

IMPACT REPORT 2025

Sylvester Rewilding
Collectivly Rewilding Europe

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A few words on 2025...

2025 was a defining year for Sylvester. Our main focus was on making Galicia happen: securing ownership of a 1.7-hectare former eucalyptus plantation after a long administrative process. In September 2025, this finally became a reality, a major milestone for our work. But ownership alone doesn't create impact. With our Rewilding Week, we took the first collective steps on the ground, bringing together participants, neighbours, and local community members to begin restoring the land.

Alongside this, we continued community-based workshops in Portugal, with a strong focus on engaging children and young people in rewilding.

The year also came with challenges. Bureaucratic delays made planning difficult at times, but we adapted and kept moving forward. Overall, we're proud of what we achieved in 2025 and excited to build on this momentum in 2026. We invite you to explore the highlights of our progress throughout 2025 in the pages that follow.

— The Sylvester Team

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WHAT IS SYLVESTER?

Sylvester is a German NGO aiming to restore wild habitats across Europe. Founded by a multifaceted team in 2023, the NGO consists of 14 passionate voluntary rewilders from across Europe.

Since our foundation, the team has been continuously working on developing a model for collective rewilding and establishing Sylvester as part of a vibrant European rewilding movement.

OUR VISION & MISSION

Sylvester envisions new, wild natural habitats all over Europe that are financed, rewilded and governed by passionate stewards from the Sylvester community.

To make this vision a reality we follow four missions:

Create rewilding spaces

and restore habitats and biodiversity

Connect rewilding enthusiasts

and grow a rewilding community

Build a digital land governance system

enabling communities to govern land collectively

Spread the word about rewilding

and create educational rewilding materials

In the following slides, we dive into each mission and what we achieved in 2025.

**Create rewilding
spaces
and restore habitats
and biodiversity**

CREATING REWILDING SPACES: GALICIA, REGA GRANDE

Started: September 2025.

Project status: In progress

Location: Mañón, Galicia

Area: 1.7 ha former eucalyptus plantation

Goal: Restore native Galician fraga ecosystem

WildTokens distributed: 92 / 294

Activities: 1

Purpose:

- Long-term rewilding site
- Living & learning lab for hands-on education
- Testing ground for the WildToken governance system



CREATING REWILDING SPACES: GALICIA, REGA GRANDE

Activity: Sylvester Rewilding Week

When: 24.09 – 01.10.2025

Participants: 15

Format: 7-day immersive, hands-on rewilding experience for all participants

Local collaboration: Its Thyme & Poquiño a Poquiño

Activities:

- Removing eucalyptus regrowth
- Vegetation mapping & baseline monitoring
- Workshops on rewilding principles & restoration methods
- Regenerative living & community stewardship sessions
- Field excursion: Visit to Fragas do Ortegal learning about local species and geology

CREATING REWILDING SPACES: GALICIA, REGA GRANDE

Activity: Ecological Baseline Assessment

When: September 2025

Assessments: Plant species identification, fixed point photography, river assessment, wildlife cam

Species detected:

- Plant species recorded: 30
- Fungi species recorded: 2
- Mammal species recorded: 8
- Bird species recorded: 5

Target ecosystem: Atlantic temperate forest (fraga)

CREATING REWILDING SPACES: PORTUGAL, ECO CLUB

Start: September 2025

Project status: In progress

Location: Sintra, Portugal

Project type: School-based rewilding garden

Group size: 10

Goal:

- Create a rewilding-friendly school garden
- Support more wildlife than a conventional garden
- Habitat creation for local species
- Outdoor learning & experimentation space for children
- Hands-on environmental education

CREATING REWILDING SPACES: PORTUGAL, WILD SUMMER CAMP

Start: August 2025

Project status: Completed

Location: Sintra, Portugal

Format:

- Intensive one week-long summer camp for 7 kids
- 5 interconnected workshops (~3h each)

Approach: Observation, rewilding action & human–nature connection

Activities:

- Biodiversity surveys & wildlife observation
- Habitat creation (insects, reptiles, nesting spaces)
- Creative nature activities & explorative hikes



Sylvester Week 2025



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Wild Summer Camp
2025



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Eco Club 2025



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A photograph of a group of people in a forest. In the foreground, a man with curly hair and glasses is looking down at a small object held in his hand. Next to him, a man with a beard and a tan beanie is also looking at the object. In the background, another person is visible, and the forest is filled with trees and foliage.

**Connect rewilding
enthusiats**
and grow a rewilding
community

CONNECTING REWILDING ENTHUSIASTS

Online Community reach by end of 2025

- Instagram: 1,648
- TikTok: 310 followers · 1,811 likes
- LinkedIn: 677
- Newsletter: 385 subscribers
- YouTube: 131 subscribers


2025 active community engagement

Monthly intro calls: 10

Monthly community calls: 12

Messaging platforms:

- WhatsApp members group: 58
- Discord server: 55

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing large white headphones and a patterned top, is smiling and looking down at a laptop screen. The background is slightly blurred, showing a desk with some papers and a patterned bag.

**Build a digital land
governance system**
enabling communities
to govern land
collectively

BUILDING LAND GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

In 2025, we advanced a collective land governance model that enables people to actively participate in rewilding and climate action. Through WildTokens, blockchain-based governance tokens, individuals become part of a digital community and can take part in decision-making for specific rewilding areas.

The model also aims to actively involve local communities and give them a voice in restoration processes. The first pilot is being implemented in Rega Grande, Galicia. WildToken development is complete, the website has been updated, and the system is ready to launch in early 2026.

**Spreading the word
about rewilding and
create educational
rewilding materials**



SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT REWILDING

2025 Workshops

- Rewilding with herbivores: 2
- Kids rewilding workshops: 4
- Online workshops: 2
- Building land governance systems: 2

2025 Conferences & Public Events

- Sinn Congress, Münster (May, 2025)
- ADH, Seignosse (June 2025)
- I DO NGO Fair, Rotterdam (February, 2025)

Media & Content in 2025

- Blog posts: 5
- Instagram posts: 4
- YouTube videos: 3
- TikTok videos: 3
- Podcast appearances: 1
- Community Updates: 12



FAIXAS VIVAS

Since 2024, Sylvester has supported the development of the Faixas Vivas network together with Milvoz. The initiative promotes resilient, biodiverse ecosystems as natural fire protection and advocates for systemic change in landscape management in Portugal.

In 2025, the network grew to 30+ member organisations and 60+ members, published a manifesto and policy statements, and launched a public tool to report environmental violations, receiving 300+ citizen reports.

It also organised 3 citizen assemblies and 3 organisational encounters, engaging 180+ participants. Sylvester led communication and website development and supported the organisation of these activities.



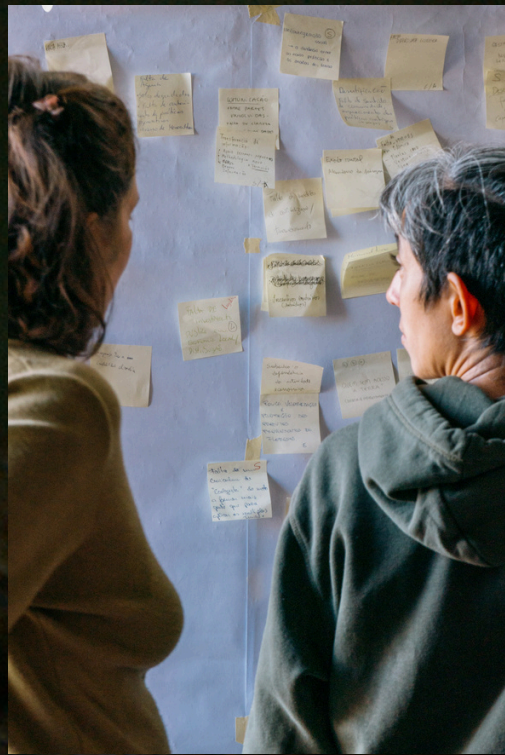
Rewilding with herbivores Workshop



ADH 2025



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Faixas Vivas 2025



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Sinn Congress 2025



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OUTLOOK 2026



OUTLOOK 2026

WildToken Launch

- Official launch of WildTokens in 2026
- Activation of pre-purchased tokens
- Start of community-led governance & decision-making
- Public campaign to distribute tokens & fund further rewilding

Galicia Land Expansion

- Purchase of +1 ha adjacent to existing site
- Former plantation restored for natural regeneration
- Prevents return to industrial land use

OUTLOOK 2026

Boundless Life Eco Club (Portugal)

- Continued after-school programme with Boundless Life
- Twice-weekly sessions for children aged 4–12
- Gardening, habitat building & wildlife-friendly space design

Collaboration Montescola (Galicia)

- Mapping commons communities already practising rewilding
- Supporting collaboration, growth & shared impact
- Co-developing tools with Montescola

OUR TEAM

Our team has continued to grow across Europe, with active regional chapters in Germany, Galicia (Spain), and Portugal. Members come from diverse backgrounds such as design, business, law, and psychology, bringing a wide range of skills into the project. What unites us is a shared passion for rewilding and the motivation to make a tangible difference. Together, we work towards a wilder Europe while continuously growing our knowledge in nature restoration and strengthening our personal connection to nature.

In 2025, our Wild Climate Club has grown to 16 members, with its board continuing to consist of 3 people.

PARTNERS

