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LIFE STEWARDSHIP Newsletter

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Participate in the first Land Stewardship Day



Join the celebration by organizing or contributing an activity to raise awareness about your stewardship initiative.

If you represent an organization or property with a stewardship agreement and would like to showcase its benefits—through an open house, a volunteer event, a guided tour, an informative talk (in-person or online), a discussion, an outreach activity, or any other type of initiative—please join the celebration.

This could be an activity you have already planned, or a new one organized specifically for this celebration.

You can also take part in any of the scheduled activities, which will be updated on the website.

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Progress

The workshops on innovative financing of nature continue with three sessions in Barcelona between October and December



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LIFE Stewardship organizes a workshop at the ESPARC 2026 Congress on land stewardship in protected natural areas



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La Plaza de la Custodia

A 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 Sterwardship Networks and Entities (FRECT), has created the **Plaza de la Custodia, the square of land stewarship, a virtual meeting space for all individuals and organizations working in or interested in land stewardship in Spain**.



Watch this video tutorial to register and take a tour of the Plaza:

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Access to Plaza de la Custodia

Interviews

Javier Puertas: "Stewardship is an added value for revitalizing rural areas, especially when partnered with protected areas"



Designating a protected area is important, but so is its active management. Land stewardship has proven useful in managing protected areas; to understand this relationship in depth, we spoke with **Javier Puertas from the Communications Department of the EUROPARC-Spain Technical Office at the Fernando González Bernáldez Foundation**. According to the 7th Inventory of Stewardship Initiatives, more than half of the land under stewardship agreements lies within protected areas, yielding excellent conservation results.

Read the interview

Stories of Stewardship

Victoria Laporta Foundation in Parc Natural de la Serra de Mariola (Comunidad Valenciana)

We highlight a conservation initiative within protected areas—specifically the Serra de Mariola Natural Park in Valencia and Alicante—spearheaded by the **Victoria Laporta Foundation** at the Buixcarró Estate. Its objectives include **nature and biodiversity conservation**, the preservation of **traditional land uses and ethnological heritage**, **environmental education**, and **research** collaboration—such as the Project Studying the Impact of Climate Change on the ecosystems and species of the Serres de Mariola and Carrascal de la Font Roja SPA/SCI sites.





Also, they have founded **Avincenca** (Valencian Association for Land Stewardship and Responsible Management) to promote the development and use of land stewardship in Comunidad Valenciana.

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Training

Building Capacities for Land Stewardship

The Fernando González Bernáldez Foundation, partner of LIFE STEWARDSHIP, has developed a training program launching in 2027 titled "**Building Capacities for Land Stewardship**." The program is structured into **five online courses, each lasting 40 hours**.

The courses will begin in January 2027. The dates are to be announced soon.

The target audience is very broad: it includes individuals interested in land stewardship, as well as representatives from organizations, government bodies, and companies that are already engaged in stewardship—or that wish to begin doing so.



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Calendar

Three workshop on nature innovative financing in Barcelona

October 15. Workshop on **biodiversity metrics** for large landowners and companies, exploring how to turn biodiversity into a financing opportunity.

November 12. Workshop on **carbon credits for land stewardship** organizations and interested experts, focusing on methodologies to advance stewardship initiatives through carbon credits.

December 3. Workshop on **tourism, conservation, and investment** in the territory, aimed at tourism businesses and public authorities.



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2027 ILCN Global Congress People. Nature. Action. Delivering on a Global Conservation Agenda

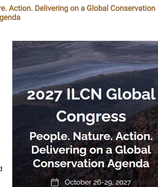
Dates: October 26–29th, 2027
Format: In-person in Melbourne, Australia.

Deadline for proposal submissions: October 19th, 2026.

Organizers: International Land Conservation Network (ILCN) 2027 Global Congress, co-hosted by the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA).

Target audience: Professionals, leaders, funders, researchers, and communities working to expand the practical impact of conservation on the ground.

Objective: To strengthen an international community of practice focused on private-sector and community-led conservation, and to accelerate the ideas, investment, and collaboration needed to protect healthy ecosystems—the foundation for cultural and social well-being, economic prosperity, and climate resilience.



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