PEATLAND TWINNING





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WORKING TOGETHER TO RESTORE PEATLANDS FOR NATURE AND CLIMATE

GERMANY ⟷ UKRAINE



Twinning Project

Twin Peatlands, Shared Goals for Nature

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Chernihiv – Working Together for Climate and Nature

Peatlands are valuable ecosystems. When drained, they release greenhouse gases. At the same time, important functions in water regulation and biodiversity conservation are lost. Rewetting peatlands is therefore an important contribution to climate and nature conservation.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern has decades of experience in peatland rewetting. The project aims to share and further develop this expertise within the existing regional partnership with Ukraine's Chernihiv region.

Two Regions. One Shared Project.

A German-Ukrainian Twinning Project is planned: A large-scale peatland rewetting project in Ukraine will be linked to an easily accessible demonstration project in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Together, they will form a pair of "twin peatlands" connecting Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Chernihiv. In addition, training for peatland specialists is planned.



Why Rewet Peatlands?

CLIMATE PROTECTION
Rewetting drained peatlands helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
Peatlands are valuable habitats and contribute to the preservation of biodiversity.

WATER MANAGEMENT
Intact peatlands play an important role in regulating the landscape's water balance.

PARTNERSHIP
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Chernihiv combine the exchange of expertise with concrete action on climate and nature conservation.

SECURITY
In some locations, restored wet peatlands may also have strategic relevance. Their potential to affect the movement of heavy vehicles depends on local conditions and requires separate assessment. The project will therefore explore possible security-related benefits alongside ecological and climate impacts.



MoorFutures – Experience in Climate Action

MoorFutures have mobilized private funding for peatland restoration in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern for many years. Each MoorFutures represents one tonne of avoided greenhouse gas emissions, expressed in CO_2 equivalents, as calculated and documented for the respective project.

The partnership will draw on this experience to explore a practical financing approach suited to the ecological, legal and institutional conditions in Ukraine. Expected impacts should be estimated conservatively, monitored after implementation and updated where the evidence supports doing so. Any potential use under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement would require a separate assessment and cannot be assumed at this stage.

120,000 t CO_2e
projected emission reductions

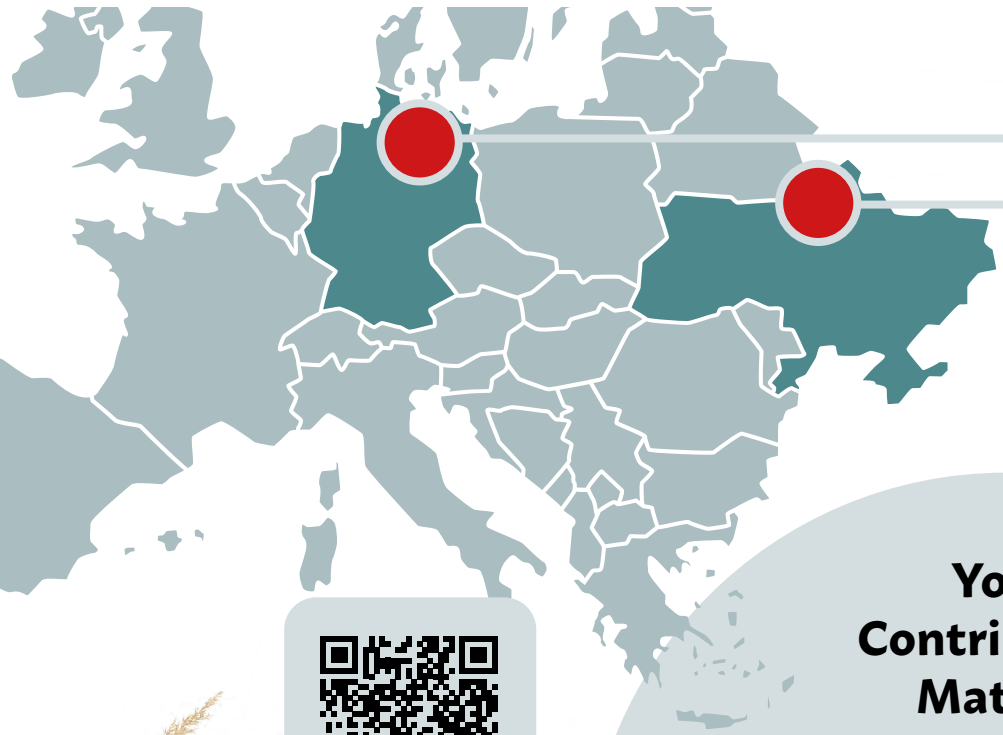
€4 million
Funding mobilized 2011 – 2026 by MoorFutures

400 hectares
rewetted peatlands 2011-2026 by MoorFutures

The benefits include climate protection, biodiversity conservation and additional environmental, social and economic impacts. Certificates are purchased by individuals, companies and organisations.

MoorFutures

Ihre Investitionen in Klimaschutz.



Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany
An easily accessible demonstration project for peatland rewetting is planned here. It will showcase the joint initiative and provide opportunities for site visits.

Chernihiv Region, Ukraine
The partnership aims to develop peatland restoration projects in the Chernihiv region. Chernihiv has been a partner region of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern since January 2024.

Your Contribution Matters

Through your commitment, you can support peatland rewetting and make a tangible contribution to climate action and nature conservation. **MoorFutures** offers an established approach to mobilising private funding for peatland rewetting. Applying this approach in Ukraine could create new opportunities for cooperation between Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the Chernihiv region.

Interested in supporting the partnership or learning more? Contact **z-eco@lm.mv-regierung.de** or scan the QR code for project updates.

Rewetting peatlands together.
Protecting the climate.
Strengthening partnerships.



The project brings together partners from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Ukraine. The participating organisations include the Ministry for Climate Protection, Agriculture, Rural Areas and the Environment of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the Ministry of Science, Culture, Federal and European Affairs of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the Chernihiv Regional Military Administration, Ukrainian nature conservation organisations, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the Michael Succow Foundation.

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