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### ENABLE CONSORTIUM LAUNCHES OPEN, ONLINE COURSE ON LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

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Commonland, together with its ENABLE consortium partners, has released its first course: *Landscape Restoration for Sustainable Development: a Business Approach*. This free open, online course (MOOC) is available to everyone.

ENABLE - the European Network for the Advancement of Business and Landscape Education - aims to educate the next generation of business leaders to take an ecosystem view, ready to include landscape-related issues in their decision-making processes thereby making businesses more sustainable and a force for good.

Enthusiasm for landscape restoration has grown dramatically recently, and its fundamental importance for many publically debated topics such as climate change, water and food security, poverty and migration is increasingly acknowledged.

In order to further build momentum and scale-up the restoration of degraded landscapes it is vital that the business and finance communities participate in current and future efforts.

With this in mind, Commonland, together with the Rotterdam School of Management/Erasmus University, Estoril Conferences, Spanish Research Council (CSIC) and UN University's Land Restoration Training Programme and co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU, has taken the initiative to develop this MOOC specifically geared towards the nexus of landscapes and business.

The MOOC lasts seven weeks and will address topics like the Sustainable Development Goals, land degradation, business-driven landscape restoration, economics of land degradation, the 4 returns approach, wicked problems, partnerships and sustainable business models.

The registration for the course is now open at Coursera (<https://www.coursera.org/learn/landscape-restoration-sustainable-development>) where you can also find more information on the course content.

More information on the ENABLE consortium can be found on <https://www.rsm.nl/enable>.

On social media the ENABLE consortium and its course can be found at:

- Twitter: @enable4returns
- LinkedIn: Business 4 Landscapes
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