

The Pledge

Our organisation commits to and welcomes the European Peatlands Initiative (EPI) as an opportunity to enhance collaboration and strengthen support for sustainable management of European peatlands. We acknowledge that the EPI is a formal, collaborative effort involving multiple members — uniting governments, the European Commission and stakeholders to conserve, restore and wisely use peatlands for biodiversity, clean water, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience and neutrality.

The mission of the European Peatlands Initiative is as follows:

- **COLLABORATION:** To improve pan-European cooperation on peatland-related policies between countries, sectors, projects and finance.
- **KNOWLEDGE SHARING:** To help national governments and the European Commission to base strategies and policies on up-to-date peatlands data and management best-practices.
- **COMMUNICATION:** To connect governments and stakeholders to raise awareness on the essential role of peatlands.
- **INNOVATION:** To foster innovation, support the transition towards sustainable land use practices and access finance.

Europe's peatlands play a pivotal role in achieving global commitments. The European Peatlands Initiative works across all scales—from European to national to local—to connect global commitments with practical action on the ground. It brings together stakeholders, knowledge, policy and innovation across these levels to accelerate the protection, restoration and sustainable management of Europe's peatlands.

As a member to the European Peatlands Initiative, we commit to:

1. Ensure that the EPI Guiding Principles underpin our peatlands conservation, restoration and/or sustainable management efforts;
2. Sharing our knowledge and expertise in a transparent and accessible way, while respecting the contributions of all members, as well as intellectual property rights where applicable;
3. Committing personnel hours and/or other in-kind resources to EPI activities, including participating in email discussions, attending virtual or in-person meetings, and contributing to working groups as appropriate, at our own cost;
4. Coordinating our contributions to the EPI with other relevant members and the EPI Secretariat to avoid overlap and maximize synergies;
5. Support the dissemination of deliverables and outputs of the EPI, and promote EPI products, through our networks and among our colleagues; and
6. Explore and leverage opportunities to mobilize funding for activities undertaken by our organization in the context of this Initiative.

We recognise that, as a member to the EPI we might not participate in all activities but rather will focus our expertise in order to leverage our comparative advantage and contribute to the overall aims of the EPI.