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# International Workshop: Legal Tools for Private Land Conservation

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**14 and 15 June 2018 | Arktikum, Rovaniemi, Finland**

This first workshop of the LIFE ELCN project will investigate how private land conservation works under existing EU and national legislation and how new instruments could be legally codified to foster the concept of private land conservation. The workshop will focus on two topics: "conservation easements" and "privately protected areas".

Conservation easements are widely used in North America and other parts of the world, but are hardly known in the EU. They represent a property law tool that landowners can use to protect their land by defining permissible land uses in perpetuity. Their wider-scale application will require a sound legal basis and proper financial instruments to incentivise landowners to use the tool for the protection of their land. Likewise, the protection category 'privately protected area' is codified in only a handful of EU member states (e.g. Portugal and Belgium). Moreover, public funding for the establishment, governance and management of privately protected areas has been largely lacking.

By bringing together leading experts and identifying reform needs for conservation, property, tax and charitable law; the workshop aims at critically investigating the potential and the risks of these and other legal tools for private land conservation in Europe.

We are looking forward to your participation and your contributions!

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## Programme

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

20:00 Welcome dinner - Hotel Santa Claus

16:00 Plenary discussion: Conservation easements in the EU

17:00 End of day one

20:00 Boat tour on Kemijoki River, dinner and "Euro Cocktail" on Kotisaari Island

Thursday, 14 June 2018 - Conservation Easements

09:00 Welcome by hosts

09:30 Conservation easements – legal concept and possible applications  
Dr. Tilmann Disselhoff, NABU/ELCN

10:00 The use of easements for conservation in the EU – results of the first international baseline study  
Inga Racinska, SIA Biota

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Incentives and motives for using conservation easements - lessons from the USA  
Laura Johnson, International Land Conservation Network

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Case study 1 - to be determined  
to be determined

14:15 Case study 2 - to be determined  
to be determined

15:00 Using easements for forest conservation in Scandinavia and the Baltic States  
Sari Sivonen, Lapin ELY-keskus

Friday, 15 June 2018 - Privately Protected Areas

09:00 Privately protected areas in the EU – an overview  
Nigel Dudley/Sue Stolton?, IUCN PPA Specialist Group

10:00 Codifying privately protected areas in Portuguese law  
Luis Jordao, Montis

10:30 Privately protected areas as a management category in Belgium  
Niels Vanderheubeke, Natuurpunt

11:00 Coffee break

11:00 Privately Protected Areas in Slovenia (or Slovakia - tbd)  
to be determined

12:00 Plenary discussion: Privately protected areas in the EU

12:45 Concluding remarks – policy options for improving the legal basis of private land conservation in the EU

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Excursion to Kätkävaara Nature Trail

19:00 Return to Rovaniemi



## Event location

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