

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 sector. 44M is allocated to land use, out of this, 2 M for forestry pilots in climate smart forestry¹

The overall ambition is to achieve the additional CO₂ capture in the Dutch forest management incl wood chain as included in the Coalition Agreement in the region of 1.5 million tons CO₂ / y by 2030.

The pilots are a first important step towards the realization of the Cabinet's ambitions. The aim of the pilots in 2018 is to fill the climate management toolbox with pilots to strengthen the climate mitigation by means of additional measures in the Dutch forest and timber chain; also laying the foundations for the Climate Table 'Land use' within the Climate Agreement.

The pilots are focused on demonstration: new experience gained and learning about, among others, technical and economic feasibility is 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 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.



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

¹ Gert-Jan Nabuurs, Philippe Delacote, David Ellison, Marc Hanewinkel, Lauri Hetemäki, Marcus Lindner, Markku Ollikainen 2017. By 2050 the mitigation effects of EU forests could nearly double through Climate Smart Forestry. *Forests* **8**, 484; doi:10.3390/f8120484