

THREE BILLION ADDITIONAL TREES BY 2030

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Workshop on The implementation of the EU pledge for 3 Billion additional Trees & The Agreements on a Green Denmark and the 1 billion trees estimate

8 October 2025, 12:00 - 17.30
Copenhagen, Denmark - Eigtveds pakhus

Concept note & Agenda

The event is organized by the European Commission (DG ENV) and the Danish Agency for Green transition and Aquatic Environment with the support of Milieu Consulting SRL.

Introduction

“The EU’s forested area needs to improve, both in quality and quantity, for the EU to reach climate neutrality and a healthy environment” The new EU Forest Strategy for 2030¹ aims at ensuring forest restoration and reinforced sustainable forest management for climate adaptation and forest resilience.

The EU Forest Strategy sets out a **road map for planting 3 billion additional trees by 2030** based on the principle **“the right tree, in the right place for the right purpose”**. Larger and more resilient forest areas, more trees in urban areas, focus on the right species in the right locations, are all crucial elements for the success of European policy on biodiversity and climate. Member States will have to contribute to this objective in their Nature Restoration Plans, pursuant to the new Nature Restoration Regulation.

The Agreements on a Green Denmark² were launched in 2024 by the Danish Government, which includes establishing 250,000 hectares of new forest by 2045 on top of already planned and financed afforestation prior the launch of the agreements. It implies that approximately **1 billion new trees will be planted or naturally regrown towards 2045**. The agreements imply that **2,95 billion € will be allocated for afforestation**.

¹ COM (2021) 572.

² <https://mgtp.dk/groent-danmark/english-a-greener-denmark/about-the-agreements-on-a-green-denmark>



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The Danish government will pursue multiple objectives, when implementing this plan, including the protection of vulnerable aquatic environment and ground water quality, better conditions for biodiversity, increased CO₂-uptake, better recreational opportunities in particular for urban citizens as well increased production of biomass and timber for the green transition. This national plan fits very well with the EU Pledge to plant 3 billion additional trees in the EU by 2030.

The EU 3BT Pledge is not only about a numerical target but also about fostering a culture of environmental stewardship and collective action to safeguard our planet for future generations. It underscores the relevance of integrating nature-based solutions into broader climate change strategies to address the interconnected challenges of ecosystems degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate change.

The workshop will offer a platform for presenting and discussing the implementation of these pledges. Discussion will focus on essential aspects such as availability of suitable land for tree planting, improving forest resilience with multi-species planting strategy, the role of nurseries and contractors and the need for diverse and climate adaptative species, ownership fragmentation, stakeholder engagement and financial resources including public and private partnerships to scale up efforts.

National and local authorities, landowners, forest- and agricultural associations, NGOs, businesses, and local communities will play vital roles in achieving the Green Denmark agreement and its contribution to the EU pledge.

The European Commission (Directorate General Environment) oversees the implementation of the 3 Billion Trees Pledge, providing guidelines on relevant issues such as afforestation, reforestation and tree planting, closer to nature management and potential funding opportunities. With support of the European Environmental Agency (EEA), the Commission manages the EU 3 Billion Trees Pledge Registry, the reporting and tracking progress.

Other EU Member States are contributing to the EU counter under the EU 3 Billion Trees and have developed interesting measures to support the increase of forest cover in Ireland, which may inspire Denmark's ongoing and future efforts.

Milieu Consulting SRL supports the European Commission in implementing the 3 Billion Trees pledge.



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Objectives of the workshop

- Support the increase of forest cover in Denmark.
- Raise awareness about EU and Danish tree planting initiatives and the importance of the EU tree counter.
- Exchange of good practices between EU Member States, including on options for pursuing multiple objectives and synergies between them in afforestation activities and planning.
- Discuss reverse biodiversity loss and combat climate change: the EU pledge aims to deliver significant climate mitigation and adaptation outcomes while enhancing biodiversity.
- Boost economic and public health benefits: Tree planting efforts are expected to create jobs and improve public health through better air quality and green spaces.

Target

Local authorities, forest owners and managers, nurseries, tree planting organizations, NGOs

More information

For further details visit:

[The #3BillionTrees Pledge - European Commission](#)

[The Agreements on a Green Denmark](#)

For information on the support activities by Milieu to the EU Commission and summaries of other event, visit [Milieu Support project to the 3 Billion Trees Pledge - Milieu Law & Policy Consulting](#)



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Agenda

Moderator: Marta Ballesteros, Associate Senior Manager, Milieu Consulting

12:00 – 13:00	<i>Arrival, registration and light lunch</i>
13:00 – 13:15	<i>Welcome words by the organisers</i>
13:15 – 15:00	<i>The 3 Billion Trees Initiative, the registration process and enabling factors</i> - <i>The EU Pledge for 3 billion additional trees</i> (Adrian Tišťan, Policy Officer Forest Team, European Commission, Directorate General for Environment) - <i>The EU platform and counter for registering planted trees</i> (Nicolas Robert, European Environment Agency) - <i>Negotiations on EU regulation on Plant Reproductive Material</i> (Sara Godthaab Dilling and Sabine Emilie Fennefoss Bye, Danish Presidency of the EU Council) - <i>The Irish afforestation plan and experience</i> (Barry Delany, Director, Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Ministry) - <i>The perspective of European nurseries</i> (Bent Leonhard, Technical Secretary, European Forest Nursery Association) Q&A
15:00- 15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 –16:15	<i>Increasing the forest cover in Denmark</i> - <i>The Agreements on a green Denmark and the Danish plans for afforestation towards 2045</i> (Katrine Nissen, Deputy Director General, Agency for Green Transition and Aquatic Environment)



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	- <i>Views from Roskilde Municipality on local engagement and implementation of the Green Denmark Agreement Locally (Søren K. Laursen, Special Advisor, Urban Development and Green Transition)</i> Q&A
16:15 – 17:15	<i>Stakeholder views on the Green Denmark Agreements and involved in tree planting</i> - <i>Growing Trees Network (Kim Nielsen)</i> - <i>A representative from DALGAS (Christian Bogh, Deputy Director on Communication)</i> Q&A
17:15 – 17:20	<i>Project supporting the implementation of the 3 billion Trees Pledge</i> - <i>Presentation of the project, Milieu Consulting</i>
17:20 – 17:30	<i>Conclusions</i>



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