

Support for implementing the 3 billion Trees Pledge

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Introduction

- ▶ Forest is expanding in Europe, on average, but the condition of European forest is deteriorating
 - ▶ net removals of CO₂ decreased by 28% (2013 – 2018)
- ▶ EU has published its commitment to ensure the planting of, at least, 3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030 respecting biodiversity and climate objectives

Project objective

- ▶ Support DG Environment for the implementation of the EU pledge during the next three years:
 - ▶ compiling the information on planting initiatives that could potentially contribute to the EU-wide pledge
 - ▶ The Questionnaire
 - ▶ Organisation of events: today's webinar

Webinar objective

The questionnaire raised a lot of interest and questions

- ▶ This webinar provides the opportunity to stakeholders to ask directly to DG ENV all needed questions to take a decision on whether to register and be part of the EU pledge

Webinar Agenda

- ▶ Provide information for stakeholders to decide on whether to register and be part of the EU pledge:
 - ▶ DG ENV presentation
 - ▶ Stakeholders selected
 - ▶ representing different types of questions
- ▶ All participants in the webinar can interact:
 - ▶ Through sli.do
 - ▶ Send questions for last session

Housekeeping rules for the webinar

- ▶ The webinar will last for **2 hours**.
- ▶ During these two hours, all the participants will be **muted by default**.
- ▶ Participants can contribute to the discussion by writing on **Slido** their questions inherent to the webinar.
- ▶ Please note that all the questions to the Commission will be collected only through Slido and most of them will be answered by the Commission in the **Q&A session**, foreseen after section 2 (stakeholders' presentations).
- ▶ During the Q&A session, you can raise your **hand** if you would like to intervene. We will then unmute you.

Next Steps of the project

- ▶ Support DG Environment in:
 - ▶ Keep on compiling the information available on planting initiatives
 - ▶ Questionnaire up to end of March
 - ▶ Guidance document on funding sources
 - ▶ Report analysing challenges and barriers
 - ▶ Organisation of events:
 - ▶ Three webinars/year (to discuss issues of common interest)
 - ▶ Two workshops/year (to discuss issues of local interest)
 - ▶ one Conference/year