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# **July 2021!**

### I plant a tree, we grow forests

Welcome to Life Terra's Newsletter of July 2021 where we update you on the latest developments in planting events, technology and education activities in the project.

We are ambitious because we know that the world needs massive #climateactionnow.

Life Terra is a project co-funded by CINEA through the LIFE Programme.

Find out more about Life Terra here

# **Recent Project Activities**

### **Launch Terra Mission**

In collaboration with Gynzy, Life Terra has developed an education package, in which students learn, among other things, how they can actively contribute to a sustainable society.

Our interactive educational course Terra Mission for ages 8-10 and 11-14 is now available in Dutch and English. The educational pack consists of an introduction lesson, 8 themes, and a closing lesson. Read more on what makes this lesson series so unique here: <u>Education - Life Terra</u>.

#### **Sustainable Graduation Gift**

Two Dutch students, Lisa and Nick, from Avans University of Applied Sciences (Avans Hogeschool) in The Netherlands had a big dream: to give a tree as a gift to

4,000 graduates received a graduation tree as a gift and they will be able to plant their tree in Autumn during a planting event. The newly planted forest will grow to 100,000 trees in the coming years. "The 'graduation tree' symbolises the growth that students go through at Avans and which, of course, continues after they finish studying."





### **Steering Committee Meeting**

On the 7th July, more than 40 people from our 15 beneficiaries joined together to share their achievements in the first year of the project. We were happy to be able to connect and share our experiences virtually - and excited to start working on Y2 of Life Terra!



You can find out more about our planting events and the Behind-the-Scenes here.

## **Upcoming Events**

### Life Terra Stakeholder Workshop

On the 7th September 2021, Life Terra will be hosting its first Policy Event focusing on Forest Restoration and Tree-Planting – What impact for climate change mitigation?

restoration and tree-planting can have on climate change mitigation. Can a project like Life Terra, which aims to plant 500 million trees over 5 years, make a material difference? What lessons can be learnt from such projects and how can they be successfully replicated?

#### Speakers:

- Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director Natural Capital, DG Envi, European Commission
- Ozlem Yildirim, Confederal Adviser to the General Confederation of Labour, EESC
- Jytte Guteland MEP, Member ENVI Committee, European Parliament
- Ville Niinisto MEP, Member ENVI and ITRE Committees, European Parliament
- **Sergiy Moroz**, Policy Manager on Water and Biodiversity, European Environmental Bureau
- Fanny-Pomme Langue, Secretary-General Confederation of European Forest Owners
- Sven Kallen, Founder and Secretary, Life Terra Foundation

Find out more information about the event <u>here</u> or simply <u>REGISTER</u> <u>HERE</u>.



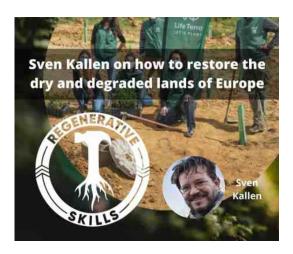
### **12th SERE Conference**

Life Terra will participate at the 12th edition of the European Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER Europe) which will take place online between the 7th - 10th September 2021. Experts from all over the world will gather virtually to discuss challenges facing ecological restoration in post-2020 Europe, and particularly, how can ecological restoration promote the recovery of damaged, degraded, and destroyed socio-ecological systems in these critical times.

Life Terra will present the project's strategy for training and education through a

# **Life Terra at the Regenerative Skills podcast**

Listen <u>here</u> to Sven Kallen, Founder of Life Terra, in the Regenerative Skills podcast talking about "How to restore the dry and degraded lands of Europe", diving into the details of Sven's work of reforestation and agroforestry in some of the most degraded and endangered areas of Europe from the Iberian Peninsula which includes Spain and Portugal, and the Mediterranean basin.



## **In the Press**

Life Terra's Communication Partner EURACTIV published <u>a Special Report on Forestry and Climate change</u> – 5 articles tackling the topic from different angles. Click the link below to read interviews about the EU's plan to capture more carbon from forests; carbon sinks; and interviews with MEPs on the important role of forests in EU climate legislation.











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