

MyGardenOfTrees - Registration Form

Trials 2023-2028



Welcome!

You are about to become a participant of MyGardenOfTrees. Before you fill in the following questions, make sure you have read the informed consent form.

Introduction

This questionnaire is aimed at clarifying information about your forest site where you would establish a micro-garden and obtaining your personal details in order to ship you the necessary materials. Before you fill in this questionnaire remember that:

1. By filling this questionnaire you will be officially considered as a participant of the MyGardenOfTrees project. This is why on the next page you will have to agree with an informed consent form.
2. By becoming a participant you commit to install and monitor a micro-garden for a minimum duration of 5 years (approximately 30 hours of voluntary work per year).
3. Retrieval from the project is possible at any time without consequences, nevertheless, we would like to minimize these cases because of the high cost associated to each micro-garden (>1000 EUR). Please make sure you have read the project expectations.
4. We assume that you have already identified a forest (subsequently called **Your forest**), where you have the permission to install the micro-garden either because you own and manage it or because you have obtained the relevant authorizations from the owner/manager. Note that you do not need to share this authorization with us but we may need to ask for it at any time.
5. MyGardenOfTrees micro-gardens are preferably installed in a forested area that is already fenced, can be fenced or where wildlife pressure is low.

If you need more information on what to expect, read here.

(<https://www.mygardenoftrees.eu/future-participants/what-toexpect>)



Section 1: Informed Consent

Question 1: Please confirm that you agree with the Informed consent form by clicking on "Yes, I agree" below. If you do not agree or if you have questions, you can leave this form and contact us at info@mygardenoftrees.eu

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section 2: Forest Information

Question 2: What are the dominant and subdominant species of **Your forest?** (Check all that apply)

CONIFERS:

- ☐ Silver fir (*Abies alba*)
- ☐ Larch species (*Larix* spp.)
- ☐ Norway spruce (*Picea abies*)
- ☐ Swiss stone pine (*Pinus cembra*)
- ☐ Mountain pine (*Pinus mugo/uncinata*)
- ☐ European black pine (*Pinus nigra*)
- ☐ Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)
- ☐ Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- ☐ Common yew (*Taxus baccata*)

BROADLEAVES:

- ☐ Birch species (*Betula* spp)
- ☐ Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)
- ☐ Black alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
- ☐ Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)
- ☐ European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- ☐ Poplar (*Populus* spp.)
- ☐ Common oak (*Quercus robur*)
- ☐ Sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*)
- ☐ Turkey oak (*Quercus cerris*)
- ☐ Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- ☐ Lime species (*Tilia* spp)
- ☐ Elm species (*Ulmus* spp)
- ☐ Other: _____

Question 3: What is the age of **Your Forest?**

- ☐ Less than 10 years
- ☐ Between 10 and 30 years
- ☐ Between 30 and 50 years
- ☐ Older than 50 years

Question 4: How is **Your Forest managed?**

- ☐ The forest has not been managed in the last 50 years and there is no plan of future intervention
- ☐ Continuous cover with an uneven-aged forest, natural regeneration only, cutting using single tree selection system
- ☐ Continuous cover with an uneven-aged forest, natural regeneration only, cutting using group selection system
- ☐ Even-aged forest with coppice or coppice-with-standards system
- ☐ Even-aged forest with shelterwood system
- ☐ A clearcut is planned but no sooner than in 6 years
- ☐ Other: _____

Question 5: What is your relationship with **Your forest?**

- ☐ I own it and I manage it
- ☐ I own it, but I personally do not manage it
- ☐ I manage it and I have permission to use it for the 5 years of the trial from the owner (or the state)
- ☐ I have permission to use for the 5 years of the trial from the owner (or the state) and the manager
- ☐ I am planning to ask permission to use it

Section 3: Micro-Garden Site Selection

Question 6: Have you identified the exact area in **Your forest** where you could establish Your future micro-garden?

Remember that a micro-garden area is composed of 4 blocks of an area of 25 m² each. The 4 blocks can be dispatched in the forest but to facilitate the observations it is better to install them close to one another. Read here for more details about choosing the area:

<https://www.mygardenoftrees.eu/future-participants/what-to-expect>



- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Not yet but the terrain is suitable for installing a micro-garden

Question 7: How quickly can you reach **Your forest** and **Your future micro-garden** from your home or workplace?

Remember that each spring during 8 weeks, you will be asked to visit the site once a week to make observations that take up about 30 mins to 1.5 hours of your time, depending on the number of seedlings to be recorded, and excluding travel time.

- ☐ In less than 30 mins
- ☐ Between 30 mins and 1 hour

- ☐ In more than 1 hour

Question 8: Is the area of **Your future micro-garden** fenced with deer proof fence?

Note: Seeds and young seedlings will be protected by individual seed protectors. However, there is still a risk that wild boars could overturn the soil and the seed protectors, and/or that ungulates browse the young seedlings when the seed protectors will have to be removed after the 2nd or 3rd year of the experiment.



Please choose only one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, but wildlife pressure is low
- ☐ No, but I could fence it at my own charge
- ☐ No, but I could fence it if I was reimbursed for the fencing materials
- ☐ No, and it cannot be fenced

Section 4: Personal Information and Shipping

Shipping Information: We will ship you by post all the necessary material to install Your future micro-garden:

1. 100 seed protectors weighing around 30 kg
2. The seeds and the labels (seeds will need to be stored in a cool place below 10°C until sowing)
3. The protocols

Thereby we need to ask you some personal information. Remember that your personal information will only be used for shipping and will not be communicated to any third-parties (see Informed consent form that you agreed to).

Question 9: What kind of shipping address do you prefer to provide us? If you can, please provide us with both a private and a company or institutional address. This might be helpful for shipping reasons.

Please choose only one of the following:

- ☐ A private address
- ☐ A company/institutional address
- ☐ Both a private address and a company/institutional address

Question 10: What is your private shipping address? *All fields are mandatory. If you do not know how to answer some questions (e.g. additional information), please enter NA in that field.*

Question 11: What is your company or institution address? *All fields are mandatory. If you do not know how to answer some questions (e.g. additional information), please enter NA in that field.*

Section 5: Participant Background

Question 12: Please tell us how would you like to be called? You can provide us either your full name, a nickname or a pseudonym that you like!

Please write your answer here:_____

Question 13: Which of the following languages do you feel comfortable using? This will help us understand to how many languages we need to translate our protocols and other informative material. Please choose every language that you can comfortably use to read and communicate.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Albanian
- ☐ Bulgarian
- ☐ Bosnian
- ☐ Croatian
- ☐ Czech
- ☐ Danish
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ English
- ☐ Estonian
- ☐ Finnish
- ☐ French
- ☐ German
- ☐ Greek
- ☐ Hungarian
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Latvian
- ☐ Lithuanian
- ☐ Macedonian
- ☐ Norwegian
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Romanian

- ☐ Serbian
- ☐ Slovak
- ☐ Slovenian
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Swedish
- ☐ Ukrainian
- ☐ Other: _____

Question 14: How many years of formal education have you received after the secondary school exit exam (for young adults between 15 and 20 years old)?

- ☐ 3 years or less
- ☐ More than 3 years

Question 15: Which was your main field of education after the secondary school exit exam?

Question 16: Is your primary occupation related to the forest sector?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Question 17: Finally, tell us where you heard about MyGardenOfTrees?

- ☐ Direct contact from the MyGardenOfTrees team
- ☐ From colleague inside the company/institution
- ☐ From a person outside my company/institution
- ☐ Social media ad posted by MyGardenOfTrees
- ☐ Circular/ad of another institution/association (e.g. EFI or IUFRO)
- ☐ Outreach article in the language of my country
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 6: Additional Comments

Question 18: Before you leave this questionnaire, do you have any question or comment for us?

Thank you for becoming a participant of MyGardenOfTrees. We are looking forward to working with you!

The MyGardenOfTrees team
