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Connected by Nature

Ecological Connectivity in and beyond Protected Areas

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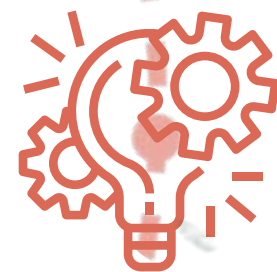
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400 members in 40 countries.



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European Day of Parks (EDoP) 2026



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Connected by Nature

A theme to highlight that nature is stronger when it is connected - as are we!

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It's an ecological necessity!



Ecological Connectivity: the 'unimpeded movement of species and the flow of natural processes that sustain life on Earth'
(definition by Convention on Migratory Species in 2020)

- ... ensures species can migrate.
- ... helps ecosystems adapt to climate change.
- ... creates robust landscapes.

**Protected Areas as the building blocks for well
landscapes.**

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Connectivity: A policy priority...



Kunming-Montreal

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK



Goal A Protect and Restore:

The integrity, connectivity and resilience of all ecosystems are maintained, enhanced, or restored, substantially increasing the area of natural ecosystems by 2050.

Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan for the Bern Convention for the period to 2030

The area, connectivity, integrity and resilience of natural and semi-natural ecosystems is increased, including through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures covering at least 30% of the land and of the sea areas.

Connectivity: A policy priority...



EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Calls to protect at least 30% of the EU's land and sea area, integrating ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.

EU Habitats Directive

Create a coherent European ecological network of special areas of conservation (Natura 2000). Member States should endeavour to improve ecological coherence.

Nature Restoration Regulation

Calls to enhance connectivity of habitats listed under the Birds and Habitat Directives.

Meet the speakers:



Jeremy Dertien

Postdoctoral Researcher at the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)

Developing a Connected Trans-European Nature Network: Lessons from NaturaConnect's Pan-European Connectivity and Conservation Planning



Simone Prestes Dürrnagel

EUROPARC Federation Project Developer

Connected for Conservation: The NaturaConnect Learning Platform



André Claassen

Director at Maas-Schwalm-Nette Nature Park (NL/DE)

Connectivity: Wetland stepping stones and roadside management.



Marta Cálix

Head of Ecological Restoration at Rewilding Portugal

Rewilding for Connectivity in the Greater Côa Valley, Portugal



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