

Review of 2020 activities and activities planned for 2021

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WEBINAR | 2 NOVEMBER 2020 | 10 AM - 1 PM



**RESTORE
OUR FUTURE**
BONN CHALLENGE

**FINANCING FOREST
LANDSCAPE RESTORATION**

Webinar to support the preparation of the
Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the
ECCA30/ Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe in 2021

Thursday, 16 July 2020

14:00 – 14:15

Opening remarks & introduction

- Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Chief, joint Forestry and Timber Section of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Mr. Boris Erg, Director, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

14:15– 14:30

Mapping of funding opportunities for forest landscape restoration in the region

- Mr. Peter Gondo, United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat

UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy

DRAX Biomass Carbon Calculator –background, scope and functionalities



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11 June 2020, Geneva, Switzerland

Activities planned 2021



Assessment of biotic and abiotic disturbances

Publish and disseminate the Forest Sector Outlook Study

FPAMR 2020-2021

Organisation of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration in support of the Bonn Challenge in Eastern and South East Europe

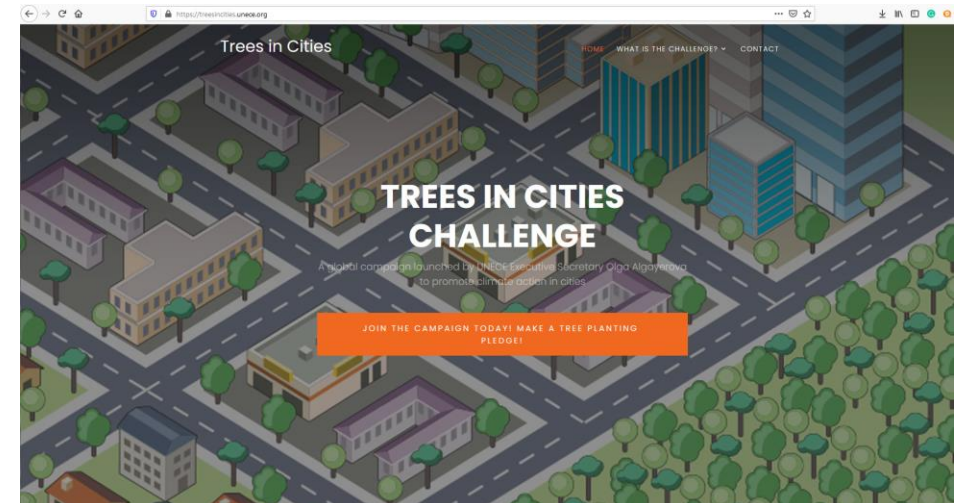
Communications campaigns (e.g. Trees in Cities, Forests for Fashion)

Capacity building workshop for national correspondents on wood energy and on monitoring Sustainable Forest Management in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries;



Urban forests and the "Trees in Cities Challenge"

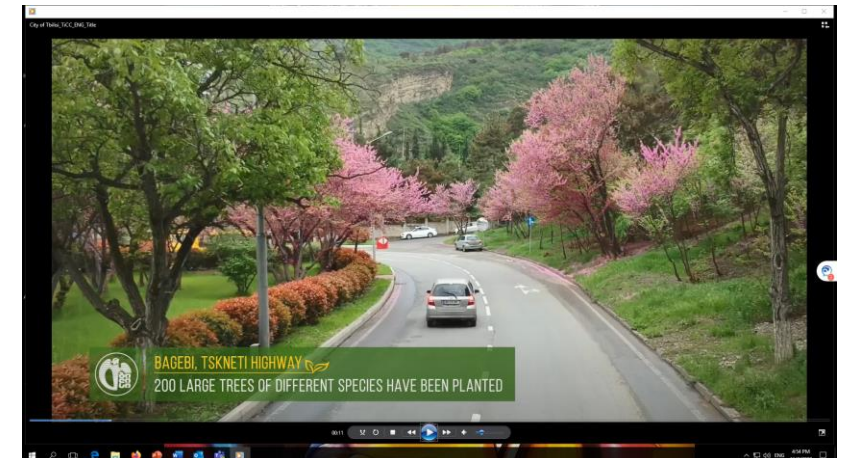
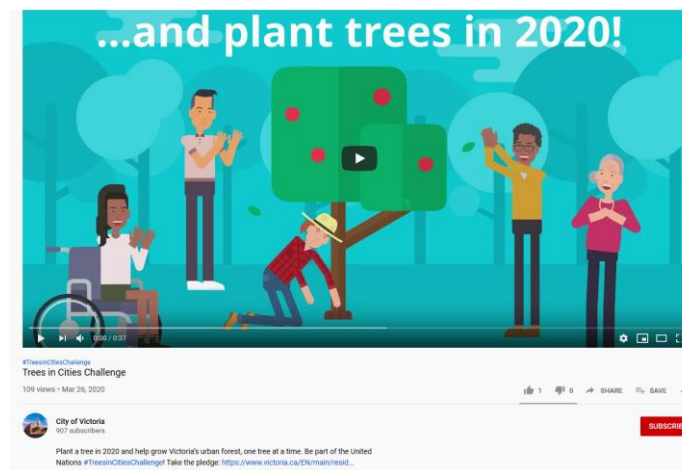
- Background: launched at the SG's Climate Action Summit in September 2019 by UNECE Executive Secretary
- Aim: to promote sustainable management of urban forests, climate action at the local level & increase tree cover in cities
- Website, promotional brochure (3 languages), promo video + communication materials...



Thus far...



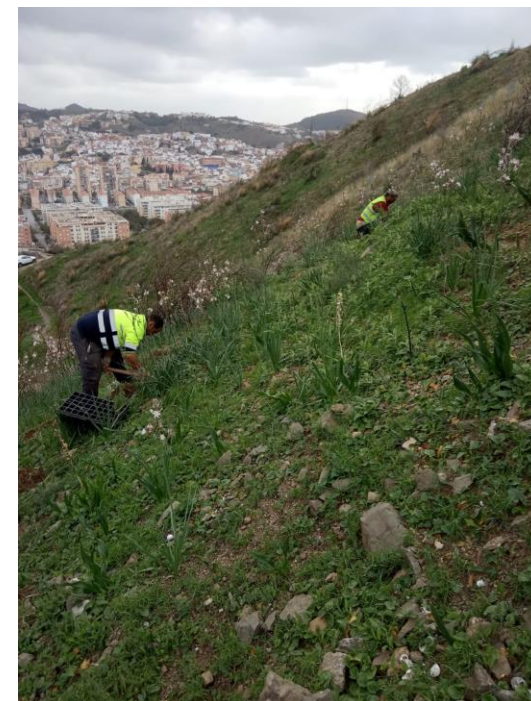
- The process – direct pledges from local authorities
- As of 1 November 2020, **20 cities** pledged to plant **11 million** new trees & identified priorities for better management in the future
- Outreach campaigns at the local level, citizen involvement





Disruptions caused by COVID and next steps...

- Most cities reported delays with procurement and planting due to the pandemic and asked for an extension (initial deadline end of 2020), delaying data collection
- The initiative will thus be extended to 2021, subject to available funding
- Crisis brings an opportunity: upgrading the initiative
- Ideas?





- The Committee is invited to approve the activities for 2021.
- Based on the information presented in document ECE/TIM/2020/9, the Committee is invited to:
 - (a) Recognize the importance of urban trees and forests for meeting the goals of key international and global agreements, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as contributing to climate change mitigation;
 - (b) Advise on future work of the Joint Section with respect to urban trees and forests and consider including this topic in the Integrated Programme of Work 2022-2015;
 - (c) Strengthen the “Trees in Cities Challenge” initiative by connecting it to other relevant processes and initiatives at global, regional and local levels and introduce it to relevant audiences;
 - (d) Strengthen urban resilience and post COVID-19 recovery through urban greening initiatives.

Thank you!



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