

Support for implementing the
EU 3 Billion Trees Pledge

3 Billion Additional Trees Pledge – The counting/registration process and the new Financing Guide

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Webinar objectives

The project aims to support the implementation of the EU 3 Billion Additional Trees Pledge. The Pledge involves complying with certain ecological criteria and registration process.

Today's webinar aims to provide guidance for 2 challenges

- ▶ Explain the necessary steps to contribute to the EU Tree Counter,
- ▶ Present the Financing Guide linked to the 3 Billion Trees Pledge to support afforestation, reforestation and tree planting initiatives in the EU.
- ▶ First part of today's webinar the Commission will explain the steps to register and report the trees planted. The Belgian authorities will present an interesting case of massive registration based on an existing registry, and how they have done it. Then questions.
- ▶ The second part will present the Financing Guide which aim is to provide information on possible funding sources for tree planting since there is not a dedicated funding instrument on the 3BT Pledge
 - ▶ According to the survey carried out last year, stakeholders considered access to funding as one of the biggest challenges to reaching the 3 Billion Trees objectives
 - ▶ We have collected data on available funding sources with the support of 27 national researchers and contributions by DG ENV and other DGs including REGIO and AGRI. We had also some additional information from some authorities to whom we presented the draft.

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