



Veteran Tree Management Skills Certification (VETcert)

Creating a Pan-European accreditation scheme





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Erasmus + funded project 2016-2019

- Total budget 398 000€
- 1 Dec 2016 - 31 Aug 2019
 - 33 months
- ATF budget 53 000€
- Funding 75%-80% of total value.
- Seeking match funding in region of £10k to £13k (any offers welcome).



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Main Partners

- Ancient Tree Forum (UK)
- Inverde (Belgium)
- ProNatura (Sweden)
- Arboricultural Association (UK)



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Ancient Tree Forum

- Project lead on developing and setting veteran tree management standards





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Inverde

- Project lead on analysis of existing best practice in certification/accreditation schemes and follow-up of veteran tree management certification.





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ProNatura

- Project lead on developing new training material to complement the existing material.

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Arboricultural Association

- Project lead on developing a certification and examination procedure.





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Other Partners

- Swedish Tree Association
- Swedish Arborist Federation
- European Arboricultural Council
- Conseil Départemental des Côtes d'Armor (France)
- Asociación Española de Arboricultura (Spain)
- Safe Trees (Czech Republic)





Raising standards in veteran tree care across Europe

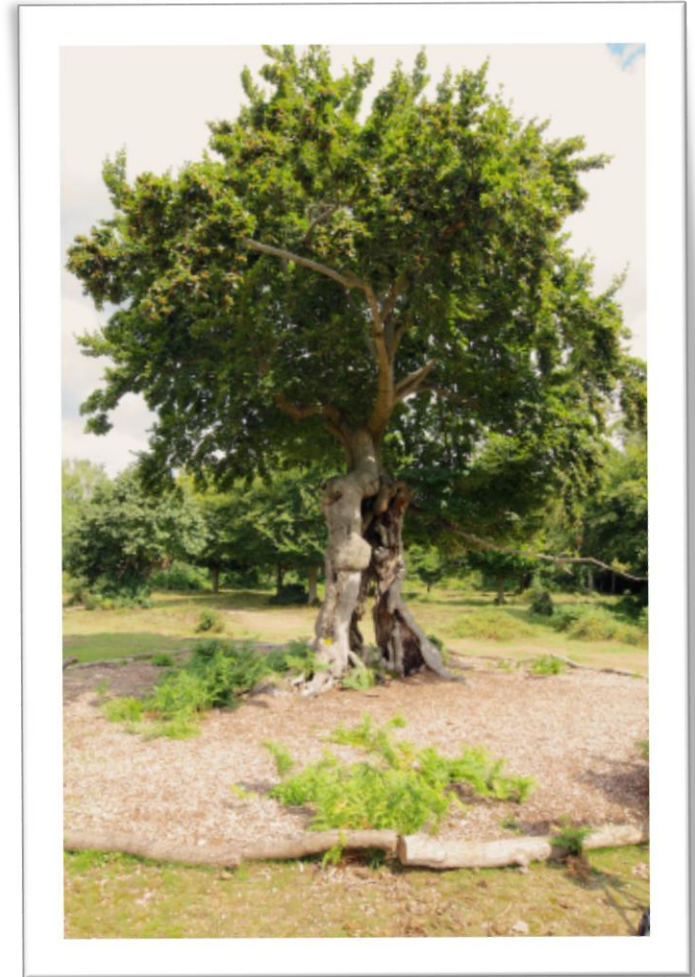


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Objectives



- Recognise skills and knowledge in veteran tree management
- Define minimum skills and knowledge at 2 operational levels:
 - practicing and
 - consulting tree work professionals.
- Increase the opportunities for tree work professionals across Europe
- Raise standards in veteran tree management across Europe





What will be done

- Survey of existing certification/accreditation schemes
- Set minimum standards for skills/knowledge at two levels
- Develop training material
- Develop the certification and examination procedure
 - Sustainability plan





What will be done

Two workshops to be held to ensure there is continuity across all partner countries:

- Veteran Tree Management Standards
- Calibrate Assessors





Other outcomes

- Better management of veteran trees
- Higher quality of the work performed
- Increased awareness
- Increased transparency in tender/contracting
- Continued personal development (CPD) encouraged in the workplace
- Vocational education available
- Training for the assessors





Challenges ahead

Providing consistency across all partner countries. Challenges include differences between:

- Types of Veteran trees





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Providing consistency across all partner countries. Challenges include differences between:

- Climate





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Providing consistency across all partner countries. Challenges include differences between:

- Cultural Heritage





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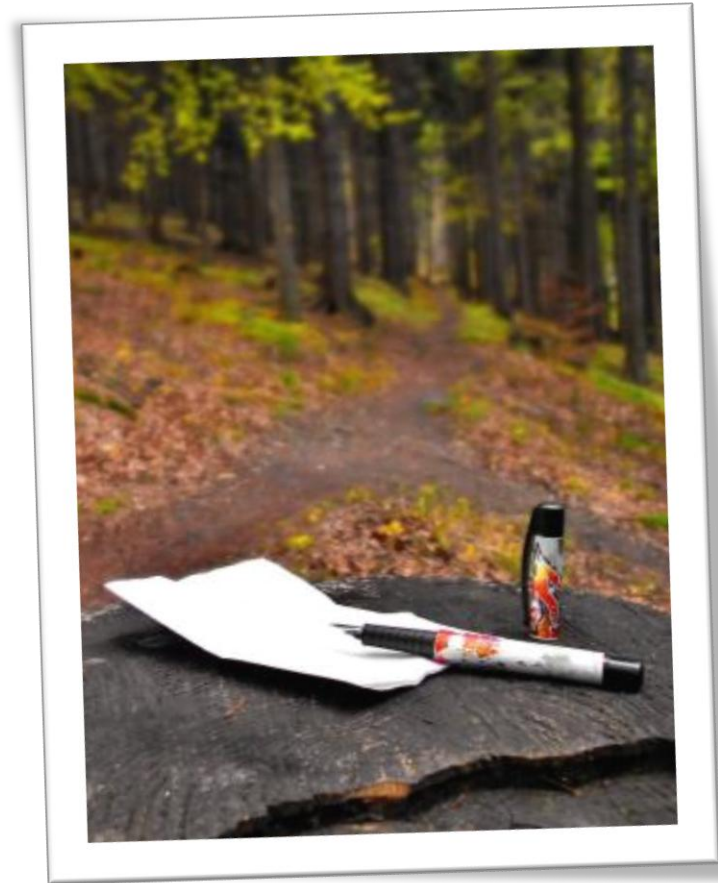
- Existing professional standards in tree management



Accreditation Scheme - Two levels



Practicing



Consulting



Scheme Roll Out

Project completion
- August 2019



Scheme Roll Out



Certification scheme
will be available upon
project completion.





Further info

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<http://www.vetree.eu>



Veteran Tree Management - Demonstration Sites

A PROJECT FUNDED BY CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Funding Secured

- £12700 secured from City of London Corporation
- Project starts September 2017 and concludes March 2019. Trails will be available in perpetuity



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Aims

- Develop four self guided trails for professionals.
- Launch events for professionals
- Guided walks for members of public



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Target audiences

Arborists

Foresters

Site managers

Students

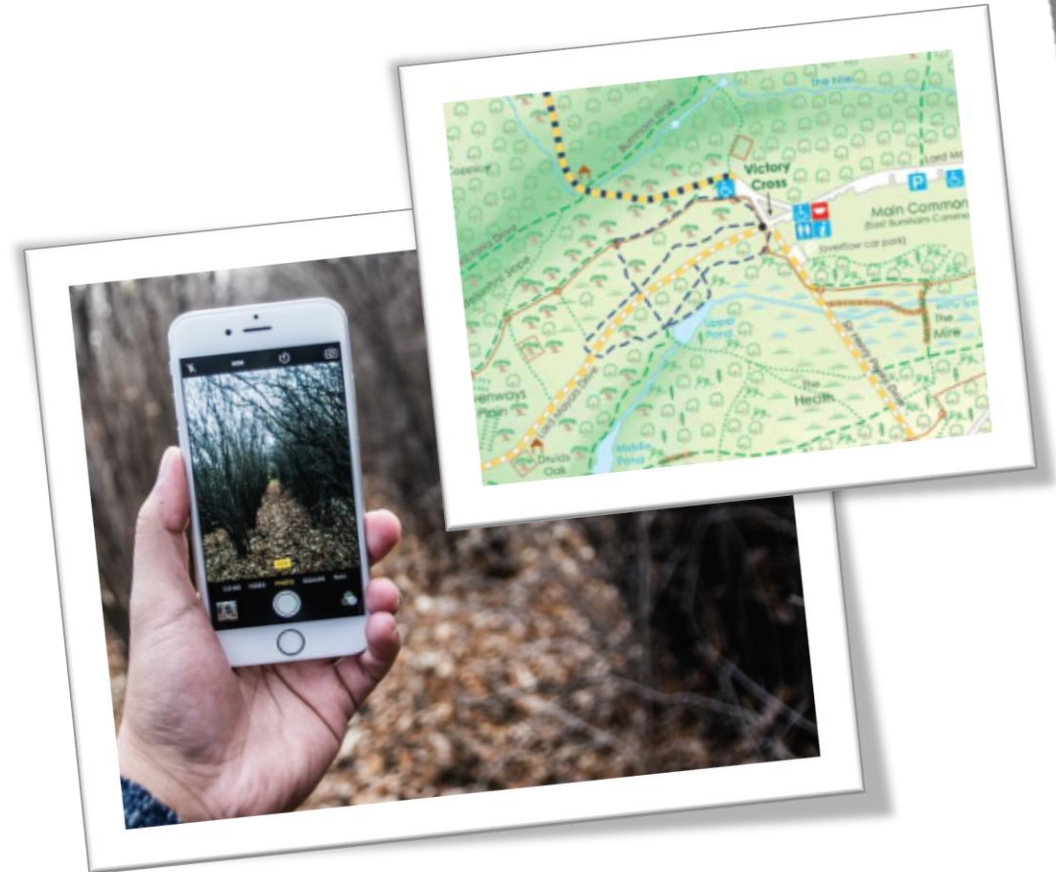
General public



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Develop four self guided trails for professionals.

- Self-led trails, which can be used on any day, at any time.
- Hard copy information pack available at each site; or
- Participants can download pack onto smart phone or tablet.



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Launch events for professionals

- Tours of demonstration sites to increase awareness and facilitate usage of trails.
- Potential for on-site demonstrations during launch events.



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Guided walks for members of public

- Designed to encourage local users to engage with the sites, recognise the importance of the veteran trees and sites, and educate the public on the on-going management and potential dangers of BBQs and other recreational activities.



Creating Good Practice Veteran Tree Demonstration Sites

Sites

- Ashted Common
- Burnham Beeches
- Epping Forest
- Hampstead Heath





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- Come and have a chat





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