

**SUPERB**  
Upscaling Forest Restoration

## The largest transnational forest restoration project in Europe

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SUPERB- Systemic solutions for upscaling of urgent ecosystem restoration for forest related biodiversity and ecosystem services (December 2021 – November 2025)



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## SUPERB in short - partners and funding

- **Coordinator:** European Forest Institute
- **36 partner organisations** in total
- **13 EU countries:** AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, HR, IT, NL, RO, SE +  
**3 non-EU countries:** CH, RS, UK
- **EC Funding: 20 Million €**
- **52%** of the budget for Demos (implementing and testing restoration)
- **90** associate partners,  
**93 Million €** in-kind funding,  
**3 Million ha** for restoration



## SUPERB overall goal



Creating an enabling environment for and demonstrating large-scale restoration of forests and forest landscapes across Europe for biodiversity and ecosystem services.



# 12 Restoration Demos

- **SE** Boreal & subalpine landscape restoration, Biosphere Reserve
- **DK** Old-growth development, diversifying plantations
- **DE** Restoration after large-scale spruce dieback
- **CZ** Restoration after massive bark beetle infestation
- **RO** Conserving and connecting old-growth remnants
- **RS** Re-establishment of cultural coppice forests
- **HR-RS** Cross-border riparian forests restoration, Biosphere Reserve
- **IT** Fragmented lowland forests in intensive agricultural and urban matrix
- **ES** CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration & brown bear habitats restoration
- **FR** Restoration via hedgerows in plantation forests: Forest Bocage & Low Carbon Label
- **NL** Rehabilitation and diversification of degraded pine plantations on sandy soils
- **UK** Diversification of Sitka spruce plantations

Hands-on restoration on 100 – 1,000 ha per demo

+ initiated restoration in 2025: ~50,000 ha per demo





SE



DK



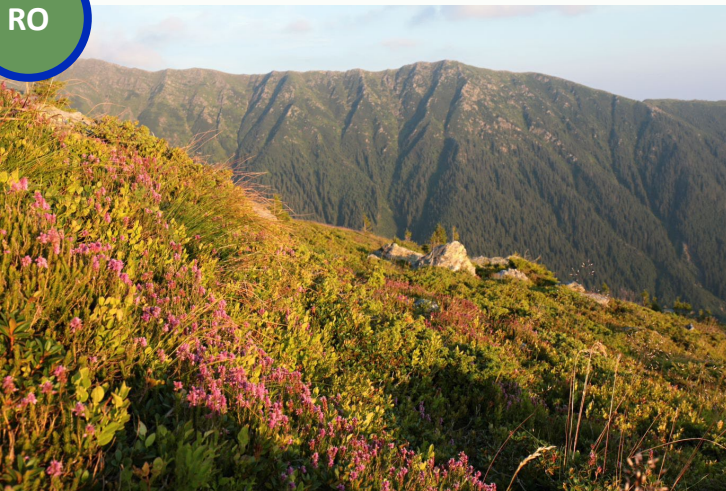
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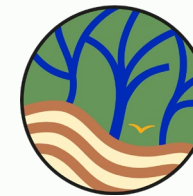
NL



UK







# Specific objectives

1

**Demonstrate and test successful restoration approaches in 12 large-scale demonstration areas**



2

**Improve societal support for restoration and benefits from restoration**



3

**Deliver evidence-based practical knowledge**



4

**Deliver an online multi-language Forest Ecosystem Restoration Gateway**



5

**Launch an interactive online Marketplace**



6

**Create a large and powerful multi-stakeholder network and movement for transformative restoration**





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Thank you!

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