



PRESS RELEASE

Five European ecology consultancies relaunch as EcoSymbia, look beyond renewables

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Culemborg, Paris, Athens, Zagreb, Lisbon, 14 October 2026 – The European Renewable Energy & Wildlife Consortium (ERWC), an international group of five ecological consultancies, has rebranded as EcoSymbia to better represent the broader range of environmental and biodiversity expertise offered by its partner companies.

EcoSymbia brings together Waardenburg Ecology (Netherlands), Écosphère (France), Nature Conservation Consultants (Greece), Oikon (Croatia) and Bioinsight (Portugal). Together with their subsidiaries and partner companies, the group comprises 15 companies with offices in nine countries across Europe, Asia and South America, and more than 550 ecologists, biologists and environmental specialists. Collectively, they have completed more than 50,000 projects in 88 countries on all seven continents.

Beyond wind and solar

ERWC was established in 2024 with a clear focus: helping wind and solar projects assess and manage their impacts on birds, bats and other wildlife. That work remains an important part of what the group does, but it no longer captures the full range of expertise clients draw on across the partner companies.

Today, their work also covers infrastructure, land use, marine surveys, habitat restoration, permitting support and biodiversity enhancement and net gain.

“Renewable energy brought us together, but between us, our companies have always covered far more than that,” said **Eelco Waardenburg**, Director of Waardenburg Ecology. *“EcoSymbia is a name that reflects the full range of expertise our partners bring to clients and our ambition to bring a healthy balance between human needs and our natural environment.”*

The rebrand comes as EU member states prepare their national nature restoration plans, which will shape where and how infrastructure can be built. Developers and investors face closer scrutiny of their impact on nature, from permitting requirements to sustainability reporting, so ecology is being brought into projects earlier. The partners say that bringing ecological expertise in too late can contribute to project delays.

EcoSymbia gives clients one point of contact for a wide range of specialist expertise, from bird radar monitoring and bat acoustics to eDNA sampling and offshore surveys, so they no longer need to manage several specialist consultancies separately.

Why EcoSymbia?

The name EcoSymbia combines ecology with symbiosis, the close relationship between different organisms. It expresses the group’s aim to help development and nature coexist, and the way its partner companies work together.



*“It describes what we aim for on every project: development that moves forward without nature losing out,” said **Dalibor Hatić**, Director of Oikon. “Clients increasingly need ecology at the start of a project, not at the end, and across borders.”*

The partner companies, their teams and their ongoing projects remain unchanged. Clients will continue to work with the same teams and can draw on expertise from across the wider EcoSymbia group.

The group’s new website is live at ecosymbia.com.

EcoSymbia will make its first industry event appearance under the new name at the Conference on Solar Energy and Biodiversity (CSB) in Paris on 28–29 October 2026.

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About EcoSymbia

EcoSymbia (formerly the European Renewable Energy & Wildlife Consortium, ERWC) is an international group of independently owned ecological consultancies. It combines applied research with practical project delivery to help developers, investors and public authorities address environmental and biodiversity challenges on land and at sea.

The partners and their companies:

- [Waardenburg Ecology](#) (Netherlands), with BESE and VisAdvies
- [Écosphère](#) (France), with TBM Environnement and SOMME
- [Nature Conservation Consultants](#) (Greece), with Marine Biodiversity Surveys
- [Oikon Ltd. – Institute of Applied Ecology](#) (Croatia), with partner company Supernatural
- [Bioinsight](#) (Portugal), with partner company Ecoa (Brazil)

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