

THREE BILLION ADDITIONAL TREES BY 2030

#3BillionTrees



WE GROW
TOGETHER



The European Union has a plan to plant **3 billion additional trees by 2030**. It's part of wider efforts to build up EU forests and tackle climate change. The 3 Billion Trees Pledge is a Europe-wide initiative.

As well as being good for the climate, it helps improve **forest** health, it strengthens **rural areas**, and it contributes to **urban** greening. It comes with a roadmap to ensure that all tree planting efforts have positive impacts on the climate, environment, cities, and on the health and wellbeing of all EU citizens.

BENEFITS FOR ALL



FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

3 billion trees covering 2 million ha could remove up to **4 million tonnes of CO2** from the atmosphere already by 2030, and as much as **15 million tonnes** by 2050.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Trees filter the **air we breathe** and they are great for our wellbeing: spending time around them reduces stress, lowers blood pressure and improves our mood.



NATURE & BIODIVERSITY

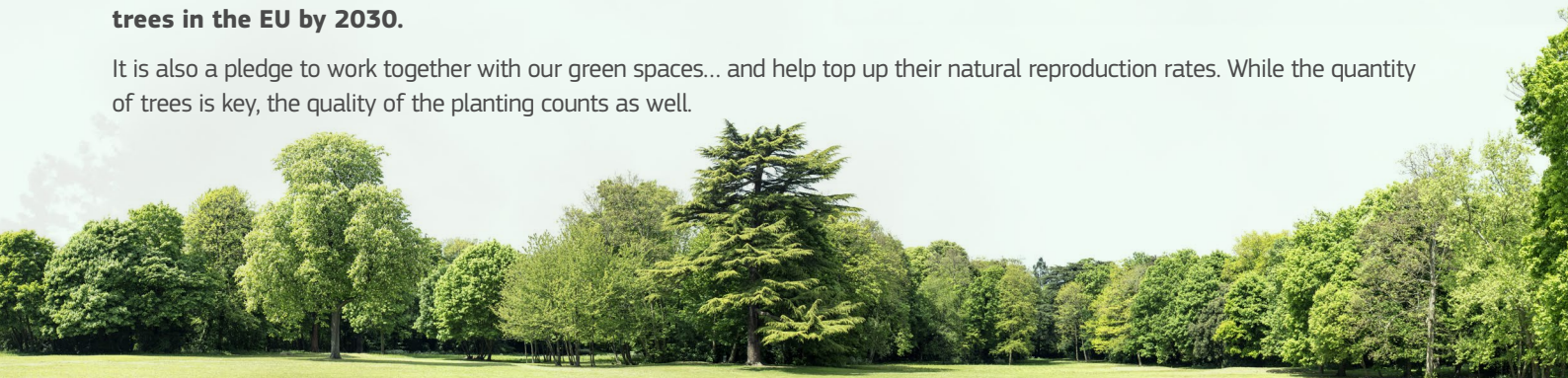
Forests are home to **80% of the world's biodiversity** on land. They also provide important ecosystem services like flood control, recreation, and clean water.

WE WORK TOGETHER!

Planting new trees won't solve the climate and biodiversity crises alone, and it is not an alternative to preserving existing trees. Instead, this planting complements wider EU efforts to protect trees and forests and improve their quality and quantity, as well as to restore our environment and safeguard our nature.

The European Green Deal sets out commitments and targets, reinforced in the EU's Biodiversity Strategy, for protecting and restoring nature. One of these commitments is the pledge to plant at least 3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030.

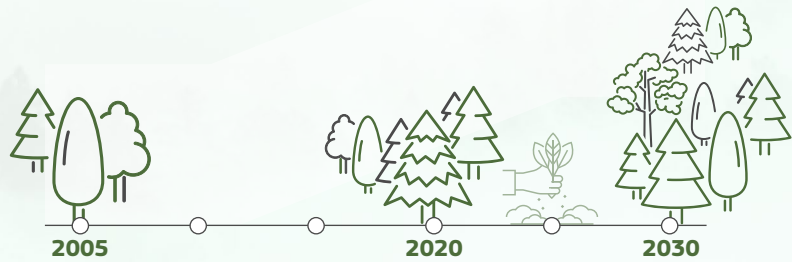
It is also a pledge to work together with our green spaces... and help top up their natural reproduction rates. While the quantity of trees is key, the quality of the planting counts as well.





We need trees.
They need us.
It's the future in your hands!

Learn more [HERE!](#)



This pledge aims to double the forest expansion rate in the EU over the period 2005-2020, leading to **3 billion additional trees by 2030**.



HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR TREES COUNTED IN THE PLEDGE?

It's easy – first you plant, then you register. The European Environmental Agency has developed a dedicated platform, called **Map My Tree**, to register and count the trees. To be eligible, trees must have been planted after 20 May 2020, when the EU Biodiversity Strategy was adopted. They must be additional trees, and not part of business-as-usual planting, and they must bring benefits for biodiversity and the climate. That means no invasive alien species. But you can plant more or less any native tree, unless it is not suitable for the projected climatic, soil and water conditions.



WHO WILL PLANT THESE TREES?

Anyone can plant a tree. To achieve this ambitious target, we need motivated European citizens to plant trees and make sure they grow over time. The success of the pledge will depend on grassroots initiatives – individuals, landowners, associations, companies, and public bodies like villages, cities and regions are all encouraged to participate.



WHO CHECKS THAT THE RIGHT TREES ARE PLANTED, AND THAT THEY SURVIVE?

The European Commission has set up a long-term planning and monitoring scheme, to ensure that planted trees grow over time and thrive in a changing climate. As facilitator of the pledge, the Commission does not check on every planted tree, but it does monitor general progress. It also provides political and technical support, and communication and labelling tools.

QUALITY PLANTING

Sound ecological planting is vital to reaching our goal, and covers **four key criteria**:

- ✓ Right tree
- ✓ Right place
- ✓ Right time and
- ✓ Right purpose



HOW CAN I REGISTER THE TREES I PLANTED?

You can use the [Map My Tree](#) web app to report your planted trees as part of the pledge. If you are an organisation involved in planting new trees, you can also write to ENV-3BILLIONTREES@ec.europa.eu to report the trees you have already planted. Individuals can also contribute to the pledge by supporting participating organisations.

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