



WILDLIFE ESTATES Initiative

“WE act for biodiversity”

Dear Members,

Our annual GA having taken place in Middachten (NL) has provide us the pleasure to catch up with so many and hear what you are all up to.

Huge congratulations to those who received their accreditation awards or their renewal over the summer including at the time of the GA the renewal for the Hoge Veluwe such as Middachten . Among others I want to congratulate the French delegation as well as the Belgian one for the outstanding progress achieved this year In Scotland in addition to Stracathro Estate, Glenquaich Estate, Horseupcleugh Estate, Hopetoun Estate, Charterhall Estate and Spital Tower we must address Particular congratulations go to Threepwood Farm and Allargue Estate for being the first Scottisch members to gain accreditation for the third time in this geographical area of our initiative. Some frontrunners all over our network of the longest serving members have now been accredited for more than 15 years and have done amazing things for nature on their respective land-holdings. Well done to all!

The dynamism of you all is outstanding.

Private management for conservation is what we owe!

It's a real added value we are offering to society.

*Thierry De L'Escaille
Secretary General - CEO ELO*

Wildlife Estate Plenary Session 2024

September 3rd-4th - The Netherlands

Key discussions on this annual meeting focused on Wildlife Estates' role in biodiversity leadership took place in September in Arhem. A panel featuring Miles Montgomery, James Joicey, and Heidi Kruger addressed the label's significance in achieving the 2030 EU Biodiversity Strategy. Labels were awarded to exemplary estates, including Landgoed Middachten and Hoge Veluwe Park. Our members enjoyed a field trip, lunch, and a bicycle tour, concluding with a successful closing dinner.



Wildlife Estate grows

The Wildlife Estate program continues to grow and develop across Europe and beyond. We face new challenges with a focus in the coming years to strengthen our network. **Our goal is to make clear Wildlife Estates is the exclusive partner able to make biodiversity.**

500 states recognized - over 2 million hectares have been certified



LATEST UPDATES BY OCTOBER 2024

BELGIUM : During 2024 4 Estates have been awarded the label and 16 were renewed.

CZECH REPUBLIC: 1 renewal in 2024

ENGLAND and WALES: 18 new labels or renewals in Level 1 and 3 renewals in Level 2 since September 2023.

FINLAND: 2 renewals in 2024

FRANCE : 23 new Estates have been awarded and another 3 have renewed the label.

GERMANY: 5 renewals in 2024

IRELAND 1 new Estate awarded

ITALY: 1 new Estate was labelled.

NETHERLANDS: 2 renewals

ITALY: 1 new Estate was labelled.

SCOTLAND : 8 Estates awarded

SPAIN : 2 new Estates have been labelled and 2 renewed.

WE Label is easily identifiable to the public and the media, and facilitates the vocalization of opinions directly at EU and national level.

The Label is acknowledged by the European Commission- DG ENVIRONMENT



Wesem is a EU funded project under the Erasmus + program closely related to Wildlife Estates implemented by ELO and other 4 european partners to raise awareness of the fundamental importance of private land estates and the environmental benefits this will bring. Training materials will be available through a flexible, practical and fully online vocational system on the project website, the goal is to train advisors in nature conservation through sustainable practices and to encourage landowners to join the Wildlife Estates label. Visit our website www.wesem-erasmus.eu

EUROPEAN BEE AWARD

Join us on December 10th in Brussels for the European Bee Award Ceremony! Launched by ELO and CEMA in 2014, this award honors innovative, effective, and scalable projects that protect Europe's vital pollinators. Three prizes will be awarded:

Land Management Practices (€4,000)

Innovative Technological Solutions (€4,000)

Special Mention of the Jury (diploma of recognition).

The ceremony offers valuable networking opportunities with key figures in sustainability, agriculture, and innovation.





EU DEFORASTION REGULATION *latest news*

ELO welcomed the Commission's proposal to extend the implementation period of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), since it is crucial to ensure that it is implemented under the right conditions, including adequate phase-in time, to be both effective and feasible. According to the commission, "it will take one year, no more to adopt the technical criteria for implementation, and that reopening the regulation was an exceptional step due to the complex nature of the legislation". Now we call on the co-legislators to make a swift decision to help reduce the legal uncertainty faced by operators. Following the positive Council position, the Parliament is likely to go for "urgency procedure" and approve the amendment to delay as soon as possible, even if there are still voices asking for it to be rejected.

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