The European Network for the Advancement of Business and Landscape Education develops much-needed education on integrated landscape management based on sustainable business models. ENABLE is a Strategic Partnership co-funded by the EU Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

Land degradation is a widespread problem across Europe with serious consequences for not just the environment but all of society. Europe needs high quality education, targeted at business students and professionals to create awareness about the functioning of ecosystems and the benefits of sustainable landscape management.

The ENABLE project is a response from calls to action from policy makers, business leaders, and universities for high quality education in Europe on land degradation and the required large-scale, multi-partner response required to counter landscape degradation.

The ENABLE consortium is developing various education tools and other means to raise a new generation of professionals that will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to restore landscapes and return social, cultural, and financial returns to society while doing so.
Consortium Partners

The ENABLE project is a partnership of various organisations from the private, public, and non-profit sector, and is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Each partner contributes a different set of resources, knowledge, and skill which makes it possible to develop a holistic and applicable high-quality education platform for business-driven landscape restoration.

Rotterdam School of Management
  Partnerships Resource Centre (PrC)
  Case Development Centre (CDC)
Commonland
Estoril Conferences / Municipality of Cascais
Spanish National Research Council
  Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura (CEBAS-CSIC)
United Nations University
  Land Restoration Training Programme

Advisory Board

The ENABLE project is overseen by an Advisory Board which consists of a selected group of members representing different stakeholders who are appointed by the ENABLE consortium partners:

- Business is represented by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Experts are represented by the Economics of Land Degradation and University of Leeds
- Policy makers are presented by UN Convention for the Combat of Desertification and IUCN Commission for Ecosystem Management

The role of the advisory board is to provide feedback and input on the project, advise on various topics.
The ENABLE consortium uses the 4 returns approach, developed by Willem Ferwerda (Founder and CEO of Commonland and Executive Fellow Business & Ecosystems at RSM).

The 4 returns are:

Return of Inspiration: hope, engagement, innovation

Return of Social capital: jobs, social cohesion

Return of Natural capital: fertile soils, biodiversity, carbon storage


The 4 returns is one of the main frameworks taught and applied in the various education tools that the ENABLE consortium is developing.
Did you know ecosystems provide us with services that are worth between $21 and $72 trillion every year?
Together the partners of the ENABLE consortium will ...

**Develop a portfolio of online and classroom teaching material for business students and professionals involved in landscapes (e.g. business developers, business leaders, and practitioners from NGOs and governments)**

**Develop and launch two MOOCs** targeted at business students and professionals, equipping them with knowledge and skills for sustainable land management and landscape restoration based on a sound business case.

**Develop 5 cases to be used in management education**

**Launch an interactive discussion platform** that will serve as a joint body of knowledge and learning platform.

**Host an International Case Competition** for the most talented European business students from CEMS-business schools to dive into the topic of Integrated Landscape Management.

**Participate in conferences with keynote speeches and workshops** to expand awareness of landscape degradation and business-drive restoration among professionals.

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