

THREE BILLIONS ADDITIONAL TREES

Webinar "3 Billion Additional Trees Pledge: The counting/registration process and the new Financing Guide"

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## European Green Deal objective

The EU's forested area needs to improve, both in quality and quantity

**Biodiversity Strategy 2030** 

New EU Forest Strategy (+ Roadmap for 3 billion trees)

# Why plant trees?





- Habitats for species
- Improve water bodies
- Prevent soil erosion in agricultural land



Well-being



- Culture
- Filtering pollutants

e.g. 305 tonnes filtered by trees and shrubs in Barcelona, worth >1M€

Benefits for the Environment

Benefits for EU Citizens'

& our Planet's Health

Benefits for the Economy

Benefits for the **Climate** 

- Wood and non-wood products and services
- Jobs
- Forest-based industries = 2 million jobs (2011)





Carbon sinks



3 billion trees = 4 million tonnes of CO2 removed in 2030

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Source: SWD(2021) 651

# Tree planting: Basic principles

**ADDITIONAL** 

Not a replacement for forest protection but an <u>additional</u> element

**ECOLOGICAL** 

The right tree in the right place, for the right purpose.

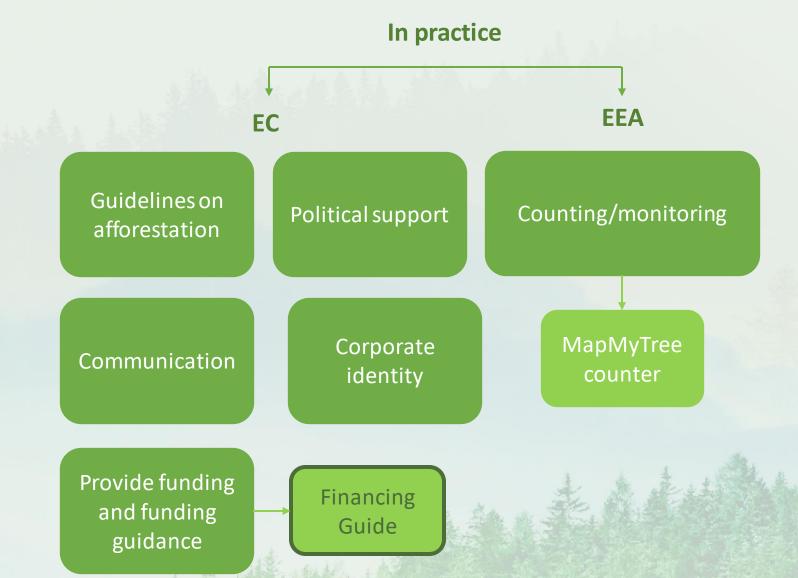
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Plant but also grow the trees

### Role of the EU Commission

#### Roadmap

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



## EU counter: MapMyTree



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**Trees Everywhere** 

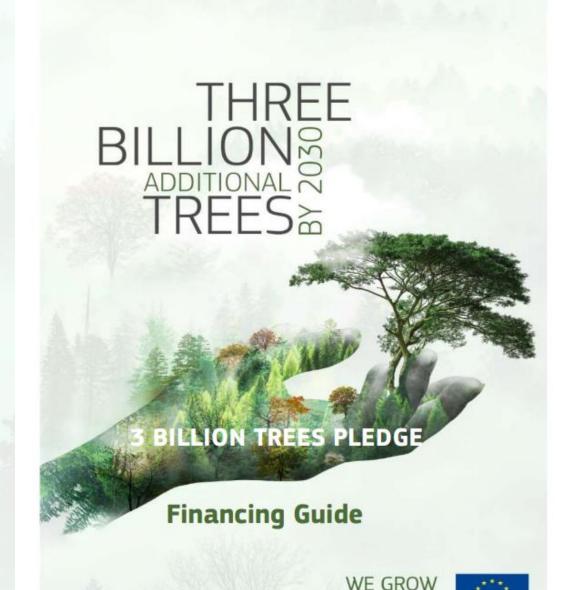
https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/biodiversity-strategy-2030/3-billion-trees\_en 3 Billion Trees (europa.eu)

# Financing Guide

Information to stakeholders on funding sources for tree planting initiatives: EU funding, national funding, regional funding and innovative funding.

- General information on the selected funding programmes and advisory services/other support
- Country-specific information for each EU country
- ➤ Available shortly on the Commission webpage





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