



# An awakening for wilderness in Europe

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# A continent of paradox



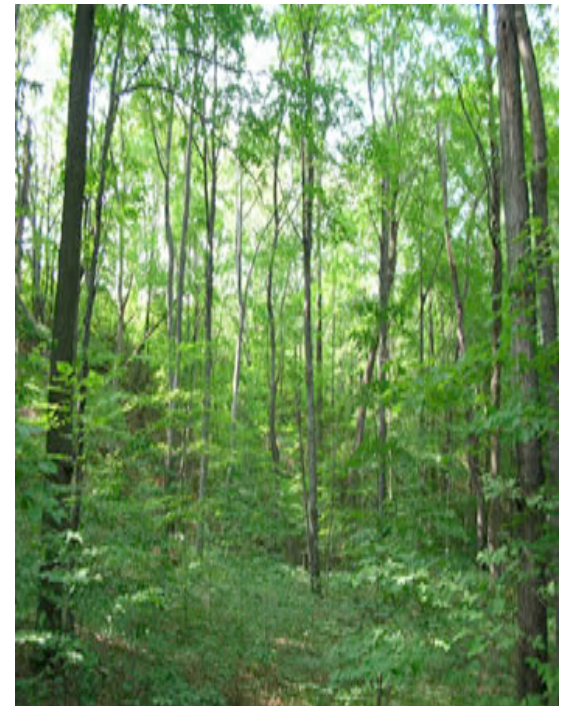
- The most crowded & developed
- Only 1-2% wilderness remaining
- Spectacular wild areas & species
- Many threats, but historic potential



# The momentum for wilderness



- 2008 Joint petition for improved protection
- 2009 European Parliament Resolution
- 2009 Prague conference - Action Plan
- 2010 Restoration Strategy
- 2011 Wilderness in EU Biodiversity Strategy
- 2012 Standardised definitions of wilderness and wild areas



# Initiatives for protection

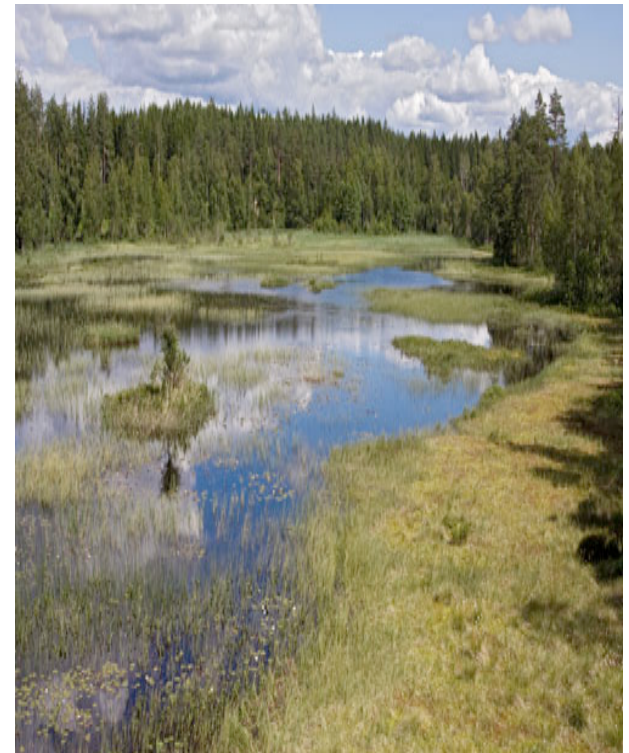
- EC guidelines for non intervention management in Natura 2000 network
- EC Wilderness Register
- New areas: eg Romania, France
- Old Growth Forest protection strategy
- Initiatives using Wild Europe definition of (real) wilderness



# Initiatives for restoration



- Marginal agriculture, forestry
- EU “targets restoration 15% of degraded ecosystems by 2020”
- Individual countries:
  - Germany 2%
  - Ireland
- Target 5% wilderness by 2028



# Global relevance

