



The new
**EU Forest
Strategy**
for 2030

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Will have as its key objectives:

- **Effective afforestation**
- **Forest preservation, and**
- **Forest restoration**

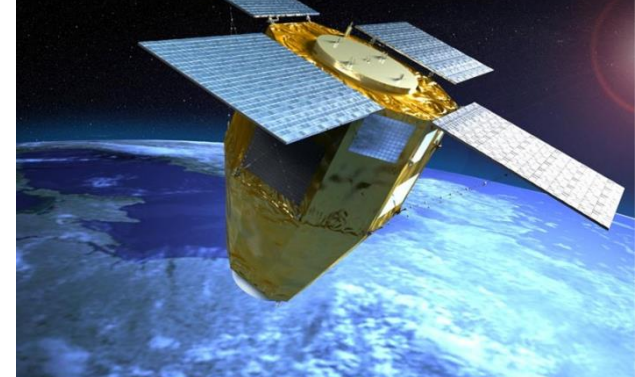
in Europe



At the core of the EUFS: the economic, social and environmental functions of forests



- The multi-functional role of forests
- Ensuring that forest ecosystems are restored, resilient, and adequately protected.
- The contribution of foresters and the entire forest-based value chain for achieving a sustainable and climate-neutral economy



Supporting the socio-economic functions of forests and boosting forest-based bio-economy



A bioeconomy
for long-lived
wood
products



Sustainable
use of
bioenergy



Non-wood
forest-based
bioeconomy



Developing
skills and
empowering
people

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Promoting a bioeconomy for long-lived wood products

- Quantify the climate benefits of wood construction products
- Consider long-lived wood products in the upcoming carbon farming initiative

Wood-based resources for sustainable bioenergy

- Strengthen sustainability criteria in the revision of the RED
- Review, Taxonomy Climate Delegate Act

Supporting the socio-economic functions of forests and boosting forest-based bio-economy

Promoting the non-wood bioeconomy

- Promote programmes on the sustainable production of non-wood forest products.
- Promote collaboration around the tourism sector and the development of standards and norms for eco-tourism activities

Developing skills and empowering people

- A skills partnership under the Pact for Skills
- Cooperation through the Education for Climate Coalition

Protecting, restoring and enlarging EU's forests and ensure resilient and multifunctional forest ecosystems



Protecting
primary and
old-growth
forests



Restoration,
sustainable
forest
management



Re- and
afforestation
of biodiverse
forests



Incentives
for forest
owners and
managers

Protecting, restoring and enlarging EU's forests and ensure resilient and multifunctional forest ecosystems

Protecting primary and old-growth forests

- Define, map and strictly protect all remaining primary and old growth forests.

Forest restoration and sustainable forest management

- A legally binding instrument for ecosystem restoration.

Protecting, restoring and enlarging EU's forests and ensure resilient and multifunctional forest ecosystems

Re- and afforestation of biodiverse forests

- Guidelines on biodiversity friendly afforestation and reforestation.
- Plant 3 billion additional trees by 2030
- A definition and guidelines for closer-to-nature-forestry practices and a voluntary certification scheme

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Financial incentives

- Increase the uptake of rural development funds
- Promote ecosystem services payment schemes
- Advice and technical guidance on ecosystem service payment schemes
- Promote forest-related remuneration schemes in an action plan for carbon farming

Closer to Nature Forestry Guidelines

- Build on existing concepts and definitions
- Develop principles and instruments through good practice examples
- Take account of different bio-regions
- Getting Closer to Close to Nature vs. Closer to Nature as new concept
- Acceptable size of clear-cuts / Minimum retention

Primary forest definition

Primary forest: “Naturally regenerated forest of native tree species, where there are no clearly visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.”

Old-growth forest stand definition

Old-growth forest stand: “Forest stands of native tree species that have developed, predominantly through natural processes, structures and dynamics normally associated with late-successional stands in primary or undisturbed forests of the same type. Signs of former human impact may be but strongly blurred due to decades without significant interventions, and ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.”

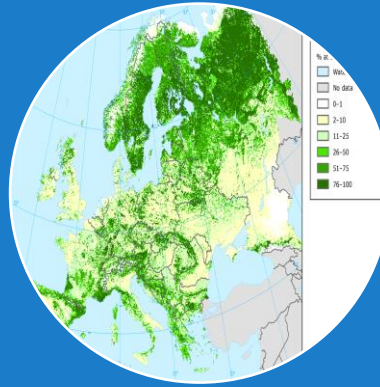
Biodiversity-friendly afforestation, reforestation and tree planting – Questions for debate - topics

- i. Planning - Choice of tree species/climate change**
- ii. Protection of natural habitats/soil/water**
- iii. Monitoring/aftercare**
- iv. Natural vs artificial regeneration**

Strategic forest monitoring, reporting and data collection



Use of remote-sensing data and ground-based monitoring



Strengthening The Forest Information System for Europe (FISE)



Legislative proposal on Forest Observation, Reporting

Strategic forest monitoring, reporting and data collection

- A new legislative proposal on EU Forest Observation, Reporting and Data Collection
- Strengthen the Forest Information System for Europe (FISE)
- Prepare and publish regular reports and lay summaries on forests in the EU

Enabling elements



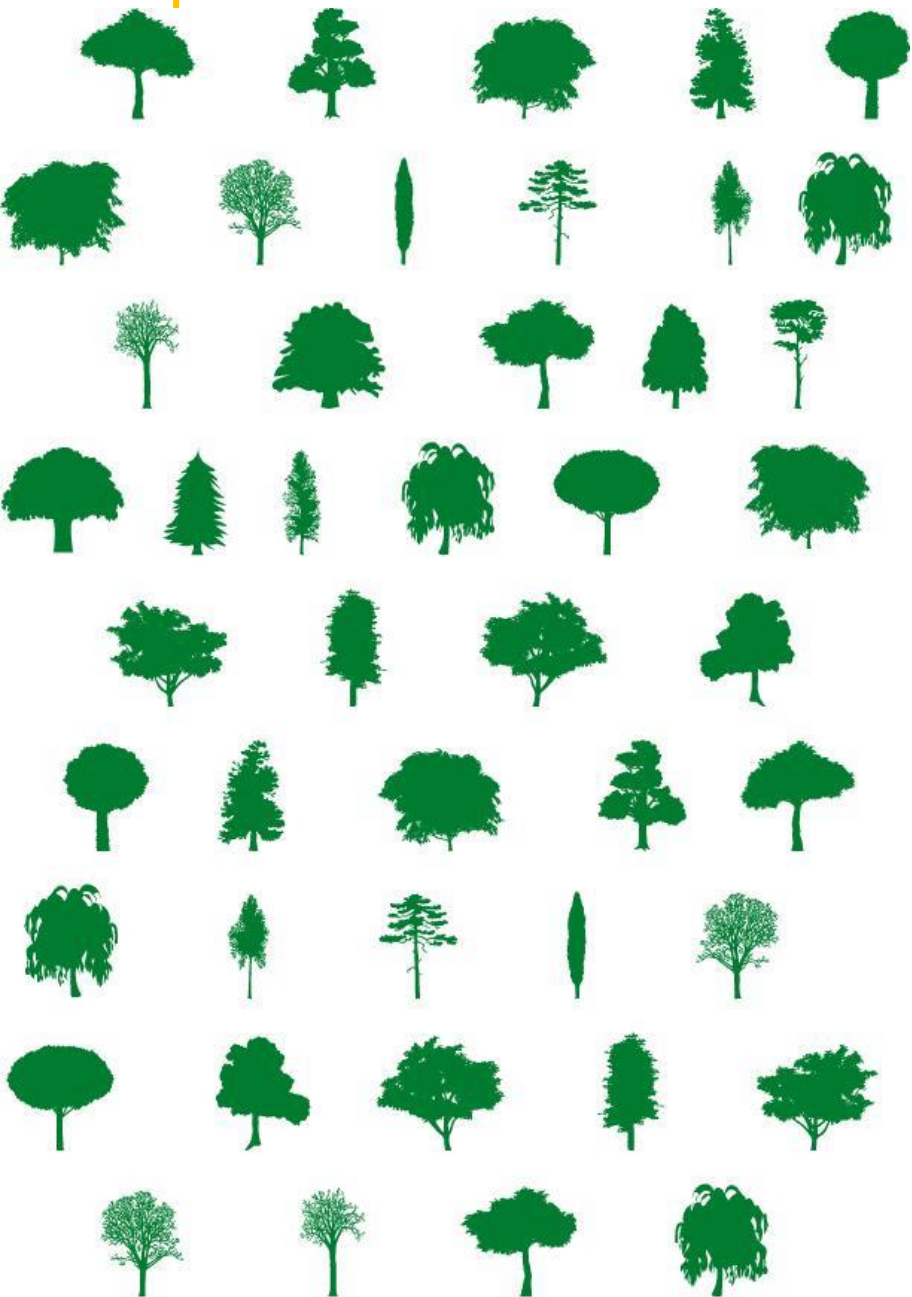
A strong
research and
innovation
agenda



Inclusive and
coherent EU
forest
governance



Stepping up
implementation
and enforcement



**3000
million
TREES**





Planting



Growing and
nurturing

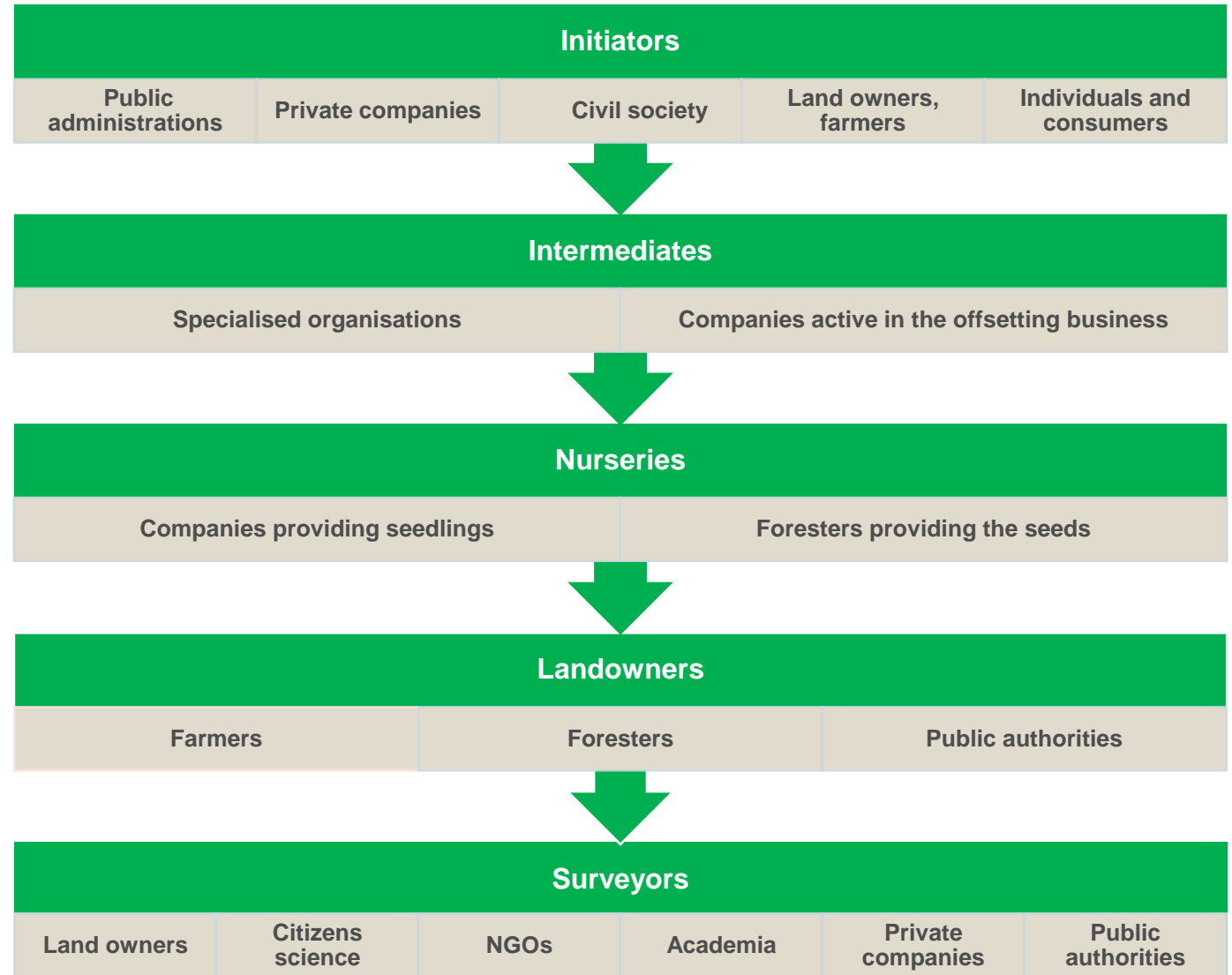


Monitoring

Where



by whom



ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

IN PRACTICE

ROADMAP



Provide a framework and funding, facilitate, motivate, monitor and count.

EC

Guidelines
On
afforestation

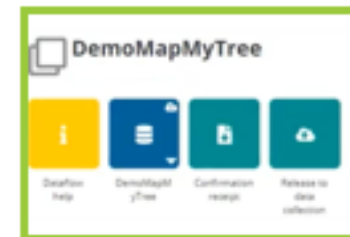
Political
support

Communication

Corporate
identity

EEA

Counting /
monitoring



Provide funding

THE EU COUNTER: MAP MY TREE

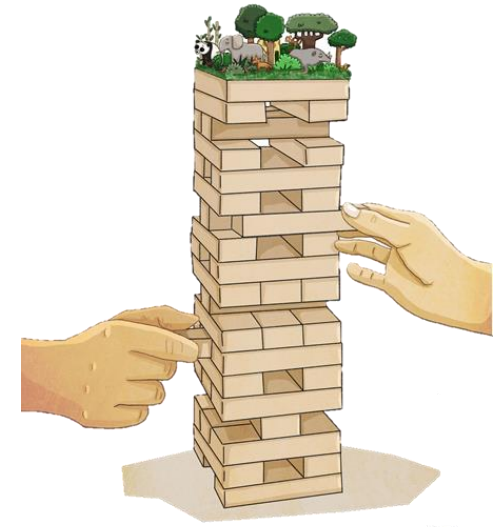
Open to organizations



Opening to individuals

December 2021

Spring 2022



LIVE STATUS TICKER

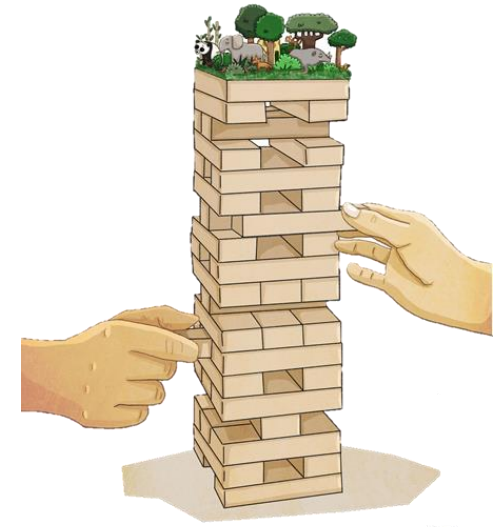
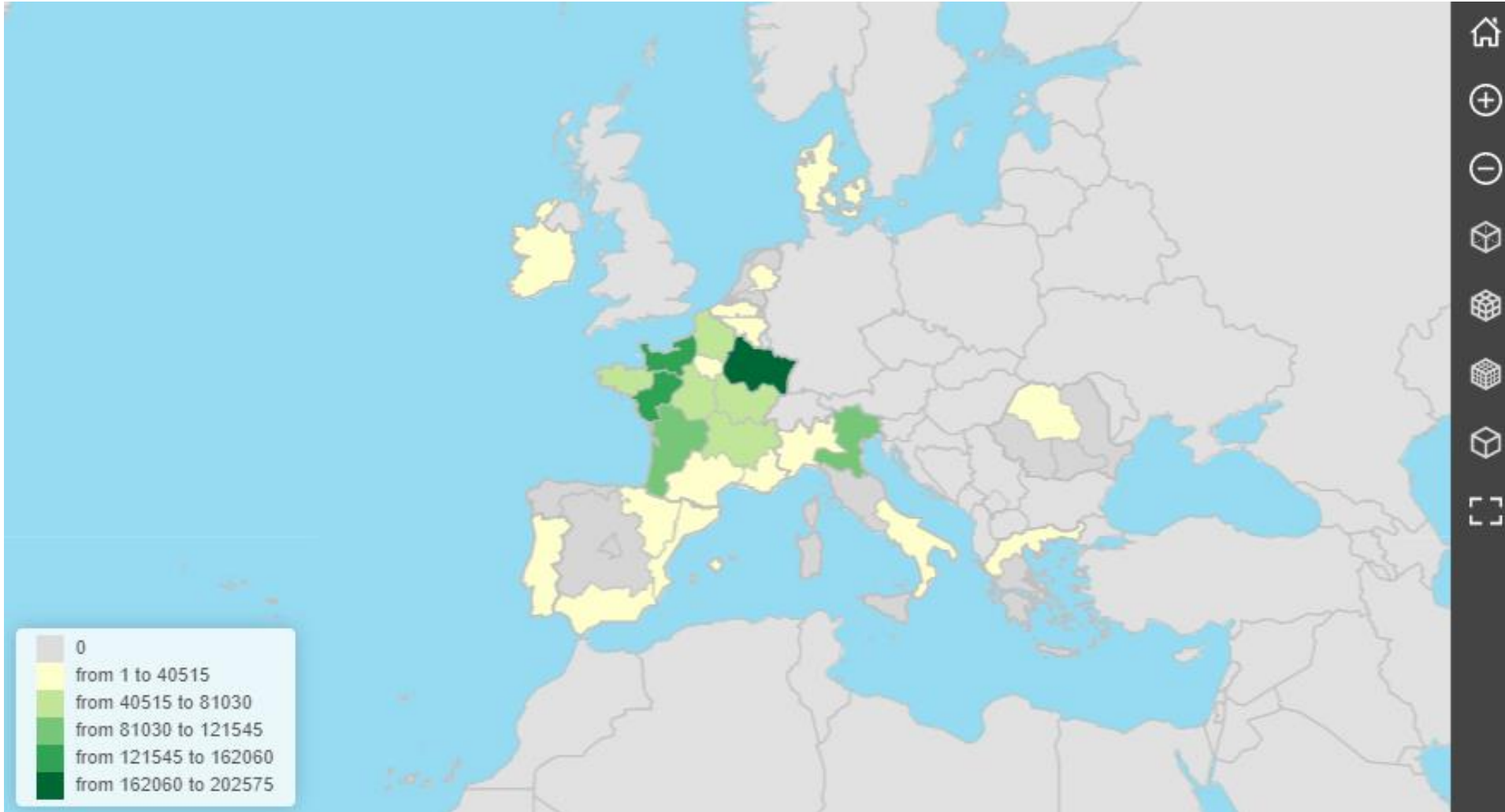
1,078,703 additional trees planted in EU27

9 active organisations **10** countries participating in EU27

Source:

MapMyTree dataflow available on Reportnet 2 platform for reporting environmental and climate data to the European Environment Agency (EEA)

THE EU CENTER: WHERE ARE TREES LOCATED?



THE EU CONTER: HOW TO REPORT A TREE AS AN ORGANIZATION?

One website for all steps and information
3 Billion Trees Pledge

Create an account on the reporting platform
Reportnet 3 and become lead reporter

Assess that your trees:
(1) Are additional
(2) Fully respect ecological principles

Sign a declaration of honour

Start reporting!

