

30 YEARS AFFORESTATION IN THE EU CAP IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

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History of afforestation in the CAP

- First support for afforestation Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 and CR (EEC) No 1610/89 (EAGGF Guidance section)
- The first forestry specific aid scheme for forestry measures in agriculture: CR (EEC) No 2080/92 (EAGGF Guarantee section)
- "Agenda 2000" CR No 1257/99 the "first" Rural Development Regulation for the period 2000-2006; ***“forestry is an integral part of rural development”***
- Council Regulation No1698/2005 for the period 2007-2013
- Regulation No 1305/2013 for the period 2014-2020, (extended till 2022)
- Regulation No 2021/2115 CAP Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2027

Contribution of Regulation 2080/92 rural development and environment

- One million hectares of agricultural land were afforested between 1994 and 1999*, (*Source: Evaluation of Regulation No 2080/92 final report)
- ~150.000 full-time jobs have been created
- ~10% of the net increase of the annual increase in area afforested
- ~57% broadleaves, 32% conifers and 4% fast-growing species

“Every job generates or secures another 1.2 jobs outside of the forestry and wood industry.” *Study May 2023 “The Economic Impact of the Forestry and Wood Industry in Europe in terms of the Bioeconomy”*

Afforested areas through CAP support

- Period 1992-1999 (Regulation 2080/92): One million hectares - EU 15
- Period 2000-2006 (RDPs): ~700 000 ha EU 15+10
- Period 2007-2013 (RDPs): ~300 000 ha – EU 27 (*planned in 2008, 650+240 thousand ha in agricultural and non-agricultural land*)
- Period 2014-2022 (RDPs): ~ 605 000 ha – EU 28 *planned in the adopted RDPs in 2016 and ~ 250 000 ha under the already modified RDPs in 2023*
 - *Reported afforestation by the end of 2021: 160 750 ha at EU 28 level*

Afforestation since 1990' ~2.2 million hectares

Forestry under the CAP Strategic Plans for 2023-2027 period (based on the adopted versions of the plans)

- 28 CAP Strategic Plans (SP) by the 27 Member States (BE two CAP SP). Five MS (FI, IE, LU, NL, SE) haven't included any forestry specific interventions, but they indicated that forestry will be supported out of the CAP, e.g., through State aids, national forest funds, etc.
- All CAP SPs have been adopted before end of 2022 – implementation started as of 1 January 2023!
- The CAP SP submitted by **23 Member States foresee approximately 180 forest-related interventions** or sub-interventions for the period 2023-2027 (i.e., 5 years) and the planned **total public expenditure allocation is EUR 4.2 billion.**
 - Regulation (EU) 2021/2115

“New delivery model”

- There are no fixed “measures” covering specific activities or investments – more flexibility for MS.
- There are 3 main articles for forestry interventions under the rural development section in the new CAP SP Regulation.
- Article 70 for management commitments,
- Article 72 for Natura 2000 related compensations and
- Article 73 for investments,

Afforestation and agroforestry (Article 70 and 73)

- Afforestation establishment, as investments, Article 73
 - BG, CY, CZ, DK, EL, HU, IT, LV, LT, MT, PL, PT, SK, ES. (in 14 MS 18 interventions)
- Afforestation maintenance commitments as management commitments, Article 70
 - CY, CZ, DE, EL, HU, IT, LT, PL, PT, RO, SK, ES (in 12 MS, 19 interventions)
- Agroforestry establishment/restoration, as investments, article 73
 - BE-FL, CZ, HU, IT, PL, PT, SK, ES. (In 8 Ms, 11 interventions)
- Agroforestry maintenance commitments as management commitments, Article 70
 - BE-FL, CZ, IT, PL, PT, SK. (in 6 MS, 7 interventions)

Planned expenditures and areas (where it is provided)

These numbers are already under changes due to amendments of the CAP Strategic plans.

Intervention	Total Public Expenditure, EUR	EU contribution EUR	Area - hectare, or number of operations/ units
Afforestation establishment, Article 73	353,247,645	226,120,897	8,680 operations and 77,926 ha
Afforestation maintenance commitments, Article 70	387,963,297	236,603,912	760,979 ha
Agroforestry establishment and restoration, Article 73	18,020,515	12,104,625	3,237 operations and 7,515 ha
Agroforestry maintenance, Article 70	4,767,676	2,578,930	17,559 ha

New EU Forest Strategy for 2030

New voluntary guidelines and guidance

- Guidelines on Defining, Mapping Monitoring and Strictly Protecting EU Primary & Old Growth Forests
- Voluntary Guidelines on Closer to Nature Forest Management
- Guidelines on Biodiversity Friendly Afforestation, Reforestation and Tree Planting
- Guidance on the development of Public and Private Payment Schemes for Forest Ecosystem Services

3 BILLION ADDITIONAL TREES PLEDGE

- European Green Deal Objective; “*The EU’s forested area needs to improve, both in quality and quantity*”
- Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and the New EU Forest Strategy (+Roadmap for 3 billion trees)
- The Commission launched a pledge to plant 3 billion additional trees by 2030 in full respect of ecological principles. The motto of this initiative is: ***the right tree in the right place and for the right purpose.***
- Not a replacement for forest protection but an additional element, and Plant but also grow the trees.
- Guidance on financing the afforestation and tree planting, they should be ready in the first months of 2024
- <https://mapmytree.eea.europa.eu/>



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