



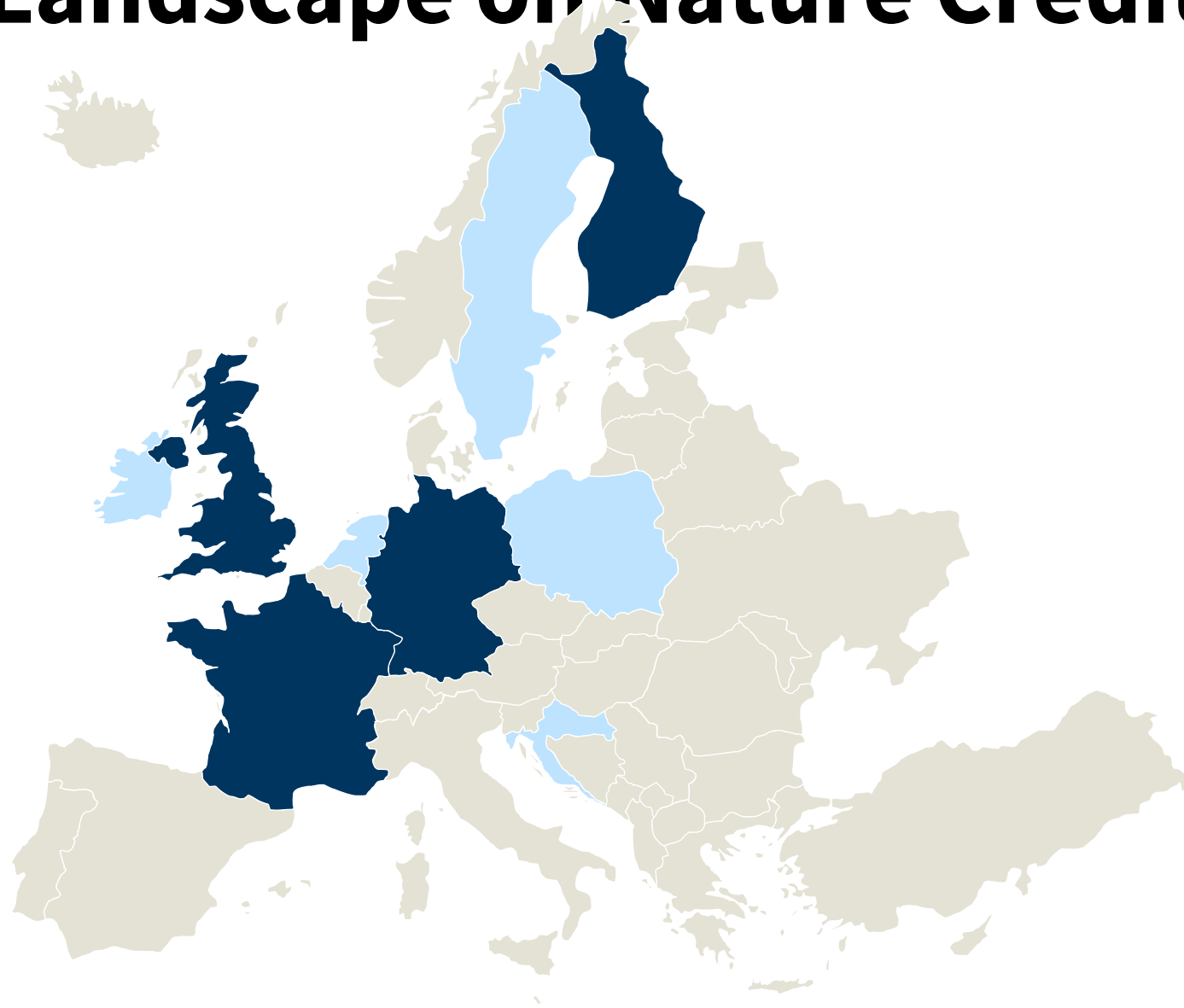
Nature Offsetting in Germany

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European Landscape on Nature Credits



Project for Env. Ministry and Nature Protection Agency

The project therefore aims to develop a well-founded information base on nature credit approaches for the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and, based on this, to formulate recommendations for action.

- Further Funding and assistance available at HORIZON EU, EU Green Assist and TSI programs



Germany's offsetting market

- Introduced in 1979 as part of the National Nature Protection Law – Goal is to **reduce land use** and negative impacts on nature from construction projects:
 - Significant **impacts** on nature and biodiversity should be **avoided** wherever possible.
 - **Unavoidable** impacts are only permissible if they are **offset** or **compensated** through appropriate measures.
 - Under the **polluter-pays principle**, the project developer is responsible for implementing and financing compensation and offsetting measures.
- Arising compensation **market trades** estimated **€2bn/year**



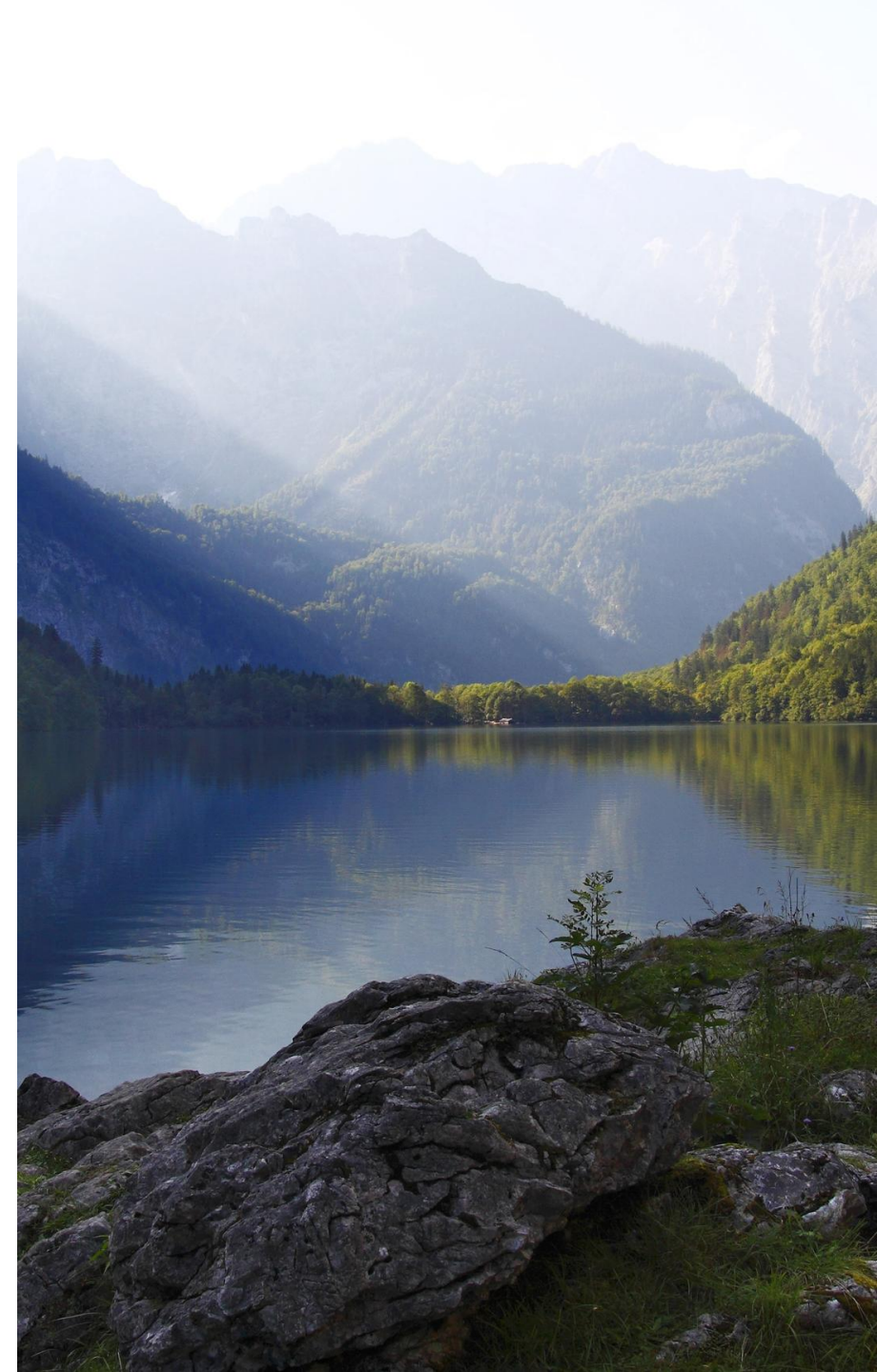


16 different Systems

With different characteristics

- No (central) data but:
 - Lag in monitoring and durability
 - Small landsizes and lag in connectivity
 - Lag of „high nature value“ in compensation

Code	Biototyp	Biotop- typenwert
33.05.03	- Acker mit stark verarmter oder fehlender Segetalvegetation (Torf- oder Anmoorboden)	5
33.05.04	- Ackerbrache (Torf- oder Anmoorboden)	8
34.	TROCKENRASEN SOWIE GRÜNLAND TROCKENER BIS FRISCHER STANDORTE	
34.01	Trockenrasen auf karbonatischem oder silikatischem Untergrund	21
34.02	Halbtrockenrasen auf karbonatischem oder sonstigem basenreichen Untergrund inkl. Wacholderheiden	
34.02a	Halbtrockenrasen, beweidet oder gemäht	21
34.02b	Halbtrockenrasen, brachgefallen bzw. ungenutzt	17
34.03	Steppenrasen (subkontinental, auf tiefgründigem Boden)	
34.03.01a	Steppenrasen, beweidet oder gemäht	22
34.03.03	Steppenrasen, brachgefallen bzw. ungenutzt	19



Nature Protection Law changed

To allow for faster planning and execution of projects

- To offset this, new law was developed to use proceeds from monetary offsetting in a better, more connected way
- At the same time, the concept of Nature Credits was introduced, with connection to the principles of tradable units for offsets
- Anything further is to be regulated by ministry of environment
- Unfortunately, this law is now stuck, no one knows where it will go

Positive: Built on existing structures and well-known units

Negative: If lesser regulated Nature Credits can be used for offsetting

→ Both systems can profit from being aligned and can learn from each other, without being completely interchangeable



A close-up photograph of a partridge, likely a grey partridge, standing in tall green grass. The bird has a reddish-brown head and neck, a grey body, and reddish-brown markings on its wings. It is looking to the right.

Thank you

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