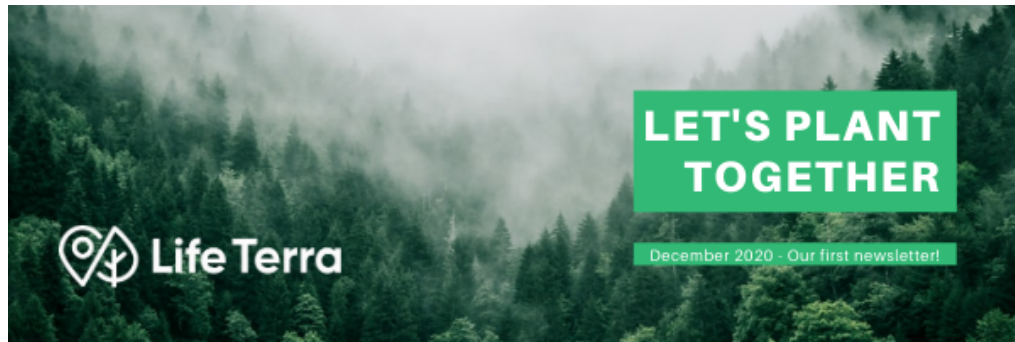


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December 2020 - Our first newsletter!

Welcome to Life Terra's first Newsletter where you can stay up to date with our activities and events. A little bit about us: We are made up of **16 complementary co-beneficiaries** who support the project through research, practical logistics, education, and media. Our aim is to plant **500 million trees over 5 years**, capturing 100 million tons of CO2 equivalent during their lifetime.

The pillars of Life Terra are:

- Planting
- Monitoring
- Education
- Community



Life Terra is a project funded by EASME through the LIFE Programme.



[Find out more about Life Terra here](#)

Recent Project Activities

Life Terra has been busy during the first 6 months of the project. Continue reading to find out what we have been up to:

[Planting events:](#)

Portugal.

11 planting events have already been implemented by Life Terra co-beneficiaries Volterra and Stichting, welcoming **484 participants**, with **almost 1500 trees planted!** These planting events took place across Spain with Life Terra volunteers, social cooperative of foresters, students and people from degraded villages.

Due to the current pandemic, necessary measures were put in place to ensure the safety of all participants and organisers.



Technology:

In September and October, the discovery phase for Life Terra's app and website took place, where all requirements and envisaged features were defined and a development plan developed. From mid-October the development phase started and that is the phase we are in right now. For Q1 2021 users in the Life Terra app will be able to tag their trees on Life Terra events and follow them online in their own personal space. If you are not able to attend our events, you can always adopt a tree which will be planted for you in Europe (and you can track its progress on the app).

Education

Educating future generations is key to our success in mitigating the effects of climate change, and create a long-term movement to nurture our relationship with nature for a healthy planet.

Life Terra is currently planning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) based courses that will educate children aged 8-14 on environmental sustainability.

Students/Pupils will:

- Know how they can take Climate Action now;
- Share their knowledge with others;
- Plant their own trees;
- Participant in an EU Exchange Programme.

Team Building

Life Terra has made sure to maintain communication during this difficult period between co-beneficiaries through team meeting and team building exercises - whether meeting in person or virtually.

In November 2020, the Italian environmentalist association [Legambiente](#) trained all of Life Terra on engagement and the importance of encouraging the public to plant trees - we all shared photos of our favourite tree!





In the Press

Check out our latest coverage on relevant news items linked to the environment, climate change and Life Terra:

[**Why We Believe Planting 1 Trillion Trees Can Save the Planet**](#)

By Jane Goodall and Marc Benioff

For more than six months, a pathogen has swept through nearly every country in the world, unleashing an unprecedented global health and economic emergency. At the same time, another potentially more lethal emergency continues to threaten us: the warming of the planet...

[**Dispelling the top seven tree planting misconceptions**](#)

By CIFOR Forest News

"Plant more trees!" has become a rallying cry for global leaders and climate activists around the world who see tree planting as a solution for everything from climate change to food security.

The growing interest in this area means it is more important now than ever before to consider effective tree planting that benefits communities and the environment.

[**Forests Near or Far Can Protect Water for Cities**](#)

By World Resources Institute

Water is essential to human health and well-being. In cities, leaders strive to provide secure access to clean, safe and affordable water. In rural areas, farmers hope for adequate rain and healthy rivers to produce healthy crops. The coronavirus pandemic reminds us how critical clean water is to health and hygiene, as public health officials have urged frequent handwashing. And yet, the world is on the

[French graduates launch alumni network to fight climate change](#)

By EURACTIV France

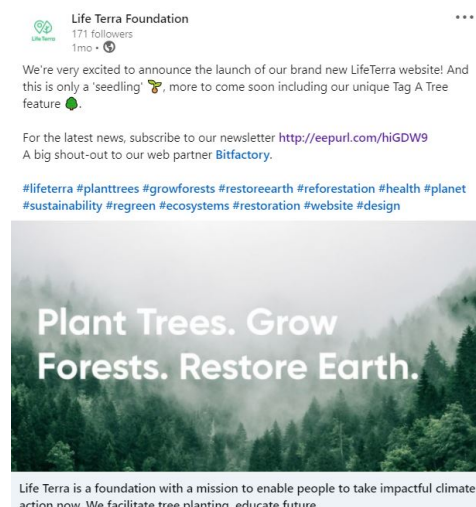
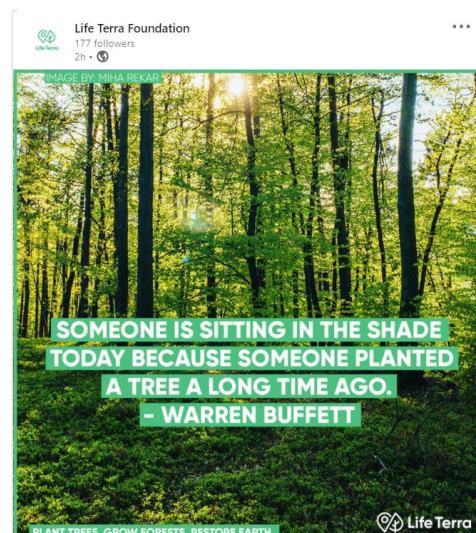
It is in the interest of everyone, including the business world, to be committed to the environment, according to "Alumni for the Planet", a unique collective launched in France on Thursday (12 November) that aims to gather French graduates in the fight against climate change. EURACTIV France reports...

[Five reasons why everyone should start home composting](#)

By BrightVibes

From a practical standpoint, those who compost do so because they enjoy growing their own fruit and veg, and they like the sense of achievement of being able to serve their family fresh, healthy, homegrown produce. But from a wider perspective, composting and gardening can mean much more.

Social Media



Don't forget to follow Life Terra's social media channels to stay up to date



Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for upcoming activities linked to the Life Terra project.

Portugal- Almeida

- Early 2021: Planting event in Nave de Haver

The Netherlands – Amsterdam & Noord-Brabant

- Early 2021: Planting event in Noord- Brabant
- Early 2021: Planting event in Amsterdam

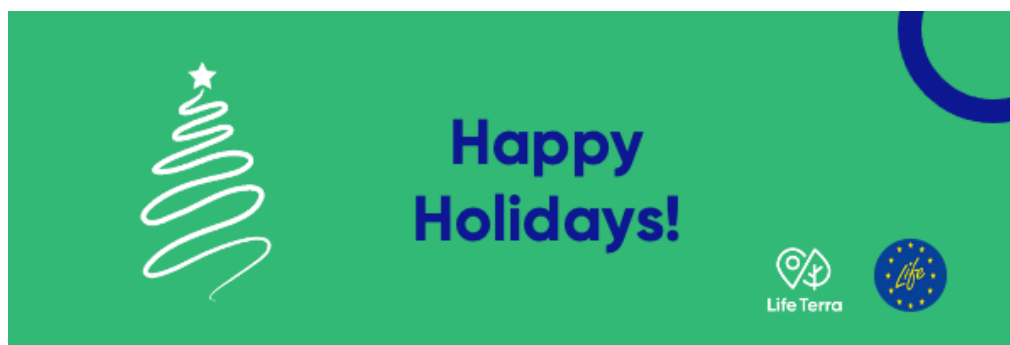
Germany – North Rhine Westphalia

- Early 2021: Planting event in Engelskirchen

Greece – Western Macedonia

- Early 2021: Planting event in Voio
- Early 2021: Planting event in Kozani

Find out more about Life Terra events [here](#).



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