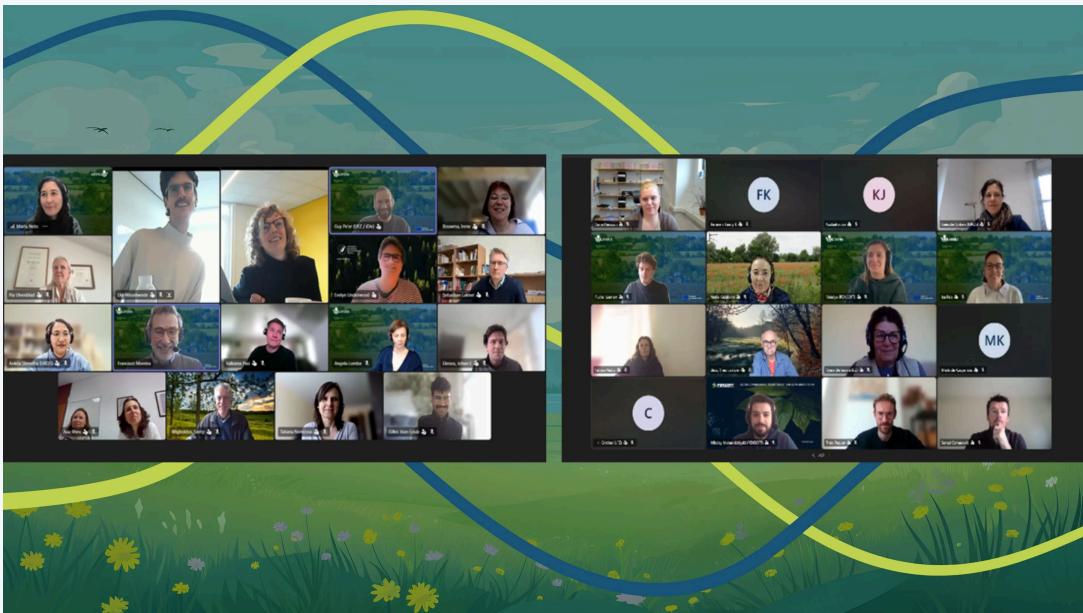




Welcome to LAFERIA's second newsletter!

**With the Summer Ending, It Is a
Great Time to Look Back at What We
Did During This Year So Far:**



We Had Our First Consortium Meeting in March 2026

The LAFERIA Consortium gathered online in March 2026 for its first annual meeting after the kick-off, reviewing progress and aligning goals for restoring landscape features across Europe. Partners revisited practical project matters, shared updates from all seven case studies, and reflected on the drivers, benefits, and challenges shaping landscape features reintroduction, closing on networking and cooperation as the key to long-term success.

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More Case Study Workshops Were Held



What's the future of landscape features around Plovdiv? That was the question at LAFERIA's [Bulgaria case study](#) inception workshop, led by Vyara Stefanova and Yanka Kazakova ([STEP](#)), where farmers, agricultural bodies, environmental institutions, and academics gathered.

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The [Portugal case study](#) held its inception workshop in Beja on 16 April 2026, hosted by [EDIA](#) and [BIOPOLIS](#). Farmers, public bodies, and academics mapped regional landscape features, ranked knowledge gaps, and debated the barriers to putting the mapped features in place.

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[UFZ](#) brought local farmers together on 19 March 2026 for LAFERIA's first [German](#) inception workshop - a hands-on session mixing digital presentations with practical activities.

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Following up on its first inception workshop, [UFZ](#) reconnected with the region's farming community to discuss the [Common Agricultural Policy \(CAP\)](#) reform and what it means for landscape features.

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On 1 April 2026, [Syke](#) and the [University of Helsinki](#) hosted a visioning workshop in Raasepori where farmers, landowners, retailers, and administrators reflected on the region's landscape features and



[Germany](#) held its second inception workshop, organised by [UFZ](#) in cooperation with [IEEP](#), on 20 May 2026. Regional administrations, NGOs, and agricultural chambers explored LAFERIA's goals and the

reviewed monitoring data on nature-based water management.

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EU policy trends shaping the restoration of landscape features, with two attendees immediately signing up for the [Stakeholder Community](#).

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LAFERIA Was Presented at Multiple International Events



Cristina de la Vega ([UFZ](#)) presented a poster during the International Hedgerow Congress 2025 (12–14 October), introducing the project. The presentation was recorded and shown to over 600 attendees across two days.

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In Brussels on 11 November 2025, the LAFERIA project joined high-level decision-makers to show how the [CAP](#) and [Nature Restoration Regulation](#) can work together, making the case that food production and nature can thrive side by side.

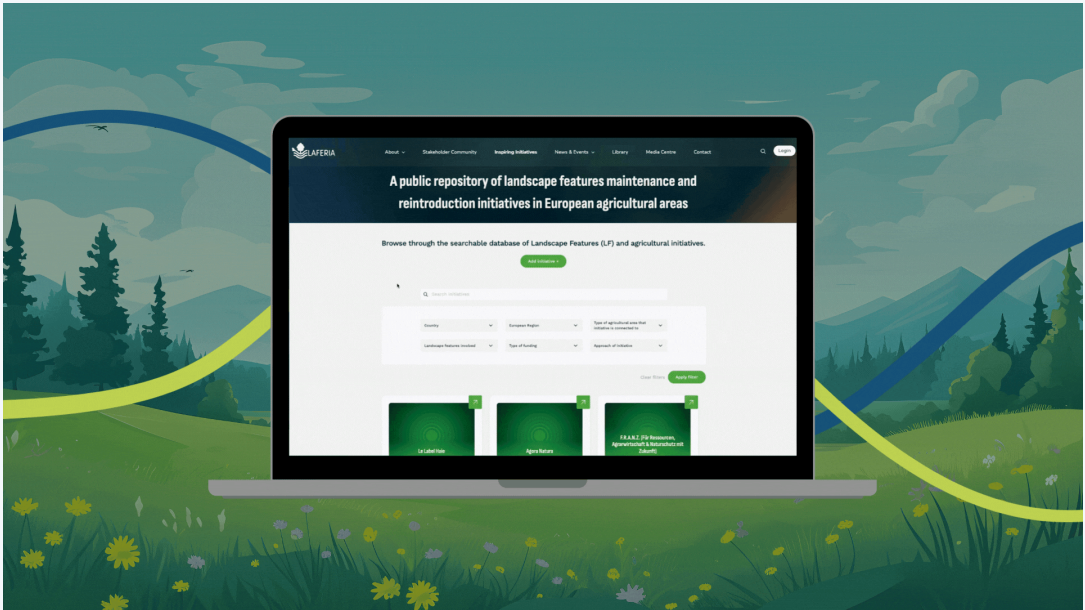
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The [6th ESP Europe Conference](#) brought the project to a wider scientific audience in Prague, where Floris Huyghe ([EV ILVO](#)) introduced LAFERIA to a room of engaged experts. The discussions opened up fresh perspectives on how landscape features can be valued.

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A Public Repository of Landscape Features Initiatives



Launched at the start of summer, LAFERIA's Initiatives webpage is a public, living repository of European landscape feature maintenance and reintroduction initiatives, searchable through six filters: country, region, type of agricultural area, landscape features involved, funding, and approach. Each entry links to a dedicated overview page and the initiative's own website and/or other relevant links.

Know of a missing initiative? [You can add it yourself](#) for our team to review and publish.

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A Peer-Reviewed Article Was Published



A new [peer-reviewed article](#) from partner [Halmstad University](#) explores how innovative business models can help farmers adopt water-related landscape features like wetlands, riparian buffers, and hedgerows.

Written by Anna Hansson, Senad Osmanovic, and Pia Ulvenblad, it examines why adoption stays low despite clear ecological benefits and what could shift managers' perceptions from risk to opportunity.

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