



Creating the European Nature Academy for applied Blended LEarning

#### PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

- SHORT NAME: LIFE ENABLE
- TOTAL BUDGET: € 1,6m
- DATES: START 1.8.2021 / END 31.07.2024
- LED BY EUROPARC Federation WITH 7 PARTNERS FROM 7 COUNTRIES
- 8 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS,
- 5 COMMUNICATION ACTIONS &
- 5 PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS
- 39 DELIVERABLE OUTPUTS

## ABOUT LIFE ENABLE

This forward-looking three-year project is designed to **build practical nature management capacity among Natura 2000 and Protected Area managers**. The project aims to **equip individuals and their organisations with the competencies they require to meet the challenges and opportunities of nature management in the coming decade**.

The primary purpose of the project is to **enable all Natura 2000 and Protected Area managers, to become more effective, competent and confident nature management professionals**. The project will use a **blended learning approach** to build capacities in core competencies required for effective nature management. Particular attention will be directed towards **the management practices required by forest and marine ecosystem managers**.

## PROJECT'S PARTNERS

The project is led by [The EUROPARC Federation](#) with the direct involvement of **seven** partners:

1. [Alfred Toepfer Akademie für Naturschutz](#)
2. [E.C.O. Institute of Ecology](#)
3. [FUNGOBE, Fundación Interuniversitaria Fernando González Bernáldez para los espacios naturales](#)
4. [Metsähallitus, Parks and Wildlife Finland](#)
5. [MedPAN Mediterranean Protected Areas Network](#)
6. [Propark Foundation for Protected Areas](#)
7. [TESAF, University of Padova, The Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry](#)



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## HOW THE PROJECT WILL WORK

The project will develop **practical ways to enable Natura 2000 and protected area managers to meet the complex and multiple challenges faced by nature in Europe.**

A range of actions will be implemented to support practical capacity building for effective nature management, including development of a competence-based training framework, new tools and learning quality standards.

The project will create the new **'European Nature Academy'**, a European training programme for nature managers. The Academy will **provide innovative and creative online learning opportunities, combined with safe and carefully selected face-to-face learning when possible.**

According to their learning needs and interests, participants will be able to progress through basic, foundation and practitioner level courses covering various subjects and including a 'train the trainer' course.

LIFE ENABLE will provide a strong evidence base about **what can, could and should be provided for applied nature management capacity building.** The project will test blended learning tools and approaches essential to the **long-term protection of Europe's biodiversity and our shared natural heritage.**

## LIST OF ALL ACTIONS

### A. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

- **A1** Establish the European Nature Academy training system framework: the Project Coordination Unit & Expert Groups
- **A2** Produce a Gap Analysis of capacity development needs based on a stock-take of current learning provision
- **A3** Produce and test an online training needs analysis tool to create capacity building training programmes at organisational, regional and national levels
- **A4** Create the European Nature Academy training hub and tools to support the network of European training sites
- **A5** Develop competence-based capacity building courses, content and needs-based learning programmes
- **A6** Develop a maintenance plan, including a feasibility study and option appraisal, to support sustainable development of the training system at European level post-project
- **A7** Develop tools to raise awareness about the European Nature Academy, promote the training system and the learning hub and the participation of Natura 2000 site managers
- **A8** Promote a range of actions at local level to create new employment opportunities

### B. ACTIONS FOR COMMUNICATION AND FOR DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT LESSONS (OBLIGATORY)

- **B1** Create the website and associated social media activities
- **B2** Communication & networking activities with other LIFE/ Non-LIFE funded projects
- **B3** Guidelines for replicability & recommendations for future capacity building
- **B4** International networking to disseminate project results
- **B5** Produce the project's Layman's Report

### C. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING OF THE PROJECT PROGRESS (OBLIGATORY)

- **C1** Project management and reporting
- **C2** Audit Review
- **C3** After-LIFE Plan
- **C4** Qualitative & quantitative Key Project Indicators (KPIs)
- **C5** Socio-economic impact assessment

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