

## GERMANY

# Biodiversity's restoration, preservation & enhancement

### Location

Märkisch-Oderland

### Programming period

2014 – 2020

### Priority

P4 – Ecosystems  
management

### Measure

M08 – Investments in forest  
areas

### Funding (EUR)

Total budget 6 560

EAFRD 4 920

National/Regional 1 640

### Project duration

2021 – 2022

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CAP-funded forestry consulting in Germany's eastern Brandenburg.

## Summary

An association of private forest owners in eastern Brandenburg used CAP co-finance to prepare management and funding plans for improving the long-term productive potential of timber resources damaged by climate and pest impacts.



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## Results

- Forest owners' capacity was built in collective planning and financing.
- Advisory services provided added value inputs to improve resilience of timber resources and forest habitats.
- A reforestation plan for 0.82 ha was approved for financing.

## Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ Forest improvements can be enhanced by professional expertise and associated public sector support frameworks.
- ❑ Improving the availability of forest advisory services can improve the potential for sustainable forestry.

## Context

A combination of storms, extreme drought, and bark beetle infestation had impacted badly on the forests of Brandenburg. The Forstbetriebsgemeinschaft Haselberg (FBG) association of 40 private forest owners used advisory services to help prepare a clearing and reforestation plan to address these productivity challenges.

## Objectives

This forestry consulting service project aimed to support the healthy and sustainable mixed forests that are adapted to the effects of climate change.

## Activities

FBG hired a forest advisor to prepare a detailed reforestation plan for the damaged area that would introduce more drought-tolerant species. It focused on native tree species (oak and noble hardwoods, such as cherry) that are adapted to the location and which can better withstand the challenges associated with climate change. Alder varieties were proposed to mark logging routes and support soil biomass. The plan could lead to timber harvests starting within 10 years. Project actions also helped FBG prepare funding applications for reforestation, game protection fences and advisory support.

## Main results

This advisory service strengthened FBG capacity in collective planning and financing through reinforced relationships between forest owners and funding bodies.

The advisory service promoted knowledge transfer as it raised awareness about the latest technical approaches to forestry in relation to climate change. It also informed the association's members about funding opportunities that were previously unknown.

A funding application for the reforestation of 0.82 ha was approved based on the project's silvicultural plan.

## Key lessons

Forest improvements can be enhanced by professional expertise and associated public sector support frameworks.

Improving the availability of forest advisory services can improve the potential for sustainable forestry.



## Additional sources of information

<https://eler.brandenburg.de/eler/de/veroeffentlichungen/projekte-des-monats/2021/projekt-des-monats-mai/#>