Productive reforestations for living rural landscapes!

Creating jobs and reviving agro-forestry systems for livestock farming agriculture, beekeeping and biodiversity while tackling desertification, erosion and mitigating the effects of climate change.

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PRODUCTIVE EFORESTATION FOR LIVING RURAL LANDSCAPES

1st EU Soil Observatory Stakeholder Forum

Workshop on soil erosion for the EU Wed 20 October 2021, 14:00-16:30 (WEBEX & STREAM)





North Evia island in 2021:

The wildfire did <u>not burn only</u> forests:

33,78% of the area was agricultures (olive groves, vineyards etc) !!!



What is the aim of the «Productive reforestation» proposal?

The key to creatively & competently connect the need for :

- reforestations,
- afforestations &
 - plantations



- ✓ provide income and incentives
- restarting the agricultural economy in <u>Less Favorable Areas</u>
- producing unique, high-quality local products

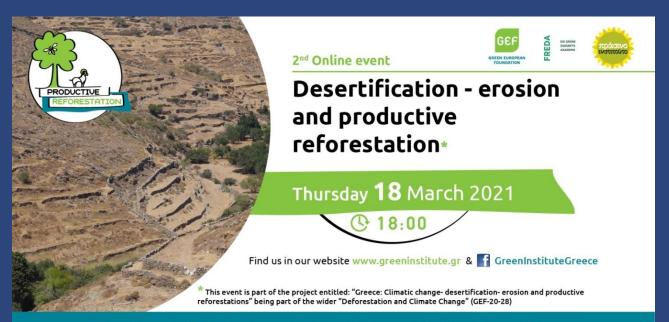




EU declared one of the goals of Green Deal: planting 3 billion trees by 2030 !!!

Were are they mostly needed?

Green Institute Greece has organized 3 webinars on the topic





This event is organised by the Green European Foundation with the support of FREDA and Green Institute Greece and with the financial support of the European Parliament to the Green European Foundation



We succeeded to re-active the the National Commission for Combating Desertification, in order to draft an updated National Action Plan

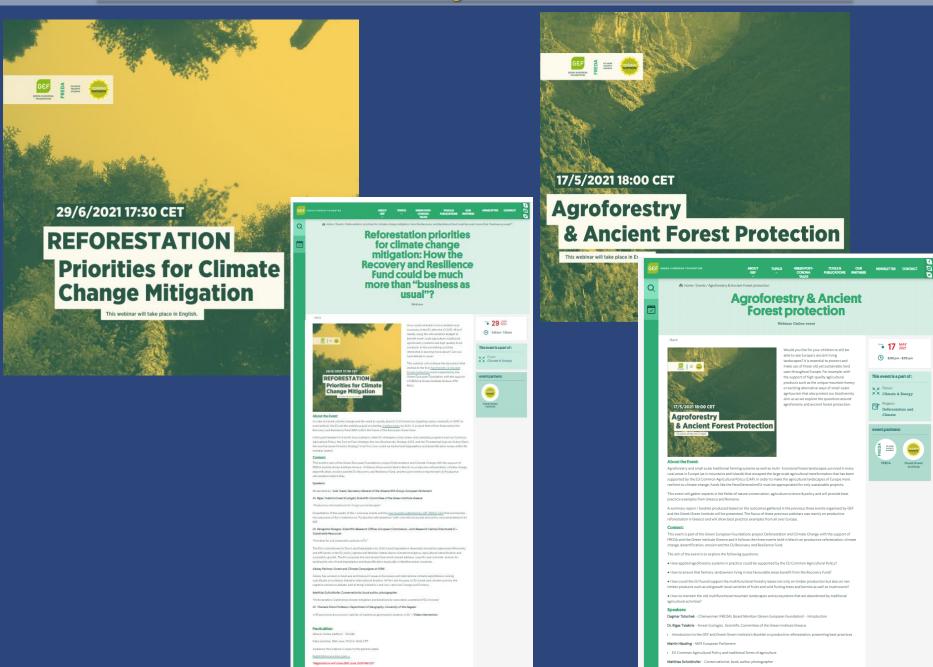
by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food

Green Institute Greece published a new book

(in Greek and English language now available free online)



Two more webinars have been organized for the international audience



More publicity in social media, TV news and magazines has been given to the topic after the disastrous summer fires





Our vision and proposal

- Addressing <u>desertification</u>, the effects of <u>climate change</u> and <u>biodiversity</u> loss requires substantial policy change in the agricultural and forestry sector, where agro-forestry systems can play a critical role
- Interdisciplinary approaches and policies are needed to make ancient multi-functional agro-forestry ecosystems economically viable again
- Our aim should be to implement a climate-smart Mediterranean Forestry and a <u>climate smart innovative product policy</u> with high added value, involving local farmers and achieving their economic viability
- EU payments in the frame of Green Deal and the Recovery and Resilience funds should be in accordance with all EU policies (CAP, Biodiversity Strategy, Forest Strategy etc)
- "Productive reforestation" could play a vital role in reviving ancient Mediterranean landscapes, while creating new jobs and giving the opportunity for young local people to stay in their homeland





