

## Dutch Climate Accord: Forest-climate pilots in Climate Smart Forestry

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The Dutch Government is negotiating a Climate Accord. In running up to this Accord, the government has allocated 300 million € this year for climate measures in all sectors. 44M is allocated to agriculture and other land use. Out of this, 2 M is allocated to forestry pilots in climate smart forestry<sup>1</sup>. The ambition is to achieve the additional CO<sub>2</sub> capture in the Dutch forest management incl. wood chain as included in the Accord with 1.5 million tons CO<sub>2</sub>/y by 2030.

The pilots are a first important step towards the realization of the Cabinet's ambitions. The aim in 2018 is also to fill the climate management toolbox with **pilot experiences** to strengthen the climate mitigation by means of additional measures in the Dutch forest and timber chain; laying the foundations for the Climate Table 'Land use' within the Climate Accord. The pilots are focused on demonstration: new experience gained and learning about, among others, technical and economic feasibility that will be incorporated in the toolbox. This creates a basis for **larger rollout in subsequent years**. The pilots in 2018 are strongly focused on execution, with components such as monitoring, reporting requirements, LULUCF and communication. 14 pilots projects on dozens of locations have been identified in existing forestry, in new forests and in the wood chain. **38 partners from Dutch sector** collaborate in this and have started on 1 June. Example projects focus on e.g. regeneration with new species, small afforestations, agroforestry, set aside of reserves, novel combinations of new forests with e.g. water storage, building with wood, biomass from hedges and small forests, etc.



*Regeneration with a richer species variety is one measure. Here *Tilia* spp. which also aims at improving the soil conditions.*

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<sup>1</sup> Gert-Jan Nabuurs, Philippe Delacote, David Ellison, Marc Hanewinkel, Lauri Hetemäki, Marcus Lindner. 2017. By 2050 the mitigation effects of EU forests could nearly double through Climate Smart Forestry. *Forests* **8**, **484**; doi:10.3390/f8120484 (Based on EFI FSTP2)