

Joint Network for wild Fungi (JoNeF)

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Fungi: An Overlooked Kingdom in European Conservation

- Fungi are neither plants nor animals.
- Fungi are vital for ecosystems but still **overlooked** in conservation.

JoNeF focuses on:



- **Highlighting** fungi's role in ecosystem health
- **Ensuring** fungi are **recognized** in European biodiversity strategies
- **Building** a strong IMPEL network to advance fungal conservation in Europe

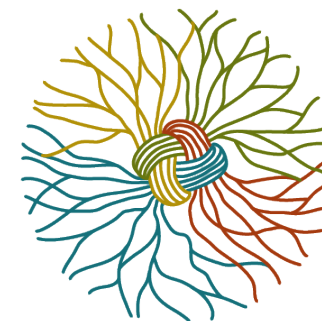


Achievements So Far (2023-24)

 **July 2023** – JoNeF project launched

We have already achieved important results.

-  We conducted a **Europe-wide survey on fungal conservation efforts**, resulting in the **JoNeF Survey Report**
-  We developed a **guidance with concrete recommendations** for fungal conservation policies (still on approval)



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JoNeF Survey Report

JoNeF Next Steps (2025-27)

Over the next three years

-  **2025** – Report on fungal information systems in Europe
-  **2026** – Proposal for **mycoindicators** to assess habitat quality
-  **2027** – Process for integrating fungal data into European environmental systems

Why JoNeF matters

- 🌍 **Connecting** the scientific community and governments **through IMPEL** for better environmental governance in mycology.
- 📄 Some European countries have integrated fungi into environmental policies in different ways. **IMPEL** can help foster **harmonization**.
- 🤝 Strengthening collaboration and promoting **applied research** on mycological indicators and habitat quality.






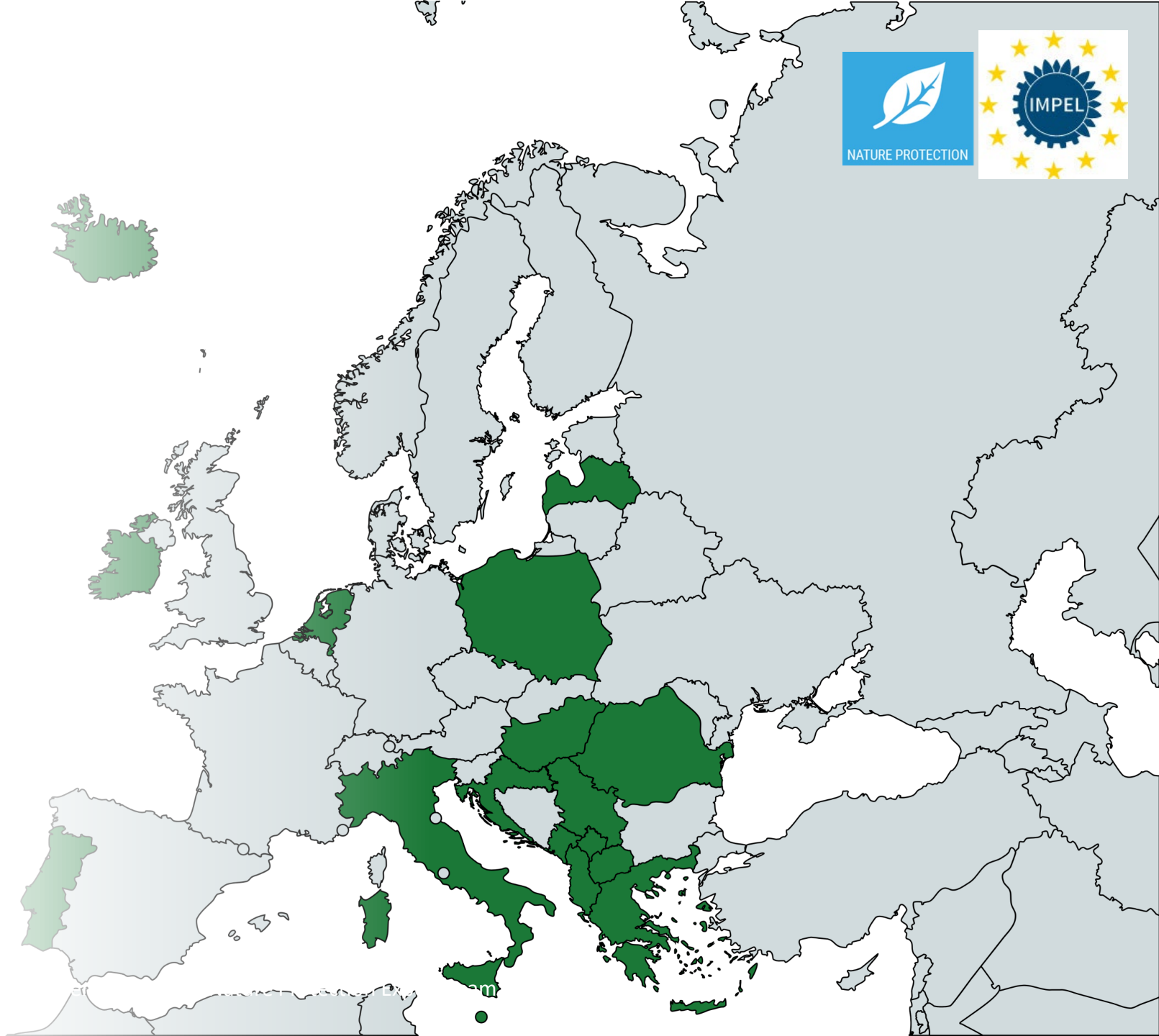
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JoNeF: Expanding Our Reach

 JoNeF currently includes 33 members from **17 countries**.

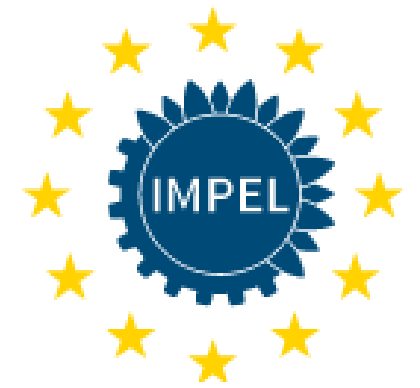
-  We need broader participation.
-  To make a real impact, the involvement of **ministries and environmental agencies** is essential—this is what sets us apart from other fungal projects.
-  **IMPEL** is our strength!





Giving Fungi a Stronger Voice in European Policies

- IMPEL could be the **voice** of JoNeF and fungi at the European Commission, ensuring their stronger and clearer **recognition** in European conservation policies



Contact information:

- ✓ **For joining this project:** If you work for an IMPEL member organisation and would like to join the project or receive further information, **please contact the National Coordinator of your country and the Project Manager at Francesca.floccia@isprambiente.it; and/or jonef@isprambiente.it**
- ✓ **For becoming a member of IMPEL:** If you are from an Environmental Authority or association of authorities that is based in a member state of the EU, a candidate country or another country applying Community law and would be interested in becoming a member of IMPEL, **please contact IMPEL Secretariat at info@impel.eu** for more information.
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