

# Reforestation of abandoned lands in Parco Nord Milano

PARCO NORD  
MILANO (PNM)



Creating 3 hectares of forest using native tree species

## CHALLENGES TACKLED



Nature restoration and reforestation



Citizens and Business Involvement



Biodiversity Enhancement



Climate change adaptation and mitigation



## SUMMARY

Parco Nord Milano acquired 10 hectares of lands. These lands were either agricultural areas maintained as permanent meadows or abandoned lands without trees. To improve connectivity, biodiversity, air quality and adapt to climate change, the Park launched a reforestation project. To raise awareness amongst the public, the reforestation activities involved administrations, local businesses, citizens and environmental associations.

## STEPS



1 Design the landscape projects



2 Identify the best native species



3 Collective plantations open to all citizens



4 Collective plantations open to business companies



5 Online fundraising campaign "Insieme per la Terra"

## RESOURCES NEEDED



### TECHNICAL SKILLS:

specialist (agronomist) and specialized operators.

### OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT'S AND MACHINERY:

- shovel, shelter, mulching...
- Certificated forest plants;

• around **7500 plants**



### COST OF EXECUTION AND MANAGEMENT:

around **40.000 euros**



### TIME

**2 years**

## MAIN LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

Whilst urban forestry is an important Nature-based Solution in the face of climate change, the higher frequency of droughts poses an issue. Looking at 'new native species' can be useful.

Organising plantation events with citizens and businesses is a great awareness raising tool. Furthermore, it can help keep costs down.

The full report of this action can be found at URL [www.europarc.org/greening-plans](http://www.europarc.org/greening-plans)

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