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### Eurosite-ELCN to launch new project on private land conservation

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Eurosite - the European Land Conservation Network (ELCN) is set to start a new four-year project by the beginning of December. With the help of a LIFE project grant from the European Commission, the project intends to expand the use of private land conservation tools in the European Union, to improve the financial incentives and funding for private land conservation, to foster citizen engagement in private land conservation and to continue the existing networking among organisations and individuals engaged in private land conservation with the aim to establish a durable governance structures for private land conservation in Europe.

The project is unique as, for the first time in Europe, it will bring together two existing networks representing private landowners (ELO) and conservationists (Eurosite) as well as many of their respective member organisations. These two communities have previously investigated the potential of private land conservation in the EU in parallel, but separate projects - [LIFE L.I.F.E.](#) and [LIFE ELCN](#). As one the first steps in the new project, Eurosite and ELO will create a “Conservation Landowners Coalition”, representing a permanent platform for the exchange of ideas and development of joint initiatives of these two stakeholder groups.

In close partnership with the ILCN, the project will also strive to exchange experience and knowledge with private land conservation organisations from outside the EU - so you! For instance, it will continue to investigate and adopt successful models for private land conservation, such as the US land trust approach.

Eurosite - ELCN will make sure to link and communicate all relevant project activities to the ILCN through its regional representative programme and will make relevant outputs accessible to its members. For further information, feel free to contact our European ILCN representative and project coordinator at Eurosite Carolina Halevy ([chalevy@eurosite.org](mailto:chalevy@eurosite.org)).

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