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 trades 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**. Tree-planting projects to both **protect biodiversity and air quality and raise awareness** among the local communities and actively involving them are planned in the 5-Y Business plan. Thanks to Eco Alberi and the #GMMCHALLENGE25 initiative, 24,910 trees were planted between 2012 and 2025. Reforestation efforts will continue through the Group's Faenza and Bologna Energy Parks and Urban Forest projects, with a further 33,650 trees and shrubs to be planted by the end of 2028.

Besides **reforestation campaigns**, the Group also promotes projects aimed at the **regeneration of ecosystems** through the planting of native tree and shrub species, involving **greening and ecological restoration initiatives for mitigation** and/or for **landscape enhancement purposes.**

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

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