LANDSCAPE RESTORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A BUSINESS APPROACH

There is a great urgency to scale up and accelerate landscape restoration. Also, there is a growing recognition that long-term business success is tied to healthy communities and ecosystems, so healthy landscapes.

We envision that business can become a force for positive change and that business education is crucial for businesses to actually become a driver of scaling up and speeding up landscape restoration. That is why we started the European Network for the Advancement of Business & Landscape Education, in short ENABLE. ENABLE wants to inspire business professionals to contribute to the restoration economy, and environmental and landscape professionals to adopt a business approach to landscape restoration. We want to help these (future) leaders to think and act in terms of 4 returns on investment: return of inspiration, return of social capital, return of natural capital and return of financial capital.

ENABLE received an Erasmus+-grant for higher education from the European Union and our partnership develops educational materials with the goal to:
• educate (future) business & landscape leaders to apply the 4 returns approach to business-driven landscape restoration;
• equip (future) business & landscape leaders to enhance the 4 returns approach as part of establishing a restoration economy;
• exchange knowledge and expertise to build a learning community for 4 returns professionals (business, academics, experts, policy makers and students) providing academic rigor and practical relevance through action-research and co-creation in field projects;
• establish and facilitate multi-stakeholder consortia building long-term partnerships for investable landscape projects.


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