

Hera Group No deforestation commitment

To not contribute to global deforestation phenomena (Zero Net Deforestation) and to **achieve zero impact**, Hera manages its activities aiming to **minimize the operating impacts of its plants and services in forested areas**, particularly when it operates, directly or indirectly through its contractors, in periods of drought and in areas with a high risk of forest fires.

No deforestation is associated with Hera business operations nor with commodities that it trade or sell. Even if no impacts on forestation have been reported, Hera is constantly committed to **protecting biodiversity and reducing CO2 emissions**. Furthermore, it is committed to favoring the procurement of cellulose and wood materials that are recycled or from certified forests (Forest Stewardship Council; Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes).

Hera is also intensifying and extending tree planting in the served areas to **fight climate change, reduce emissions and stop global warming**. We carry out many tree-planting projects both to **protect biodiversity and air quality and raise awareness** among the local communities and actively involving them. The plantings are mainly the result of reward mechanisms associated with specific virtuous behaviors, such as delivering sorted waste to ecological stations or requesting electronic bills instead of paper bills, etc. With the **“ECO Trees” initiative**, Hera has joined the **Emilia-Romagna Region’s project “Planting roots for the future”** aimed at **planting 4.5 million trees** (one per inhabitant of the region) in the period 2020-2025.

Besides **reforestation campaigns**, the Group also promoted the long-term project “Lets Green Madagascar” to **counteract the practice of slash and burn**.

In addition, Hera also encourages the application of the principles of this commitment to partners and suppliers.

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