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A landscape photograph showing a field of tall, dry grass and low-lying shrubs in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a line of dark evergreen trees. To the left, a large white wind turbine stands prominently. Several other smaller wind turbines are visible in the distance. The sky is filled with large, grey, dramatic clouds, suggesting an overcast or late afternoon setting. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text '01' and 'A Woman, a Hat'.

01

A Woman, a Hat

Once Upon a Time...

Flora, vegetation, habitats:



Floristic
Inventories



Mapping
Projects



Monitoring



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Implementation of policies in:



(Strategic) Environmental and
Nature Impact Assessments



Risk Assessments for the
Introduction of Alien Species



Roadmaps and various
Management Plans

She was employed at...

Eurosites – the European Land Conservation Network

Eurosites is developing a strong community of European land conservation practitioners by helping them to network and exchange experience in protecting, restoring and stewarding nature... by acting as a...



Trainer



Travel Agent



Advocate



Expert



Broker



Librarian

The Eurosites network has **83 members** representing:

- ☐ **26 countries**
- ☐ 14,000,000 hectares of land
- ☐ 12,000 site practitioners

And **10 strategic partners**





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a Myriad of Possibilities

At Eurosite...

she got involved with several peatland-related projects



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Building the European Peatlands Initiative

A Strong Alliance for Peatland Climate Protection in Europe



Carbon Removal and Sinks

- Approaches**
Through our membership networks, as well as the project's networking, multi-stakeholder and capacity-building workshops we bring together diverse groups of stakeholders.
- Impacts**
We are connecting diverse stakeholders, updating peatland-related maps, supporting national peatland strategies, disseminating knowledge and raising awareness within and between stakeholder groups.
- Achievements**
To date, we have established meaningful cooperations with a number of governments and other stakeholders, and organised several successful events.
- Goals**
We aim to build an effective European network of governments and other stakeholders for the conservation and restoration of all peatlands in Europe.

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Peat Pals
for LIFE



And suddenly...

European Peatland Policy Portal (EPPP) became a handy solution 😊



Example no 1. EUKI Peatlands Future in CEE

- ❑ WP3: Testing the implementation of the CRCF: consultation & uptake
 - ❑ target countries: in Slovenia, Slovakia and Bulgaria
- ❑ Case studies on carbon removal, carbon farming and carbon storage
 - ❑ national peatland-related policies in the national languages ➡ Peatland & Policy Map, Policy Collection
 - ❑ small and fragmented peatlands ➡ Peatland & Policy Map, Peatland Factsheets
 - ❑ existing initiatives in the targeted countries, but also NW Europe ➡ Project Map, Project Collection
- ❑ Multi-stakeholder workshops, consultation & uptake ➡ Project Map, Project Collection, Peatland & Policy Map

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EPI - European Peatland Initiative



A strong European network uniting governments, the EC and stakeholders to conserve, restore and wisely use peatlands for biodiversity, clean water, sustainable livelihoods, and climate resilience and neutrality.

— the EPI vision

EPI will bring together...



nat. & regional
governments
& agencies

European
Commission

nat. & regional
initiatives

other relevant
organisations,
companies
and networks

non-
governmental
organisations

farmer and
landowner
organisations

research
institutions
and
universities



EPI will...



- ❑ improve the **pan-European cooperation** between the projects, countries and sectors
- ❑ help decision-makers to **base their decisions** on up-to-date data and best-practices
- ❑ **connect** governments and other stakeholders across Europe
- ❑ **foster innovation** and **support the transition** towards sustainable land use practices

thematic pillars



So she learned...

about the barriers to scaling up peatland restoration in Europe



Example no 2. EPPP and the barriers to scaling up peatland restoration in Europe



She learned...

about land & stakeholders

Recognised issues

- ❑ Fragmented land ownership making it difficult to design larger projects
- ❑ Low interest or engagement from landowners and/or other sectors
- ❑ Lack of incentives for landowners for peatland restoration

EPPP Support

- ❑ Peatland & Policy Map → *peatlands distribution*
- ❑ Project Collection & Map → *sites, inspiration, contacts*
- ❑ Site Emissions Tool
- ❑ Financial Feasibility & Pricing Tool
- ❑ Paludiculture Feasibility Tool → *in progress*

New Ideas

- ❑ Community (list, map) of replicators
- ❑ Connecting the SoMe of peatland sites with EPPP



She explored... policies & governance

Recognised issues

- ❑ Limited political support for peatland restoration
- ❑ Conflicting or misaligned sectoral policies
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- ❑ Language barriers

EPPP Support

- ❑ Policy Collection & Map → *inspiration, crossing the sectoral 'silo effect'*
- ❑ Best Practice → *guidelines, inspiration*
- ❑ Policy RAG Tool → *crossing the language barrier*

New Ideas

- ❑ Key Metric Analyser



She gathered... existing knowledge & data

Recognised issues

- ❑ Lack of long-term time series on GHG emissions of degraded peatlands
- ❑ Limited monitoring capacity and insufficient data to establish baseline and model restoration outcomes
- ❑ Lack of local knowledge and expertise

EPPP Support

- ❑ Site Emissions Tool → *baseline + after a proposed rewetting or restoration scheme*
- ❑ Project Collection → *legacy data, contacts, lessons learned, inspiration*
- ❑ Peatland Factsheets
- ❑ Best practices

New Ideas

- ❑ Integration of additional guidelines and calculators



She took part in...

project development

Recognised issues

- ❑ High upfront costs and limited funding for early project development (baseline studies, feasibility, technical planning)
- ❑ Limited internal capacity to design and structure restoration projects

EPPP Support

- ❑ Project Collection → *inspiration, contacts*
- ❑ Site Emissions Tool
- ❑ Financial Feasibility & Pricing Tool
- ❑ Paludiculture Feasibility Tool → *in progress*
- ❑ Peatland Factsheets and Best practices

New Ideas

- ❑ Inclusion of projects funded by other programmes (e.g. Interreg, Horizon, EUKI etc.)



She became familiar...

with finance & markets



Recognised issues

- ❑ Limited knowledge of funding options, capacity to develop bankable / investable projects & skills and contacts to access private finance
- ❑ Lack of tested and scalable economic models
- ❑ Few proven examples of economically viable post-restoration land use

EPPP Support

- ❑ Financial Feasibility & Pricing Tool
- ❑ Paludiculture Feasibility Tool → *in progress*
- ❑ Project Collection → *legacy data, contacts, lessons learned, inspiration*
- ❑ Best Practice → *support, glossary, guidelines*

New Ideas

- ❑ Community (list, map) of demonstrators
- ❑ Integration of additional guidelines



A photograph of a wooden boardwalk or path leading through a marshy area. The path is made of weathered wooden planks and runs diagonally from the bottom left towards the top center. On either side of the path are clumps of tall, dry, golden-brown grasses. To the right of the path, there is a body of water reflecting the sky. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the marshy landscape. The overall lighting suggests a warm, golden hour, possibly late afternoon or early morning. There are semi-transparent green rectangular overlays in the top right and bottom left corners of the image.

Ultimately, armed with all her newfound
knowledge, she worked happily ever
after!

— The End



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We want to hear from you 😊

Speak now...

or reach out to us via EPI Community Platform



❑ Main purpose of the EPI community platform:

- ❑ To create a pan-European peatland community among governments, private land users, farmers, NGOs and interested public

❑ 8 public channels

- ❑ General
- ❑ **Introductions**
- ❑ **Peatland Events**
- ❑ Peatland Restoration & Management
- ❑ Peatland Research & Monitoring
- ❑ **Peatland Policy**
- ❑ Peatland Finance
- ❑ Peatland Innovation



EPI Community platform





Thank you!



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