



LIFE STEWARDSHIP newsletter

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Progress

The series of workshops on innovative financing for conservation continues, connecting companies and land stewardship entities



Second workshop on offset measures

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Third workshop on agrarian stewardship and biodiversity conservation

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The LIFE Stewardship project brings together experts to design new training courses on land stewardship



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The LIFE Stewardship project is making progress in defining a proposal to promote land stewardship through public policies



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La Plaza de la Custodia

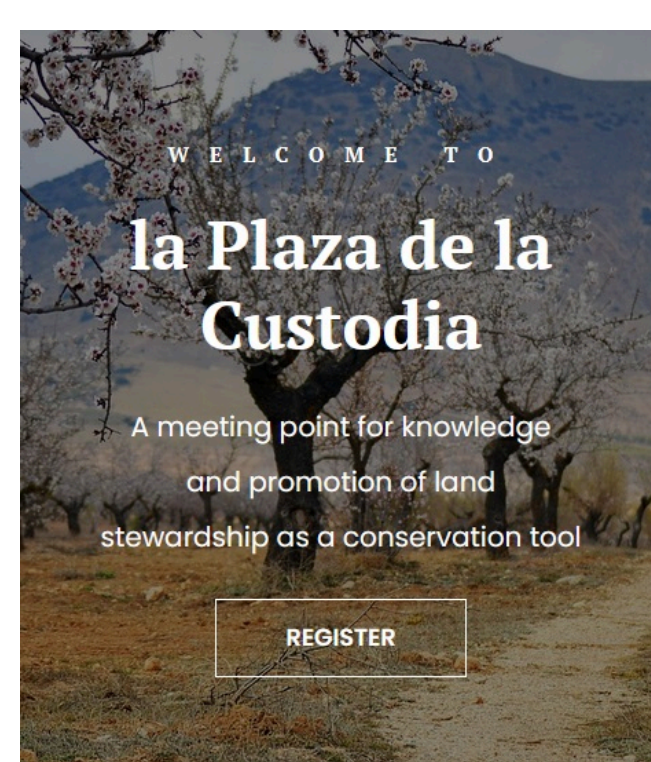
A new meeting space for Land Stewardship in Spain

The Technical Office for Land Stewardship, promoted by the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Forum of Land Stewardship Networks and Entities (FRECT), has created the Plaza de la Custodia, the square of land stewardship, a virtual meeting space for all individuals and organizations working in or interested in land stewardship in Spain. There is an English translation of the site, which is displayed when selecting the option in the menu in the bottom left-hand corner of the page.

Like any town or city square, those interested in land stewardship can now connect and share tools, knowledge, and concerns, participate in discussions, consult documentary resources, and use tools to support the design of stewardship initiatives.

Registering in the Plaza grants access to all conversations, is free, and you do not need to belong to any organization to create an account.

Watch [this video tutorial](#) to register and take a tour of the Plaza:



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[Access to Plaza de la Custodia](#)

Interviews

"Alliances are not an accessory, but a fundamental pillar, especially in a context that demands innovation and facing increasingly complex challenges"



The Land Stewardship Platform, within the LIFE Stewardship project, has proposed a Strategy for 2023-2027 to promote land stewardship in Spain, defined through a participatory process. We spoke with **Jordi Pletx**, an independent consultant insocio-environmental network innovation, **jordipletx.NET**. He emphasizes the importance of **alliances and networks**, such as the new virtual meeting platform "**La Plaza de la Custodia**" (Land Stewardship Square, English version is showed clicking in the left down corner), and of **innovative methodologies** in land stewardship to address increasingly complex challenges.

[Interview](#)

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Adopt an olive tree

[Apadrinaunolivo.org](#)

We get to know the social, environmental, and rural development initiative **Apadrinaunolivo.org** in Oliete (Teruel). Since 2014, they have been working to save 100,000 abandoned, centuries-old olive trees through new technologies and digital tools. Godparents help recover, maintain, and conserve these ancient olive trees for future generations, within a land stewardship model.

They have already recovered 28,000 olive trees thanks to the support of more than 10,000 sponsors and have created jobs, revitalizing the town of Oliete. In their own words: "If our villages disappear, we lose their traditions, their culture, and their ecosystems." This initiative offers hope to rural Spain.

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