



2nd call for proposals for projects on the restoration of wet meadows and pastures (2019)

Background

Within the frame of the project “**WET MEADOWS AND PASTURES 2**” EuroNatur intends to support local and national NGOs and the European Stork Villages (ESV) in the implementation of projects **addressing the restoration of wet meadows and pastures**. The aim is to replicate the successful restoration measures from the [first phase of the Wet meadows and pastures project](#) on a wider geographical scale. A first call for proposal in 2018 resulted in the funding of 8 habitat projects, which are currently ongoing. With this second call, we aim to identify and fund additional habitat projects in order to continue and enlarge this successful project model.

Eligibility Requirements

As in the first call for habitat projects, the project area needs again to be **located in Central, East or South-East Europe**. The projects need not necessarily be located in the European Stork Villages, but can be implemented in any suitable target areas in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, and preferentially in protected areas or their vicinity.

Local and national NGOs and the European Stork Villages (ESV) are invited to submit proposals for specific projects as lead applicants, either independently or in collaboration with each other and/or other partners (which can come from other sectors, as well, e.g. private, public, etc.).

The projects must have a **direct focus on habitat improvement measures** that are related to the **restoration, creation, improvement or extension of wet meadows and pastures**. Examples might be the revitalization of a wet meadow, the creation of small water bodies in an already existing pasture or the initiation of an extensive grazing project. The projects may of course have different content than those provided in the examples depending on the specific habitat situation in the envisaged project area.

The total project budget should not exceed **25,000 € for a follow-up of a project** from the [first phase of the Wet meadows and pastures project](#) and **35,000 € for a new project** (unless additional funding from other sources is acquired). The budget can of course also be lower – or higher, if a solid justification is provided.

The projects may **start from 1 October 2019 onwards**, should have maximum duration of 18 months and **should be completed by 31 March 2021**.

Submission of proposals

The project proposal and budget must be based on the templates provided with this call and need to be **submitted until 30 June 2019** via e-mail to stefan.ferger@euronatur.org. EuroNatur will confirm the receipt of the proposal and will notify whether it is complete or whether additional information is required.

Selection of projects to be funded

EuroNatur will evaluate the project proposals based on their feasibility, impact, cost-effect ratio and replicability by mid-July 2019. Co-funding from other sources is considered beneficial and any co-funding that has been or can potentially be secured for the proposed project should hence be mentioned.