

# Care-Peat

Care-Peat is an Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) project with 12 partners working together to reduce carbon emissions and restore the carbon storage capacity of different types of peatlands in North-West Europe. The main partnership consists of 7 knowledge institutes and 5 nature organisations from Belgium, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Together with 7 sub-partners and 41 associated partners, we develop and test new techniques and socio-economic strategies for carbon reduction.



## European Peatland Policy Recommendations

Policy recommendations for 6 key areas to restore and protect European peatlands



### Care-Peat Partners



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# National Peatland Policy Recommendations

01

## Peatland Strategies

Introduce low carbon labels  
Enforce peatland protection legislation  
Develop peatland restoration and conservation strategies  
Include peatlands in biodiversity and GHG reduction strategies

02

## Payment for Peat

Carbon credit frameworks  
Monetise carbon storage  
Ecosystem services  
Support local communities financially  
Subsidies and just transition payments

03

## Promote & Recognise

Use peatlands as a multi-benefit resource  
Promote peatlands as nature-based solutions and unique ecosystems  
Commitment from Government  
Promote peatlands as carbon sinks and for rewetting and restoration

04

## Educate & Inform

Diploma in peatland management  
Public peatland information sessions  
Support peatland research  
Collect and provide data on peatlands  
Improve stakeholder cooperation including community

05

## Conserve & Restore

Preserve peaty soils & prevent carbon loss  
Develop networks of protected peatlands  
Land acquisition of high value peatlands  
Rewet peatlands and improve hydrology  
Create climate buffers

06

## Land Use & Farming

Support paludiculture  
Peat-free horticulture  
Encourage carbon farming  
Fast-track restoration  
Ban peat imports and exports  
Integration in land use strategies



## Belgium

1. Preserve peaty soils to prevent carbon loss.
2. Restore peat areas by rewetting.
3. Impose measures and allocate financing.



## France

1. Update the inventory of peatlands.
2. Assess carbon stock and GHG emissions from peatlands.
3. Obtain a low carbon label for peatland restoration.



## Ireland

1. Framework to encourage carbon sequestration for peatlands.
2. Update the National Peatlands Strategy.
3. Enhance knowledge through research & education.



## Netherlands

1. Start pilots (climate buffers) where there is support and funding. Don't wait.
2. Make better use of business models and scale up.
3. Government mandate for peat rewetting.



## United Kingdom

1. Clarity around post Brexit commitments to support restoration.
2. Support peat free horticulture & phase out peat based products.
3. Promote knowledge exchange between stakeholders.

