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„The potential of near-natural pasture landscapes for climate protection and water management“

from Thursday, 23th April to Friday, 24th April 2026

at the Brandenburg Academy "Schloss Criewen"

The symposium will be simultaneously translated into German and English. The event is being organised - alongside the Brandenburg Academy - by Deutsche Umwelthilfe e. V. (DUH).

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We are seizing the opportunity presented by the United Nations' designation of 2026 as the 'International Year of Pastoralism and Pastoral Landscapes' to highlight the important role that near-natural pasture landscapes play in providing vital ecosystem services, particularly with regard to climate protection and landscape water management. Our symposium will feature insights from experts in the field. It will provide a platform for sharing knowledge, experience, and strategies to promote near-natural grazing and achieve goals relating to nature conservation and natural climate protection.

The conference is particularly aimed at employees of nature conservation, water, agriculture and forestry authorities, as well as land users, conservationists, landscape planners, scientists, government employees at all administrative levels, political representatives and anyone interested in the topic.

Agenda

Thursday, 23th April

10.15 a.m.

Greeting

Brandenburg Academy „Schloss Criewen“

Miss Brehm's Animal Life: *Lumbricus terrestris* – the earthworm
by Barbara Geiger

- **The potential of near natural pasture landscapes for climate protection and water management**
Sabrina Schulz, Deutsche Umwelthilfe e. V. (DUH), Berlin
- **Carbon sinks in floodplains: The climate value of extensively managed floodplain landscapes: an initial assessment.**
Dr Mathias Scholz, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, (UfZ), Leipzig
- **Near-natural grazing and floodplain restoration: examples from the Lippe River**
Joachim Drüke, Dr Margret Bunzel-Drüke, Working Group for Biological Environmental Protection in the district of Soest, Bad Sassendorf
- **CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) after 2027. What does it mean for grazing livestock farming and nature conservation in grasslands?**
Dr Anja Schmitz, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, (BfN), Bonn

12.30 p.m

Lunch break

1.30 p.m.

Field trip

Hike along the wilderness adventure trail through wide meadows and wild forests to the bison pasture.

3.45 p.m.

Coffee break

4.15. p.m.

Workshops

1. **Opportunities and levers for a 'wild pasture turbo' in water, climate and nature conservation policy.**
Input: Sabrina Schulz, DUH
2. **Carbon storage in floodplain landscapes and their future importance for restoration and climate adaptation.**
Input: Dr Mathias Scholz, UfZ

3. Proved solutions for restoration and grazing in floodplains.

Input: Dr Margret Bunzel-Drüke, Joachim Drüke, ABU Soest

4. Knowledge – Change – Vision: How can regenerative economic practices be integrated into education and practice in future, and how should this be done?

Input: Dr Bettina Burkart-Aicher, Bavarian Academy for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (ANL Bayern), Laufen

5. The future of grassland in the CAP: definitions and funding prospects.

Input: Dr Jan Freese, Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE), Bonn;
Dr Anne Hopf, Kassel University; Dr Anja Schmitz (BfN)

5.15 p.m. **Presentation of the workshop results in the plenary session.**

6.30 p.m. **Reception organised by the Lower Oder Valley National Park Foundation**
Thomas Berg, Chairman of the Friends of the National Park Association

7.00 p.m. **Dinner**

8.00 p.m. **Cultural evening**
Miss Brehm's Animal Life: *Bos primigenius taurus* – The cow
by Barbara Geiger

End at approx. 8.45 p.m.

Friday, 24th April

9.00 a.m. **Greeting**

- **Revitalising the moors: Why water alone is not enough**
Dr Dominik Henrik Zak, Aarhus University, Denmark
- **A win-win for biodiversity and climate protection: a case study of the reintroduction of grazing on abandoned alpine pastures.**
Dr Andreas v. Heßberg, Bayreuth University
- **Grazing in Rhythm with Nature on Estonia's Heritage Meadows: The Path from Climate Protection to Quality Meat Reaching Consumers**
Airi Külvet, Puutsa Farm, Estland
- **Rewetting and extensive grazing in the Pfrunger-Burgweiler Ried, Baden-Württemberg's second-largest moorland area.**
Sabine Behr, Ried Foundation, Wilhelmsdorf

10.50 a.m. **Coffee break**

- **Livestock trampling and browsing in the Karrendorfer Meadows is a measure to protect the thriving coastal floodplain marsh, as well as the climate, nature and coastline.**

Dr Nina Seifert, Succow Foundation, Greifswald

- **Holistic pasture management offers many opportunities for climate protection.**

Dr Bettina Burkart-Aicher, ANL Bayern

12.15 p.m. **Panel discussion**

Between emissions, animal welfare, and ecosystem services: Cattle farming under discussion

Moderation: N. N., DUH

Participants: Dr. Friederike Schmitz, Faba Konzepte, Berlin
Ulrich Mück, Eco-agricultural engineer and specialist author
Theresa Marie Schneider, Kassel University

1.30 p.m. **Closing Lunch**

End. Approx. 2.00 p.m.

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By car:

From direction Berlin via BAB 11 Berlin-Stettin (Szczecin), exit Joachimsthal / Schwedt via B198 and B2 until the roundabout, continue on L284 (direction Felchow / Schwedt) to Criewen.

From direction Stralsund via BAB 20, exit cross Uckermark, via B166 to Schwedt (Oder-Center), in direction Angermünde to Criewen



Train/Public Transport

By public transport:

Coming from direction Berlin or Stralsund, take the train to Angermünde. From the station square take bus 468 to Criewen-Nationalparkzentrum.

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