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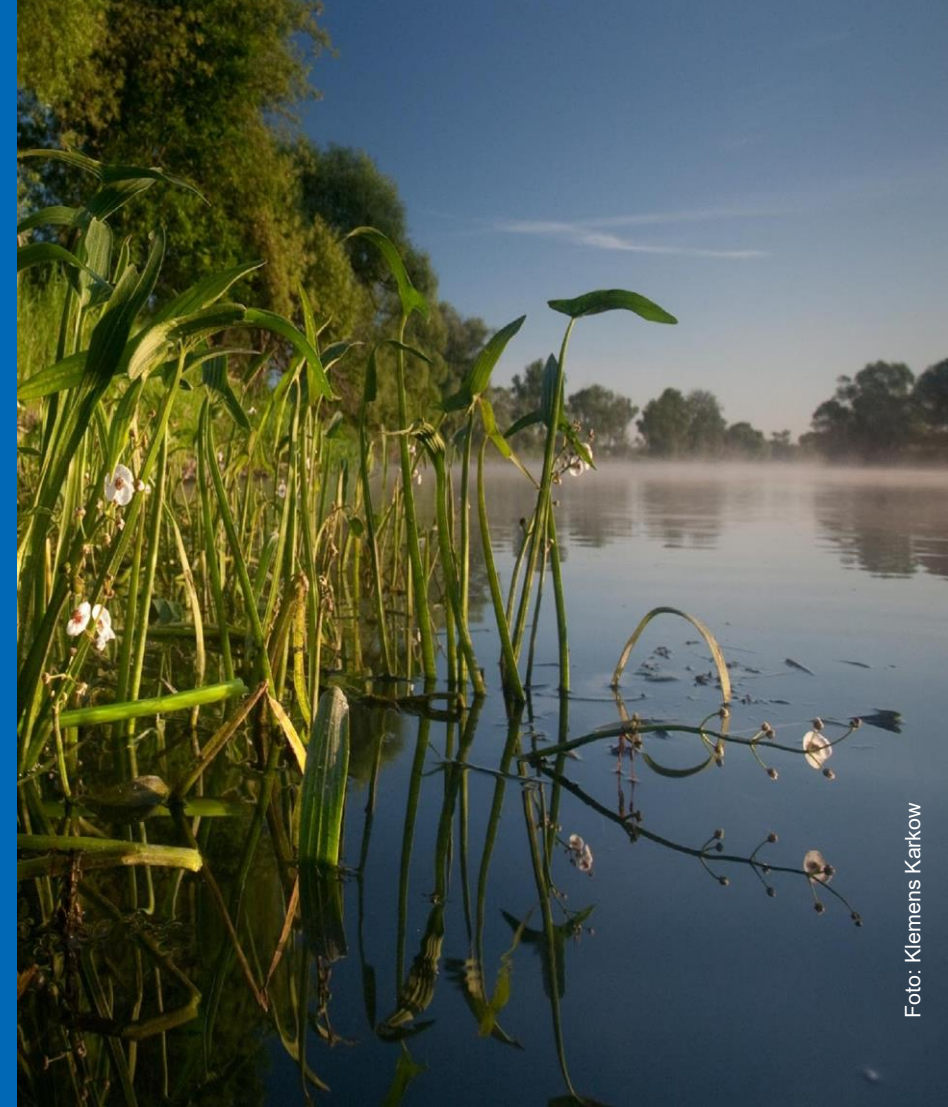
LIFE Biodiv CrEW

@ LIFE B4B in Leuven

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A close-up photograph of a bird, likely a quail, standing in a field of tall green grass. The bird has a reddish-brown head and neck, a greyish-brown body, and brown and white mottled feathers on its wings. It is looking to the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

About LIFE Biodiv CrEW

Key Project Facts

Goal:

Analysis and selection of standards/methods for quantifying biodiversity benefits in European wetlands and testing the most suitable on pilot sites, with the aim of generating and selling initial certificates.

Governance:

Steering Committee and Advisory Council

Duration:

01 May 2025 – 30 April 2027 (24 months)



Team



Work Packages

WP 1: Project Coordination

**WP 2: Schemes Analysis +
Selection**

**WP 3: Site Sourcing +
Classification**

WP 4: Project Development

WP 5: Platform and business development

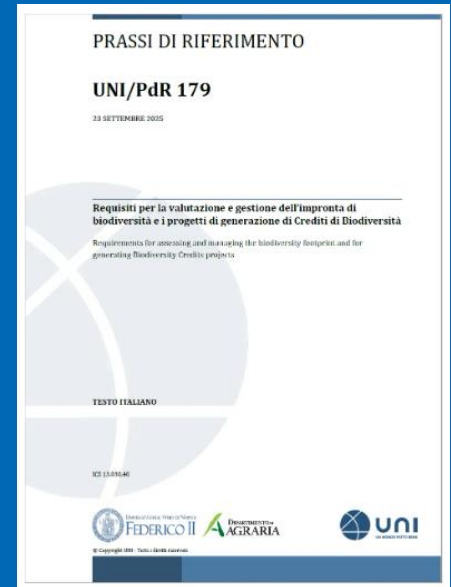
WP 6: Sustainability, Replication & Exploitation

Highlights

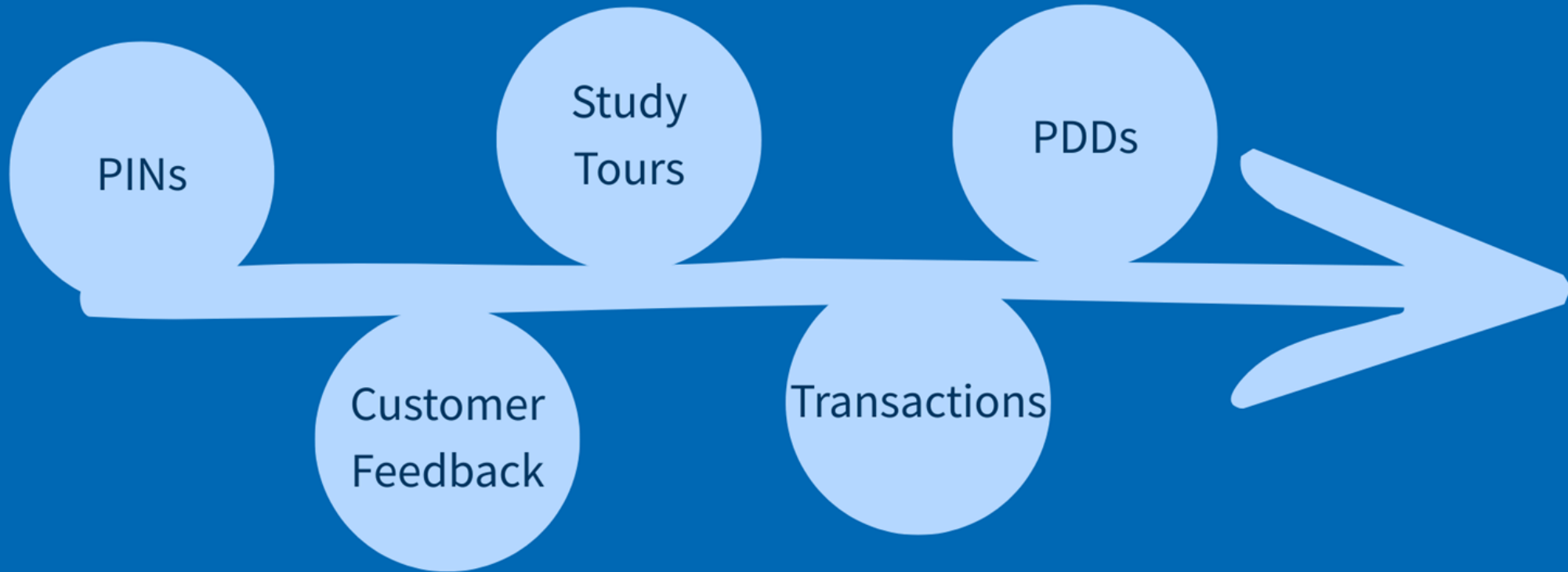
- 3 Schemes selected:
in 2 selection rounds
- 5 PIN candidates sourced:
in 2 sourcing rounds
- Webinar: 400+ registrations

The screenshot shows a webinar interface. At the top, a small video window displays Martin Schöten, Director of ELO. The main slide features a landscape image of a wetland and the following text: "Biodiversity Credits in Practice: First lessons learned from piloting biodiversity credits in European wetlands" dated "22 April 2026". Logos for Eurosite, bloomlabs, SYLVA, NABU, aeco, ELO, and the European Union are visible. Below the slide, another video window shows Simas Grudeckas, Co-Founder & CEO of bloomlabs. The bottom part of the screenshot displays a line graph titled "Biodiversity credit schemes have quadrupled since 2022." with data points: 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 17, 23, 40, 57, 79, 90, 91. Source: bloomlabs, April 2026. The bottom of the screen shows a standard Zoom control bar.

Year	Number of Schemes
2021	5
2022	6
2023	8
2024	12
2025	13
2026	17
2027	23
2028	40
2029	57
2030	79
2031	90
2032	91



Outlook 2026



A partridge with brown and grey feathers is perched in a field of tall green grass. The word "Learnings" is written in large white letters across the center of the image.

Learnings

First Learnings

- Most schemes are ecosystem-agnostic
- Market is still pre-commercial
- EU challenges: fragmented land ownership, small project areas, limited verification infrastructure
- Early-stage project development capacity is an important bottleneck



First Learnings

- Stakeholder alignment is as critical as ecological suitability for project viability
- PIN speed depends heavily on data readiness; PDD readiness follows PIN readiness: good data management compresses the whole timeline
- "PDD" is not standardised



Learnings BfN Project

- Project for the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and Ministry of Environment
- German state compensation system (Ökopunktesystem) is understudied while probably moving 2,5 Billion € per year
- Law governing that system is currently being worked on as Government wants to speed up infrastructure projects
- Nature Credits getting equal status as the compensation metric (Ökopunkte), but unclear what this will mean



Touchpoints and next activities

- Buyers Report coming out soon, analysing the buy side and creating archetypes
- September: Study tours to selected site with project group and potential buyers
- Webinar and Event in Q2 2027 – topic to be decided
- NABU being part of the Commissions Nature Credit Expert Group

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Q & A

Thank you!

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