



Register before 23 November 2026

Rewild the **Future** Challenge



Bring **biodiversity** back
to **rural lands**



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Design practical, creative, and science-based solutions that **help nature thrive on rural lands**. This is your chance to turn what you study into real impact.



The ReWild the Future Challenge invites students from around the world to design innovative, technology-enabled, and ecologically grounded solutions that enhance rural biodiversity. **Combine science, creativity, and entrepreneurship to develop ideas to create real impact!**

What is at stake

Rural biodiversity sustains ecosystems, food security, and climate resilience, but faces growing threats from habitat loss and degradation. By combining technology with ecological knowledge, we can restore nature through smarter land use, regenerative business models, and scalable solutions. **Your ideas today can shape the world of tomorrow.**

Who can join

The Challenge is open to all Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD students worldwide.

We're looking for diverse, innovative minds from fields like: Environmental Science, Biology, Agriculture, Forestry, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Engineering, GIS, Business, Social Entrepreneurship, Data Science, Remote Sensing, Urban and Regional Planning, and beyond! **Biodiversity restoration needs many disciplines working together.**

What is in it for you

The Rewild the Future Challenge is more than just a competition. It's your chance to make a real impact on rural biodiversity. You'll receive **guidance from mentors in business, academia, and NGOs** to turn your ideas into practical solutions. Join workshops that sharpen your skills in innovation, teamwork, and sustainability, while deepening your understanding of biodiversity challenges. Connect with like-minded students from around the world and make friends for life. Finalists will present their solutions to an international jury, **gain global visibility, and compete for €9,000 in prizes**. You'll grow as a professional, a changemaker, and a voice for nature.

"Participating in the Challenge has been transformative, pushing us to innovate and integrate nature-based solutions in ways we hadn't imagined."

Team Delta Green - Finalist NBF Challenge

Timeline

23 Nov 2026	Registration deadline
December 2026	Inspiration workshop
January 2027	Kick-off event
February 2027	Deadline milestone 1
April 2027	Deadline milestone 2
June 2027	Grand Finals

This international competition is organized by **Wageningen University & Research** in collaboration with a broad network of partners.

