

3 BILLION TREES BY 2030

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Under the European Green Deal, the EU Biodiversity Strategy commits to **plant at least 3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030**. A roadmap in the EU Forest Strategy outlines how the Commission will facilitate the achievement of this pledge.

TREE PLANTING SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRESERVING EXISTING TREES, WHICH REMAINS THE FIRST PRIORITY, BUT AS AN ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO INCREASE TREE COVER IN THE EU



Planting at least **3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030** should be done in full respect of ecological principles.

3 billion trees should be planted in addition to those that would be planted anyway in a “business as usual” scenario.



The Commission will **facilitate, motivate, count and monitor the process**. It will **provide political and technical support, communication and labelling**. Together with the European Environmental Agency, the Commission will launch “Map-My-Tree” to **enable citizens to keep track of the planting**.



Plant and grow **the right tree, in the right place, and for the right purpose!** This requires long term planning and monitoring. In practice, this means planting the right mix of tree species not only in forests, but also in **agroforestry, agricultural and urban areas**. No trees should be planted in **areas of high nature value** such as mires, bogs, fens, wetlands, peatlands, and grasslands.



We need **everybody on board!** Meeting the ambitious planting targets needs active participation and motivation of **different actors** determined to not only plant trees, but also make sure to **take care of them over time**. Tree planting also requires **successful collaboration** of various stakeholders from individual citizens and landowners to nurseries, associations, companies and public authorities.