



THE CHALLENGE

Cities are the weakest link

Cities plant intensively, swap ornamental species often and import large volumes of stock. That makes them a major entry point for new pests, yet urban areas are often the weakest part of national official surveys.

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ministries share urban plant health in most Member States

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priority areas for national action

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regulation, (EU) 2016/2031, sets the obligations



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Work with FREE3

Evidence, tools and a European network to help national authorities and ministries close the gaps.

WHO THIS IS FOR

Plant Health Authorities

Environment ministries

Legislators & regulators

Researchers



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FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

Closing the gaps

National strategies for integrated urban plant health

ONE TREE, MANY GOVERNMENTS

Break the silos

When plant health and urban forestry work apart, towns lack tools and national authorities lack data.

EU

Sets the rules

Member State

Surveys, plans, eradication

----- **SILO** -----

Region

Green space standards

Municipality

Species, stock, management

Plant trade crosses every level and is the main pathway for new pests.

FOUR PRIORITY AREAS

Where national action pays off



01 Due diligence in trade

Importers and nurseries check, record and report pest risk.



02 Sentinel planting

Bait plants near ports and nurseries flag new pests early.



03 Product harmonisation

Close treatment gaps with mutual recognition.



04 Ministry coordination

One coordinator for plant health, environment and planning.

WHY DUE DILIGENCE

Inspections cannot cover every consignment. Due diligence brings the private sector into biosecurity.

COUNT IT TWICE

Link plant health to EU goals

One national action can serve several EU commitments and open funding that plant health alone cannot reach.

- ✓ **Biodiversity Strategy 2030**
- ✓ **Nature Restoration Law 2024/1991**
- ✓ **EU Forest Strategy 2030**
- ✓ **Plant Health Regulation 2016/2031**

FUNDING IT CAN UNLOCK

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Cohesion Funds



Decision support from FREE3

QGIS plugins for pest risk assessment and an RShiny app for ready-to-use reports.

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