

## Empowering Young Rewilders

### Call for Proposals

Rewilding Europe invites members of the [European Young Rewilders](#) (EYR) to apply for funding to carry out inspiring, impactful actions that contribute to rewilding in their own region or community.

Our goal is to support **young people to take action** to raise awareness of rewilding, influence local decision-making, or encourage wider engagement. By reimbursing practical costs, we aim to make it easier for motivated young people to become ambassadors for rewilding.

By carrying out these activities you become a EYR volunteer and will join a team of like-minded young people.

### Why this funding exists

Rewilding Europe believes in the power of young people to make a difference. This small-scale funding opportunity helps remove financial barriers so members can act for nature and become ambassadors for rewilding.

### What can you do?

In this call for proposals, we prioritise activities such as local events, awareness-raising, participation in planning processes, or creative forms of communication. We particularly welcome activities that are recurring, repeated or make up a longer project (like a series of lectures or events).

Examples of eligible activities:

- Arranging a presentation or workshop about rewilding, or a series of events
- Hosting a meetup or walk with a rewilding theme (min. 10 participants)
- Organising an event on rewilding at a school, university or local community centre
- Joining consultations to integrate rewilding into National Restoration Plans or protected area strategies
- Creating educational materials or campaigns for key rewilding dates (e.g. World Rewilding Day or European Day of Parks)
- Representing youth perspectives at conferences or rewilding-related meetings
- Promoting human-wildlife coexistence through local dialogue or campaigns
- Designing a youth-led rewilding vision for your region or country

While we recognise interest in hands-on fieldwork (e.g. removing fencing or invasive species), we are **currently not able to fund physical activities involving tools, manual labour, or remote locations**, due to liability considerations. If you're interested in those, we encourage you to explore the volunteering opportunities shared via the EYR newsletter and website.

## Eligibility

- Be aged 18-30 at the time of applying.
- Be an active EYR member for at least 6 weeks.
- Have permission from the landowner or manager if your activity involves a specific location.

## Funding info:

- **Maximum reimbursement:** EUR 400 per application
- **Minimum amount:** No minimum - smaller proposals are welcome.
- **Expenses must be approved** in advance and submitted with valid receipts.
- Activities should **start within 3 months** of approval and be completed within 3 months after that.
- Eligible costs include: materials, local travel, printing, rental, and basic catering. **Personal fees or stipends are not eligible.**

## How to apply

1. Fill out the application form (separate document).
2. Submit it to [europையoungrewilders@rewildingeurope.com](mailto:europையoungrewilders@rewildingeurope.com).
3. You'll get a reply as soon as possible and a result of your application within 3 weeks.

## Selection criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- \* Relevance to rewilding goals and Rewilding Europe [strategy](#).
- \* Direct contribution to [EYR goals](#).
- \* Feasibility and expected impact.
- \* Collaboration with relevant local actors (e.g. organisations, schools, municipalities).
- \* Whether other funding sources are available for this type of activity.
- \* Potential for long-term or follow-up impact.

We will also aim to support a range of activities across different countries and regions in Europe.

## What is expected from you?

If your proposal is approved, we expect you to:

- \* Join the Slack channel where you will be communicating and sharing updates with the other EYR volunteers.
- \* Keep us informed of progress as you plan your activity.
- \* Submit a short report (1–2 pages) and at least one photo within 1 month after the activity.
- \* Include: what you did, who was involved, what impact it had. You may also be asked to provide data (e.g. number of people involved or area impacted).

\* Submit valid receipts for all reimbursable costs within 30 days of the activity ending, using our reimbursement form.

## Questions?

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