

THREE BILLION ADDITIONAL TREES BY 2030

#3BillionTrees



DECLARATION OF HONOUR

3 BILLION TREES PLANTING PLEDGE

I, the undersigned: _____
(check and fill in accordingly)

for natural persons: in my own name

Or

in the name of the following association without legal status:

Or

representing the following legal entity:

Full official name: _____

Full official address: _____

VAT number: (if applicable) _____

hereby certify that for the following pledge: _____ ,

- The information provided through the Reportnet3 platform is correct and complete,
 - The trees in question have not previously been reported to the 3 Billion Trees Planting Pledge,
- and that**

The trees in question were planted and/or have grown in accordance with the principle of “the right tree in the right place for the right purpose”, and in accordance with the criteria of the Commission Staff Working Document¹ (summarised in annex), notably that the trees in question are additional to those that would grow or be planted under a business-as-usual scenario.

(Signature)

_____/_____/_____
(Date)

¹ Commission Staff Working Document https://ec.europa.eu/environment/pdf/forests/swd_3bn_trees.pdf

ANNEX – Criteria of the Staff Working Document on the 3 Billion Trees Planting Pledge

In signing this document, I certify that the following statements are fully correct, namely, that the reported trees:

- 1 — Were planted or sprouted after 20 May 2020.
- 2 — Will not be harvested for at least several decades.
- 3 — Benefit biodiversity and the climate in line with the *do no significant harm* principle, in particular excluding the planting of invasive alien species².
- 4 — For **trees planted without the support of EU funds**, the reported trees:
 - a. Include only native tree species, unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer adapted to projected climatic, soil and hydrological conditions.
 - b. Were planted following the guidelines on biodiversity-friendly afforestation developed by the Commission or similar/equivalent guidelines on biodiversity-friendly afforestation existing in European Union Member States.
 - c. Were not planted because of legal obligations such as obligatory regeneration after harvesting or obligatory planting of trees to prevent soil erosion or landslides, or replanting after fires or other disturbances.
- 5 — For **trees planted with the support of EU funds**, the reported trees:
 - a. Include only native tree species, unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer adapted to projected climatic, soil and hydrological conditions.
 - b. Were planted following the guidelines on biodiversity-friendly afforestation developed by the Commission or similar/equivalent guidelines on biodiversity-friendly afforestation existing in European Union Member States.
 - c. Were not planted because of legal obligations such as obligatory regeneration after harvesting or obligatory planting of trees to prevent soil erosion or landslides, or replanting after fires or other disturbances.
 - d. Are additional to the amount of trees planned under the previous programming period of the EU Common Agricultural Policy
 - e. The selection of species, areas and methods avoids the inappropriate afforestation of sensitive habitats such as peat lands and wetlands and negative effects on areas of high ecological value including areas under high natural value farming.
 - f. In sites designated as part of the Natura 2000³ network, the reported trees are consistent with the management objectives of the site(s) in question.
 - g. The selection of species, varieties, ecotypes and provenances of trees took into account of the need for resilience to climate change and to natural disasters and the biotic, soil and hydrologic condition

² List of Invasive Alien Species of Union concern

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/list/index_en.htm

³ Pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

of the area concerned, as well as of the potential invasive character of the species under local conditions as defined by Member States.

- h. The choice of species consists of either
 - i. Exclusive planting of ecologically adapted species and/or species resilient to climate change in the bio-geographical area concerned, which have not been found, through an assessment of impacts, to threaten biodiversity and ecosystem services, or to have a negative impact on human health; or
 - ii. A mix of tree species, which includes either at least 10 % of broadleaved trees by area, or a minimum of three tree species or varieties, with the least abundant making up at least 10 % of the area.
- 6 — For **trees growing from natural regeneration**, the reported trees grew in areas newly set aside for this pledge and their regeneration was facilitated by human action⁴, going beyond the business-as-usual scenario.

⁴ FAO Restoring Forest Landscapes Through Assisted Natural Regeneration <https://www.fao.org/sustainable-forest-management/toolbox/tools/tool-detail/en/c/1207888/>