

LIFE Mires Estonia — National Peatland Rewetting Programme

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

EU LIFE-funded programme (2015-2021, EUR 2.8M) rewetted 7,900 ha of degraded Estonian mires — beating its 5,800 ha target — by closing 317 km of drainage ditches across six Natura 2000 sites, restoring capercaillie, moor frog and dragonfly populations.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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