

IENE 2026 Global Vision

Vision

One humanity, one planet, one united future. Together, we build infrastructure as the resilient, connected backbone of living landscapes where people and nature thrive.

Infrastructure does not only connect places, but it also shapes the landscapes and societies in which future generations will live. Those who decide, plan, build, and manage infrastructure also inevitably build landscapes. They need to become stewards of the homes that people and nature share. IENE envisions a future where grey and green infrastructure together form one integrated system: the backbone of the living landscape that enables people and nature to flourish within Earth's ecological boundaries while ensuring a strong social foundation for all.

Mission

IENE brings together those who plan and build infrastructure and those who protect nature to create transport and energy systems that serve society and sustain the living landscape and thriving nature we depend upon.

Through research, knowledge exchange, and collaboration across sectors, IENE mainstreams biodiversity, ecological connectivity, and climate resilience into the planning, design, and operation of transport and energy infrastructure. IENE advances best practice, engages policymakers, funders, and practitioners, and works to ensure that building well for society and building well for the living landscape and thriving nature are recognised as a single undertaking, in Europe and beyond.

Cornerstones

1. **One humanity, one task** — we build infrastructure for one shared goal: a resilient and sustainable future for all.
2. **Nature and society together** — infrastructure serves people and living landscapes as one shared undertaking, not two competing priorities.
3. **Social foundation** — safe, affordable, accessible mobility guaranteed for everyone, regardless of income, ability, or location.
4. **Ecological boundaries** — climate, biodiversity, land, natural resources and the systems that binds them together into a sustainable whole limit what kind of infrastructure may be built, and how much.
5. **Sufficiency and reduce of transport demands** — ask how much is enough before how much can be built; efficiency and innovation must shrink the footprint per unit of mobility delivered, not license further growth.
6. **Sustainable economy** — pursue prosperity within environmental limits, not growth alone.
7. **Justice** — those bearing the costs of infrastructure must not be excluded from its benefits.