



## Regional LandLife Workshop Land Stewardship

### Exchanging on Land Stewardship and Natura 2000: experiences and networking in Europe

**Dates:** 29-31 May 2013

**Location:** L'Avenc (Tavertet, Barcelona)

**Language:** English

#### Introduction

These workshops are organised within the LandLife project, which is funded by the European Commission under the LIFE+ programme. The aim of the LandLife project is to communicate the value of land stewardship as an effective and successful tool for nature conservation and biodiversity.

The project will run during the period 2011-2014. The LandLife consortium consists of five partners:

- The **Xarxa de Custòdia del Territori** –xct- (Land Stewardship Network in English) is a not-for-profit organization working to foster land stewardship as a conservation strategy for the natural, cultural and landscape resources and values of Catalonia and its environment.
- The **Conservatoire d'espaces naturels du Languedoc-Roussillon** (CEN L-R) is a French NGO that is part of a network of 30 CENs in France. Its mission is to protect, manage and restore the natural environment. In the region of Languedoc-Roussillon, CEN owns and manages 230 hectares and it is cooperating with local landowners with whom CEN has several land stewardship agreements to manage over 1600 hectares.
- **Legambiente** is an Italian non-profit organisation, which consists of a group of individuals that joined to improve and protect the environment. Legambiente Lombardia performs its activities on a regional basis, with more than 100 local groups. Soil use, environment, biodiversity and climate change are the priorities in Lombardy.
- **Eurosite** is unique – established in 1989 Eurosite is one of the largest pan-European organisations bringing together governmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as private bodies, in active collaboration for the practical management of Europe's nature.
- **Prysm** is a group of professionals with over 15 years of experience in process consulting, auditing and training, aimed at improving corporate governance, innovation, quality and environment in all sectors of the economy. They optimize the performance of companies and institutions by providing advice and technical assistance in national and European project management.



The project includes a wide variety of activities, including the publication of a European manual for land stewardship, the celebration of the European Week of Land Stewardship in the autumn of 2012, the creation of an online webspace for land stewardship, an online course on land stewardship, regional seminars and workshops and a European Congress to be held in Catalonia in 2014 to close the project.

The LandLife project is the recognition of the work of land stewardship organisations, institutions and individuals that are committed to land stewardship in their area and offers the opportunity to launch initiatives across Europe.

This workshop is kindly hosted by xct and is one of three workshops organised by the regional partners (XCT, CEN-LR and Legambiente). The results gathered during these workshops provide valuable input to International Land Stewardship Congress that will take place in Barcelona in 2014.

For more information please visit [www.landstewardship.eu](http://www.landstewardship.eu)

## The workshop

### Objectives

The main objective is to share information and build practical know-how to apply land stewardship agreements and improve their management, more specifically:

- To communicate land stewardship as an effective tool for nature and biodiversity conservation;
- To exchange experiences and best practices;
- To increase knowledge on land stewardship and existing legal and policy frameworks;
- To facilitate contacts and synergies between entities to define opportunities and cooperation in the framework of the LandLife project and on land stewardship initiatives;
- To explore how Natura 2000 policy is an instrument that encourages land stewardship approaches to be applied.

A participation process is foreseen to stimulate the engagement of civil society and public institutions in a co-creation of an action plan to successfully develop land stewardship in EU countries. The workshop will also be an excellent occasion to introduce some practical tools created in the LandLife project, such as an online help-desk and the European Land stewardship Manual.

The extent to which the objectives above are addressed in each workshop, differs. Each workshop has its own specific perspective that is relevant to the audience targeted and the country it takes place.

### Target Audience

The workshop is for a range of actors interested in nature and biodiversity conservation, more particularly:

- Site Managers working on nature conservation in and outside Natura 2000 sites;
- Staff working in outreach / public information functions;
- Staff working directly to support implementation of Natura 2000 and other protected areas;
- Volunteers working to conserve nature on a local and/or regional level;
- Stakeholders in local communities;
- Local and national authorities (including involved politics);
- Biodiversity conservation experts;
- Land stewardship organisations (public, private, non-profit).
- Landowners (including farmers) keen to learn about what land stewardship could mean for them, what the benefits of land stewardship are and how they can apply land stewardship;

### Results

- A wide recognition of land stewardship as a complementary tool of nature protection and land conservation by political representatives, public officers and experts;
- By exchanging experiences and showcasing best practices, the network of land stewards and land stewardship organisations is strengthened;
- A co-created action plan for the dissemination and further development of Land Stewardship in Italy, France and Spain and Europe (at different levels).

## Main topics

The first workshop session aims to present the LandLife project and the Catalan and Spanish experience on land stewardship

During this methodological session attendants will delve into the concept of land stewardship and the Catalan and Spanish land stewardship model. This analysis will be done through different perspectives both land stewardship entities and public organisation

This session will account with the participation of local and regional authorities and also of Catalan and Spanish experts on land stewardship.

## Programme first day

- 12:00**        ***Departs to l'Avenc from Barcelona/Airport and Vic***
- 14:00**        ***Arrival to l'Avenc & registration***
- 14:30**        ***Lunch***
- 15:30**        ***Welcome to the workshop***
- *Marta Subirà. General Director of Environmental Policies. Government of Catalonia*
  - *Miquel Rafa. Director of Territory and Environment Area. Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera*
  - *Sonia Castañeda. Director of Fundación Biodiversidad. Government of Spain*
  - *Montse Barniol. President of Land Stewardship Network, xct.*
- 16:00**        ***Methodological session: The example of Land Stewardship in Catalonia and Spain.***
- **LANDLIFE: boosting land stewardship in Europe**
    - Pilar Rodríguez, Land Stewardship Network, xct.
  - **Land Stewardship in Catalonia and Spain: The creation of public-private partnership.**
    - *Jordi Pietx, Land Stewardship Network, xct.*
    - *Marta Subirà. General Director of Environmental Policies. Government of Catalonia*
    - *Amaya Sánchez. Fundación Biodiversidad. Government of Spain*
  - **Legal and technical mechanisms for land stewardship agreements.**
    - *Montse Masó and Hernan Collado, Land Stewardship Network, xct.*
    - *Marc Ordeix. Centre d'Estudis dels Rius Mediterranis - Museu del Ter (Land stewardship organisation (land trust)).*
    - *Belinda Parris (L'Avenc - property in land stewardship agreement)*
- 20:00**        ***Free-time/ check into accommodation***
- 20:30**        ***Dinner***

## DAY 2 - 30 May 2013

### Main topics

The second day is focus on networking activities in order to incentivise the exchange of experiences and knowledge between Spanish and European organisations. The aim is to generate a space where participants can work together in order to:

- Analyse the context in which these land stewardship agreements are developed;
- Identify different methods of access and management of land stewardship;
- Increase knowledge on land stewardship agreements;
- Exchange models and procedure actions;
- Facilitate contacts and synergies between entities to define opportunities and cooperation on land stewardship initiatives.

To achieve these objectives the session will be organised around two mechanisms: a round table where experts and representatives from Catalan and European entities will present experiences from Catalonia, Spain and Europe and the World café, an innovative methodology that aims to incentivize the exchanges of ideas and knowledge around different thematic tables.

### Programme second day

- 09:30h**            **European tools and strategies: Opportunities for land stewardship in Natura 2000**
- *Naomi Oakley. Natural England (United Kingdom).*
- 10:30h**            **Round table: land stewardship experiences in Europe**
- *Simona Colombo. Legambiente Lombardia (Italy).*
  - *Merijn Biemans. Eurosite. (Europe)*
  - *Victor Gutierrez. Fundación Biodiversidad (Spain)*
  - *Marie Kaerlein. German Association for Landcare –DVL (Germany).*
  - *Iris Beneš. Brodsko ekološko društvo-BED & ICCA Consortium (Croatia)*
- 13:00h**            Lunch
- 14:30h**            **World cafe: Identifying opportunities for networking in land stewardship: Natura 2000, wider European nature, national & regional frameworks, information and communication.**
- *Facilitator: Xavier Sabaté Espai Tres, Environmental Consultants*
- 16:30h**            Break
- 17:00h**            **Conclusions and keys steps towards the First European Congress on land stewardship (2014).**
- *Xavier Sabaté. Espai Tres, Environmental Consultants*
- 18:00h**            **Individual opportunities for networking & free time with Toc d’Espelta beer and land stewardship market products.**

- 20:00h **Informal presentation of the Land Stewardship Market, Stewardship & Ecotourism & “What’s going on at the pond” tale.**
- *Elisenda Queralt, writer*
  - *Anna Subirana Land Stewardship Network, xct*
- 20:30h **Dinner (Optional for one day attendants).**

## DAY 3 - 31 May 2013

### Main topics

Three site visits is planned during the third day in order to know on first hand land stewardship initiatives.

The area around Tavertet (Barcelona) has a high number of land stewardship agreements, even the Tavertet’s masia is itself an experience of stewardship, allowing to visit different cases in a relatively short time.



Masnou de Sa costa & The Avenc (Tavertet)

The Tavertet area is characterised by a high natural and landscape values. Visits will be on river, agrarian and forest land stewardship initiatives, showing how stewardship can be applied on different resources and presenting the process and the land stewardship model.

**Masnou the Sacosta** has a land stewardship agreement and is part of the Natural Interest Area (NIA) of the Guilleries and Collsacabra and is promoting the project “The enchanted forest”. **Selvans project** aims to create a network of mature forest through land stewardship agreements and the **Estany del Coll (The Coll’s Pond)** located in Rupit is a Natura 2000 site with two land stewardship agreements with the aim to harmonise agrarian activity and nature and increase ecotourism resources.

A packed lunch will be provided.

## Programme third day

- 09:00**      **L'Avenc**
- Belinda Parris (L'Avenc - property in land stewardship agreement)
- 11:00**      **Masnou de Sacosta & Selvans Project**
- Francec Giró, Acció Natura (Land Stewardship organisation)
  - Jaume Hidalgo, Selvans Project / Diputació de Girona
- 12:30**      **L'estany del Coll**
- Guillem Mas, Paisatges Vius (Land Stewardship organisation)
- 13:00**      **Lunch**
- 14:00**      **Departs to Barcelona**
- 16:00**      **Arrival at El Prat Airport**
- 16:30**      **Arrival at Barcelona Sants Station (Bus and Train)**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To facilitate attendants' accommodation the organisers have reached an agreement with L'Avenc (rural tourism facility and workshop location) to offer lower accommodation rates.

**Three days:** includes two nights in the Avenc, all meals, field trips and bus expenses from Barcelona to the Avenc and return. All 200€. Individual rooms are available at a total additional cost of 68€

**One day only** (2nd central workshop day, oriented to participants in day travel distance): includes lunch and dinner. Travel expenses to arrive to the Avenc are in charge of attendants. 34.5€

Any interested participants with difficulties to cover accommodation and catering costs please contact the organisation to study your individual case.

Payment can be made by bank transfer to the following bank account:

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<b>Bank Account</b>	ES38	21003979690200070067	CAIXESBBXXX

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