-economic aspects of restoration and the available nature-based solutions that can be implemented.
- **Identify priority areas to expand restoration actions** in the Mediterranean through ongoing projects/initiatives from our networks? The EU Nature Restoration Law mentions **favourable reference areas** to support restoration.



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What Should We Do?

- **Increase knowledge** on the subject matter at all levels of governance.
 - Materials/approach should be target-specific (national vs regional vs city, etc.).
- **Provide material, information, ideas, contacts, speakers and expertise** to implement capacity building actions and to communicate with resources that already exist.
- **Act as a platform to reward good practices and promote good work:** taking into account declining habitats



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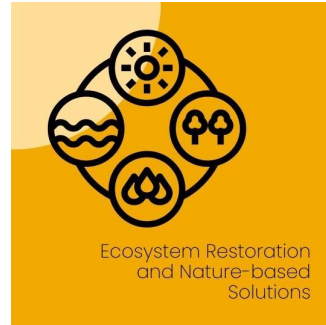


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Working Group Goals



GOAL 1

Training and Capacity Building

GOAL 2

Support to Projects



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GOAL 1: Training and Capacity Building

Opportunities for training and capacity building:

- Yearly **webinars** and institutional **dialogues**
- Establishing an **information repository**
- Conducting **Interreg Euro-MED Academy** trainings
- Creating a Working Group **mailing list and newsletter**



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GOAL 2: Projects Support

1. How can we assist Thematic Projects in **achieving your policy/advocacy work**?
1. What do you **expect** from us?



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Thematic Projects Policy Goals

- **ARTEMIS:** leveraging current policy developments and agendas to raise the profile of seagrass as a powerful nature-based solution for climate change mitigation and adaptation, socioeconomic and environmental resilience.
- **LocAll4Flood:** To promote the adoption & replication of Integrated Multi-stakeholder Governance Model - IMGGM in Mediterranean (EU and non-EU) regions by establishing a transnational community of practice and policy recommendations at EU/national and regional levels



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Achieving Policy Outcomes

Understanding Thematic Projects' expectations to assist them in achieving their policy outcomes:

- Connecting with **key stakeholders**
- Position their work at **policy events**: COP, CBD, UfM, EU gatherings
- Drafting **yearly policy paper** as WG



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2nd Online Webinar

- **WHEN:** October 2024
- **WHERE:** Online
- **WHAT:** Restoration

- Explore the overlap between **Targets 2 and 14** of the Global Biodiversity Framework
- Discuss the **EU Restoration Law, EU pledges, adoption at Med level**
- How do our projects support restoration?

GOAL: come up with a position about restoration as Working Group on Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions



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In-person Meeting

DATES: 28 - 29 November 2024

LOCATION: Málaga, Spain

Day 1 (28 Nov): Institutional Dialogue - Marine & coastal restoration

- Morning:
 - Keynote on state of the art
 - Policy-oriented roundtable
 - Action-oriented roundtable (potential TPs & APs)
- Afternoon: Spanish focus

Day 2 (29 Nov): Internal meeting of the Natural Heritage Mission

- Working Group meeting



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Next Steps

2nd Online WGs Meeting | October 2024 → capacity building on restoration topic

2nd Institutional Dialogue and WGs Meeting (In-person) | 28-29 November 2024, Malaga (Spain)

- Day 1 - Institutional Dialogue (marine and coastal restoration)
- Day 2 - Mission for Natural Heritage internal meeting + Working Groups meeting

→ **Send factsheet for final validation**



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Thank You

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