

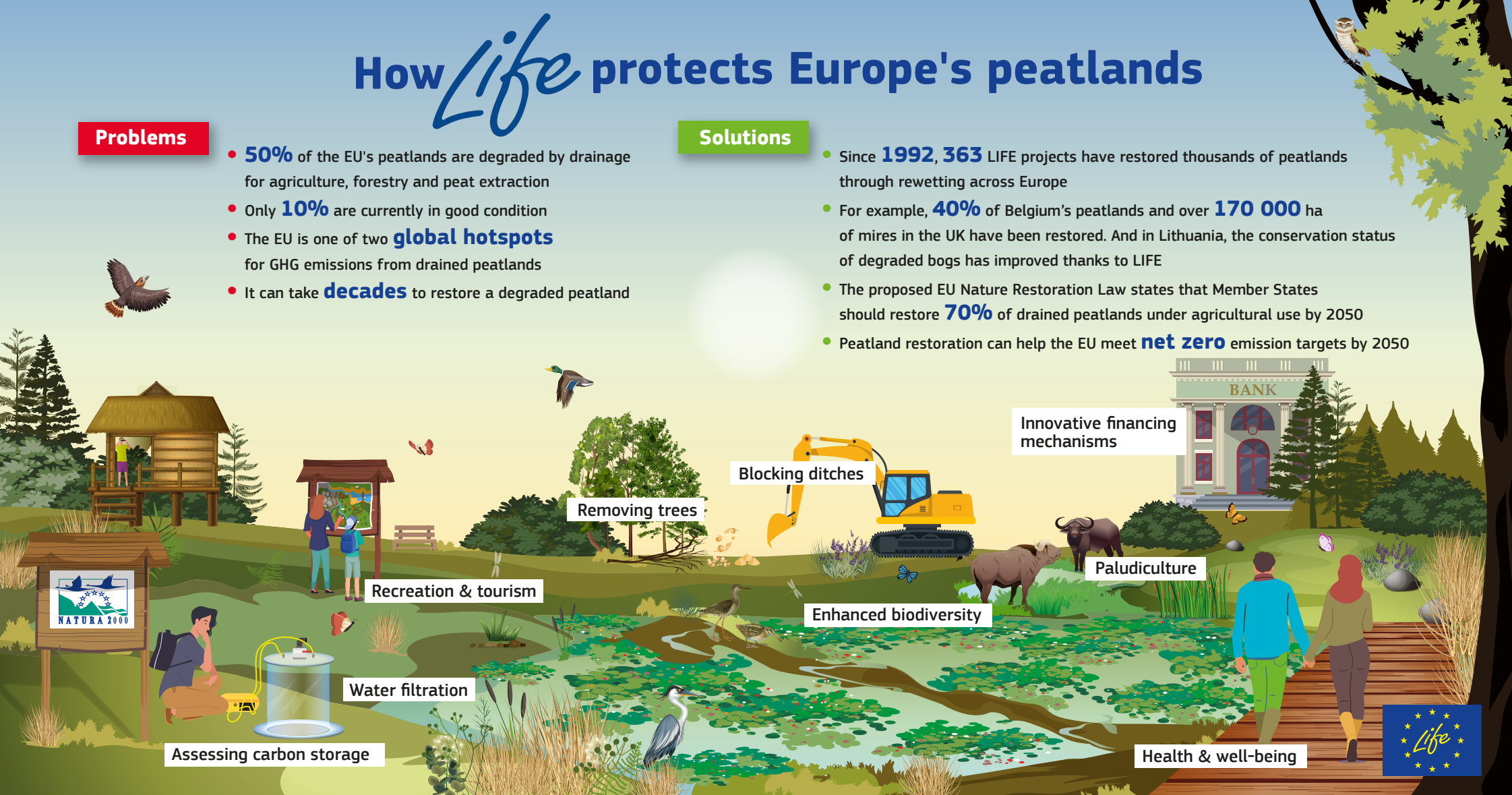
How *Life* protects Europe's peatlands

Problems

- **50%** of the EU's peatlands are degraded by drainage for agriculture, forestry and peat extraction
- Only **10%** are currently in good condition
- The EU is one of two **global hotspots** for GHG emissions from drained peatlands
- It can take **decades** to restore a degraded peatland

Solutions

- Since **1992**, **363** LIFE projects have restored thousands of peatlands through rewetting across Europe
- For example, **40%** of Belgium's peatlands and over **170 000** ha of mires in the UK have been restored. And in Lithuania, the conservation status of degraded bogs has improved thanks to LIFE
- The proposed EU Nature Restoration Law states that Member States should restore **70%** of drained peatlands under agricultural use by 2050
- Peatland restoration can help the EU meet **net zero** emission targets by 2050



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