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Subject: Roadmap for planting 3 billion trees by 2030

Our forests have been hit particularly hard by the drought affecting our continent and its repercussions, and this phenomenon now happens on a regular basis. Over the next ten years, we will therefore need to address a number of issues to help European forests adapt to climate change while supporting the forestry sector and its different actors.

With this in mind, the Commission presented its new EU forest strategy in July 2021. It gives the forestry sector a key role to play in the efforts to tackle climate change and aims to strengthen the resilience of our forests, which offer major socio-economic benefits to our regions.

The Commission's strategy is accompanied by a roadmap for planting 3 billion trees by 2030. The document provides guidelines for achieving this afforestation target; it recommends tree species to choose and combine, and advises on the best areas and soils to plant them in.

However, how exactly will the Commission ensure that these trees and forest stands grow and live on successfully over the long term?