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## **When nature can do the job**

**Fostering co-benefits for people and the environment  
in view of the Nature Restoration Regulation**

**Brussels, 19 March 2025**

<https://www.wilde-project.eu/restoration-policy-event>

# Programme

8:30 - 9:00 Welcome Reception

## Introduction

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome by the Director of INBO (**Hilde Eggermont**)

9:05 – 9:10 Welcome by the President of the Society for Ecological Restoration Europe (**Aveliina Helm**)

9:10 – 9:30 Introduction to the event (**Arndt Hampe, Giorgio Alberti, Kris Decler, Vona Meleder, Pilar Roman & Alberto Zocchi**)

## Session I: Why should we let nature do the job?

Moderation: **Georg Winkel** (Wageningen University)

9:30 – 9:50 A positive future for people and nature with climate-smart rewilding (**Henrique Pereira**, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research)

9:50 – 10:10 The potential for nature's contributions to the EU's climate policy (**Jette Bredahl Jacobsen**, University of Copenhagen; vice-chair EU Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change)

10:10 – 10:30 Costs and benefits of forest restoration options (**Sven Wunder**, European Forest Institute and Center for International Forestry Research)

10:30 – 11:00 Open discussion

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

## Session II: Where nature is already doing the job

Moderation: **Charlotte Hopkins** (University of Hull)

11:30 – 11:50 Restoring European woodland ecosystems: foundations, empirical insights and future perspectives (**Jens-Christian Svenning**, Aarhus University)

11:50 – 12:10 Gelderse Poort, gateway to the future (**Wouter Helmer**, Co-founder of ARK Nature and Rewilding Europe)

12:10 – 12:30 Coastal restoration and protection: looking beyond the dykes (**Iris Möller**, Trinity College Dublin)

12:30 – 13:00 Open discussion

*13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break*

### **Session III: Let the Nature Restoration Regulation facilitate the job**

Moderation: **Katharina Faradsch** (Prospex Institute)

14:30 – 14:50 Legal barriers and possible solutions for upscaling nature restoration: from legal 'mess' to legal certainty (**An Cliquet**, University of Ghent; SER Europe Legal Working Group)

14:50 – 15:10 Nature restoration as governance challenge: integrity, clarity ... and utility (**Jan Verheeke**, Flemish Environment Council; vice-chair EEAC Network)

15:10 – 15:30 Financing nature restoration: investment for resilient societies (**Ariel Brunner**, BirdLife International)

15:30 – 16:00 Open discussion

16:00 – 16:15 Conclusions and outlook: Letting nature do the job under the Nature Restoration Regulation (**Arndt Hampe, Giorgio Alberti, Kris Decler, Vona Meleder, Pilar Roman & Alberto Zocchi**)

16:15 – 16:30 How to make the most from the Nature Restoration Regulation? (**Humberto Delgado Rosa**, Director of the DG Environment Directorate for Biodiversity)

*16:30 – 17:30 Final networking snack*