



Welcome to LAFERIA's first newsletter!

**Take a look at what we've been up to
since the start of the project**



We officially kicked-off the project in February 2025

From 25-26 February the LAFERIA consortium met in person for the first time, in Vila do Conde, Portugal. The partners presented their tasks and started mapping out the project's first steps, laying down the groundwork for years of collaboration.

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LAFERIA's first two case study inception workshops were held



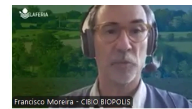
This summer, LAFERIA kicked off the [Finland case study](#) with an inception workshop, bringing together farmers and landowners to explore the two-stage channel landscape feature in Raasepori.

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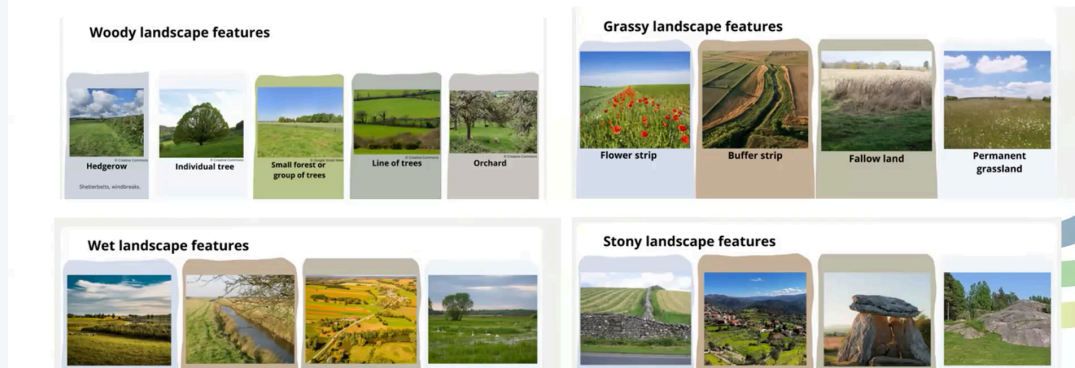
In October, the project also held the [Netherlands' case study](#) inception workshop, at Pallandtshoeve Farm focusing on identifying priority restoration areas, gauging farmer and public support, and exploring funding and business models.

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What are landscape features?

 **Small fragments** of nonproductive natural or semi-natural vegetation in agricultural landscapes which provide ecosystem services and support for biodiversity.



LAFERIA hosted its first stakeholder webinar

The event welcomed participants from different sectors, introducing the project and its mission - the reintroduction of landscape features in agricultural areas.

Sessions highlighted the project's environmental, social and political context, outlining challenges, building a shared vision and wrapping up with an interactive discussion spread across various breakout rooms.

[Watch the recording](#)

[Read the news article](#)

What is the stakeholder community?

The LAFERIA Stakeholder Community brings together individuals and organisations committed to bringing biodiversity back to European agricultural landscapes

By joining the network and sharing insights into how your work contributes to landscape feature reintroduction and biodiversity support, you'll become part of a collaborative community of experts

committed to knowledge exchange and shared learning. As a member, you'll receive regular updates and gain access to a [LinkedIn group](#) providing a space for open communication and connection with fellow stakeholders. You will also have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of LAFERIA activities, such as research activities and stakeholders' events, helping to support LAFERIA's mission. Activities may involve workshops, webinars, surveys, and other forms of engagement, tailored to your interests and area of expertise.

Join our growing network of stakeholders to collaborate.

[Join LAFERIA's Stakeholder Community](#)

Some updates per Work Package (WP)

WP1: Status of landscape features in Europe's agricultural systems

An overview of existing systems was completed, leading to the decision to develop a new classification system for mapping intensive agricultural systems in the EU. A list of landscape features was compiled based on current EU classifications.

A preliminary review of EU data sources for water features and fallow land was conducted, and meetings with Bulgarian, Flemish, and Dutch case study leaders were held, and initial local data collection has begun.

WP2: Assessing private costs and benefits

The literature review on landscape features and their biodiversity benefits for key taxa and functions is mostly complete, and the database has been created.

The review also identified major ecosystem services linked to landscape features on agricultural land. Relevant examples using the Nature Accounting approach are being assessed for their applicability to these features.

WP3: Learning from existing initiatives of reintroduction of landscape features

A dataset of over 250 landscape features initiatives has been collected, and an initial review has been conducted. A sampling framework to support the selection of 80-100 initiatives for review has been developed and discussed.

WP4: Drivers and challenges for landscape features' reintroduction

A report on political and economic context factors is being finalised, and a two-day workshop to coordinate theories (social science, economic science and business models) was held, and preparation for the project's pilot interviews are progressing.

WP5: Stakeholder engagement, co-creation, and social transformation tools

The project's stakeholder engagement framework is being developed, whilst communication activities have been key. The project website was developed, 2 social media ran on LinkedIn and Bluesky, and weekly activities on the social media channels continue.

WP6: Scaling up solutions: Strategies to reintroduce landscape features

Initial contact with relevant projects has been established, and the search for relevant scientific projects is ongoing. Several project related presentations were held at various international events.

WP7: Coordination and project management

The strategic steering committee and Strategic Advisory Board have been established. The coordination team is implementing the Grant and

Consortium Agreements, and monitoring project progress in line with planned reporting and guidance from the General Assembly and Executive Committee.

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