

## Study Workshop: PROMOTION OF RESTORATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY TO 2020

**Date:** 28 September 2016

**Location:** [Room 1.4, Philippe Le Bon, 3](#), 1000 - Bruxelles, Belgium

This workshop will discuss the draft outputs of the work undertaken for the study: “*Technical support in relation to the promotion of restoration in the context of the EU biodiversity strategy to 2020*”. The study aims to give the European Commission a better understanding of what is happening in relation to restoration activities in different member states, sectors, and habitats across the EU, and how it can assist Member States in boosting restoration actions.

Registration is now open at:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/StudyWorkshopRestorationEUBiodiversityStrategy2020>

The EU biodiversity strategy to 2020 foresees (Target 2) that restoration of degraded ecosystems will play a significant role in the achievement of the headline target of stopping biodiversity loss. The main aim of the workshop is to **present the draft results of the study** to an expert audience comprising stakeholders involved in or affected by restoration activities (nature authorities, scientists, restoration practitioners, NGOs, spatial planners, sectoral representatives including the representatives of corresponding DGs etc.)

The main topics of the workshop will be:

- Overview of restoration activities across the EU and the stakeholders involved;
- The socio-economic benefits of restoration actions (contribution to sustainable and socially cohesive economic growth and employment);
- The restoration sector currently: its existing capacities, the EU’s support, and constraints faced; and
- Overcoming constraints for restoration: what could be done in the future by the EU and other stakeholders.

The workshop will offer the participants an opportunity to:

- comment on the key findings and issues highlighted by the study;
- identify any missing issues that should still be considered before finalising the study;
- validate selected and or suggest additional case studies to be presented in the fact-sheets which will accompany the study; and
- contribute to the shaping of the comprehensive future vision for the development of the restoration sector in the EU.

The study is being implemented under the leadership of Economics for the Environment Consultancy (eftec), in association with CEEweb for biodiversity, ECNC-European Centre for Nature Conservation, Enetjärn Natur AB and University of Antwerpen.

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