

## R&D / INNOVATION / TECHNOLOGY PROFILE

PARTNERSHIP PROFILE FORM

### 1. COMPANY/TECHNOLOGY IDENTIFICATION

<b>Type of organization <sup>(*)</sup>:</b>	Association & SME
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### 2. ORGANIZATION PROFILE

**Paisatges Vius** (Living Landscapes) is a non-for-profit organisation, as well as SME (Ecotons SCP), working on natural heritage, biodiversity and landscape conservation and restoration actions compatible with human activity on the land. We use land stewardship agreements as a long-term conservation strategy for farms and rural estates with natural, cultural and landscape resources. Our SME Ecotons also provides services and products for conservation actions on a contractual and R&D basis. We are developing a highly specialized expertise and practice in restoration & conservation of Mediterranean and Atlantic type species, habitats and landscapes, since 2010.

Our network of partners includes the *Catalan Land Stewardship Network-XCT*, where we share expertise with +160 organisations, as well as Universities and Research Centres, private companies, protected areas, municipalities and +10 private landowners & farms where we develop our long-term restoration & conservation actions.

#### **Specific Role within the project (competences)**

We offer our expertise as field work and action oriented organisation creating, developing and managing ecosystem restoration projects in a multiactor approach, actively involving key stakeholders and end-users, including farmers and landowners through land stewardship agreements, citizen volunteers, town councils and business as part of restoration efforts.

We can provide:

- Experience in biodiversity restoration & creation in Mediterranean and Atlantic type ecosystems.
- An entrepreneurial approach to ecological restoration.
- Readily designed and implemented ecological restoration products (nesting-boxes, agri-reservoirs exiting systems for terrestrial fauna, dens, planting & procedures, etc.).
- Dialogue, negotiation & agreement on on-site restoration agreements for ecosystems.
- Stakeholder, social and mass media, and citizenship involvement in biodiversity and natural heritage projects.
- Land and nature stewardship methodologies for ecological restoration.

### 3. RELEVANT R&D PROJECTS

- **Living pastures project at the Collsacabra Natural Area**, restoration & creation of high biodiversity pastures and hedges. *With volunteer support, landowners & farmers and Fundació Biodiversidad – Government of Spain.* (ongoing project).
- **1.000 Water Points Project: Rural pond restoration projects**, restoration & management of pre-existing rural ponds in agriculture & pasture farmlands. (ongoing project).
- **Samaruc Project.** Coastal lagoon restoration for release & recovery of the endemic litoral fish listed as Critical, samaruc (Valencia toothcarp, *Valencia hispanica*). With the Ametlla de Mar Township & the Ictiology Centre of the Ebre Delta Natural Park (ongoing project)
- **Naumanni+80.** Habitat restoration and nesting site creation for the lesser kestrel (*Falco naumanni*) in the Girona Province. With the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, landowners and farmers (ongoing project).
- **Salvafaua (Wildlife-saving) Project:** Test-experiment for terrestrial fauna recovery in agricultural plastic-covered agricultural water points. Own-managed R&D project (2013).
- **Mediterranean evergreen-oak forest restoration.** Volunteer-supported project. *Completed with landowners and Fundació Biodiversidad – Government of Spain.* (2010).
- **Dune restoration at the Estany Tort beach, L’Ametlla de Mar;** Volunteer supported project. *Completed with Town council and Fundació Biodiversidad – Government of Spain.* (2012)
- **Habitat improvement for wild rabbit including creation of stone-dens at Tavertet Plains.** *Completed with local hunting society, the Regional Government of Catalonia.* (2009).
- **Land stewardship actions for the conservation and restoration of the Collsacabra Mountain Area;** *Completed with landowners & farmers, the Regional Government of Catalonia.* (ongoing project).

### 4. TOPICS OF INTEREST FOR H2020 - 2015 calls

- **SC5-07-2015 More effective ecosystem restoration in the European Union**

We, together with our network partners and members, are also open to new R&D proposals under Horizon 2020 on: biodiversity, freshwater and agricultural conservation & restoration, rural green economy, and common & private high nature value land management, and public-private partnerships for ecological restoration.

