



Key success factors of restoration on forested peatlands in Europe

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Context

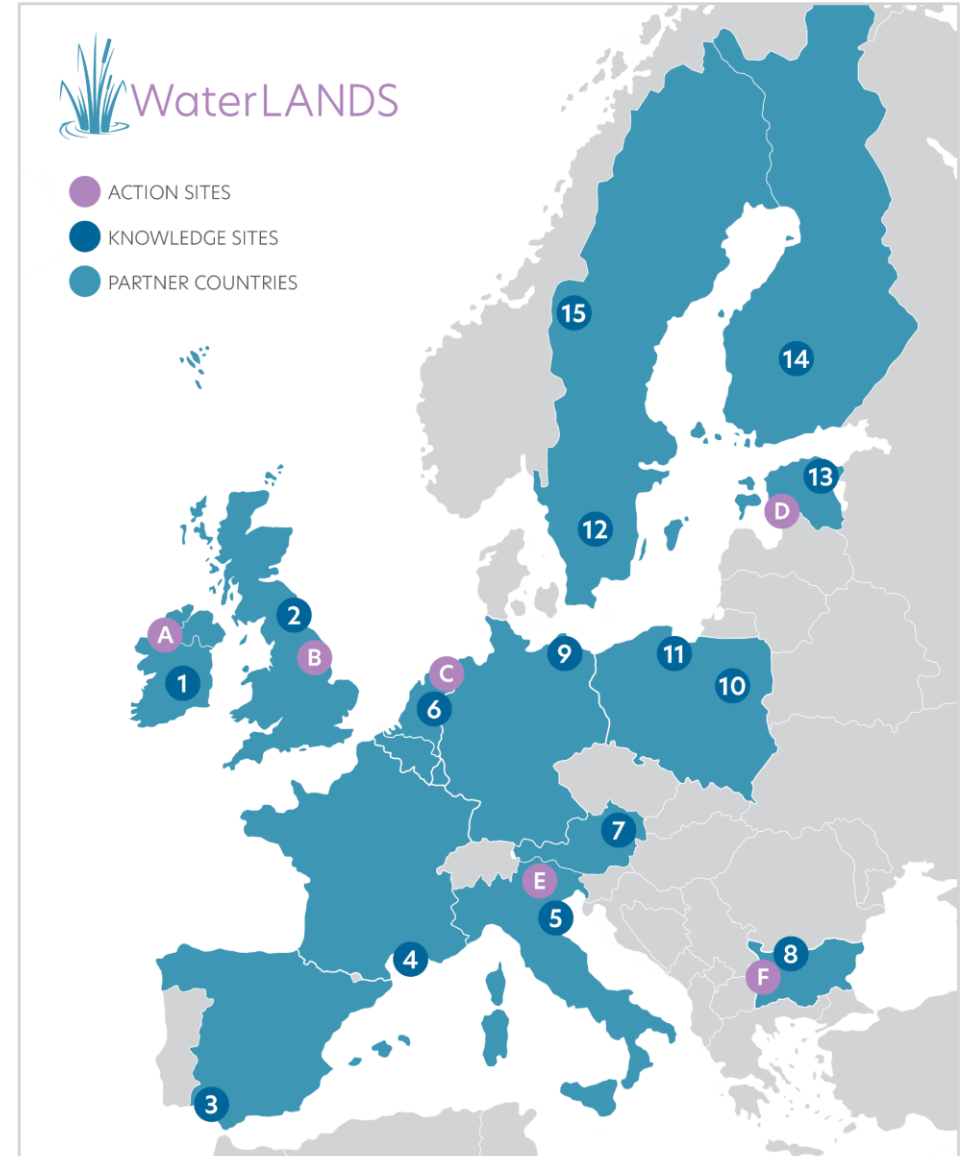
- H2020 project WaterLANDS 2021-2026 (Water-based solutions for carbon storage, people and wilderness)
- Coordinated by University College Dublin, Ireland
- Building a Legacy across
 - **15** Knowledge Sites
 - **6** Action Sites
 - **14** Partner Countries (total 32 partners)

ACTION SITES

- A** LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature (Ireland)
- B** Yorkshire iCASP (The United Kingdom)
- C** Eems-Dollard Estuary (The Netherlands)
- D** Pärnu Catchment (Estonia)
- E** Venice Lagoon (Italy)
- F** Dragoman Marsh (Bulgaria)

KNOWLEDGE SITES

- 1** Abbeyleix Bog (Ireland)
- 2** Water@Leeds (The United Kingdom)
- 3** Doñana Wetland (Spain)
- 4** Camargue (France)
- 5** Venice Lagoon (Italy)
- 6** Engbertsdijkvenen (The Netherlands)
- 7** Landscape Finance Lab (Austria)
- 8** Belene Island (Bulgaria)
- 9** M. Succow Foundation (Germany)
- 10** Wetlands around Warsaw (Poland)
- 11** Mazury Forest Mire (Poland)
- 12** Store Mosse (Sweden)
- 13** Sirtsu and Tudusoo Mires (Estonia)
- 14** Siikaneva (Finland)
- 15** Jämtland Mountains (Sweden)



Ambition, objective, and procedure



Ambition: upscaling impactful wet- and peatlands restoration

Objective: to learn what kind of success factors are behind the achievements of restoration showcases

Procedure: qualitative analysis of WaterLANDS forested knowledge sites' descriptions on the project website (<https://waterlands.eu/project-sites/>)



Results and Conclusion

Identified success factor types

1. **Ecological** features of the site (unique, valuable)
2. **Spatial** features of the site (large, connected)
3. Triggering **policies** (international, long-lasting)
4. Effective **actors**, networks, and collaborations
5. **Cultural** significance of the site, fostering public support

Conclusion

- No transferable silver bullet for success
- Success factor types appear in different mixes
- Success develops contextually in each case
- Impact may still be cultivated when knowing these factors





Thank you!

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