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eva Forest Climate Standard

**For an active contribution to climate protection
in Germany & Europe**

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Vision: Valuing Nature, Securing the Future



eva makes the climate protection aspect of forests economically assessable through climate certificates.



Private capital is brought into nature conservation to finance restoration, transformation and management of climate-resilient forests.



eva's approach helps restore the balance between people and nature, thus securing a sustainable future.

One Carbon Standard for European Forests

10 eva Forest Climate Standard Principles



1. **Legislation & Eligibility**

Projects comply with national legislation and meet all eligibility criteria for the chosen standard.



2. **Project Management**

Projects are implemented professionally and transparently, taking into account the long-term nature of project timelines.



3. **Additionality**

Ecosystem services are generated in addition to the reference scenario, and the revenues they generate play a crucial role in the implementation of the project.



4. **Environment**

Projects are carried out in an ecologically responsible manner, generating positive environmental impacts for the restoration, preservation, and resilience of ecosystem services.



5. **Social**

Projects act in a socially responsible manner, adhere to occupational health and safety standards, and promote social well-being and the participation of the local population.



6. **Methods**

Projects generate real and measurable ecosystem services that are quantifiably tracked, monitored, and transparently reported in accordance with current, recognized scientific principles.



7. **Permanence**

The permanence of ecosystem services is ensured through risk management requirements and a permanence buffer.



8. **Certification**

Projects are certified at regular intervals by independent, qualified certifiers.



9. **Uniqueness**

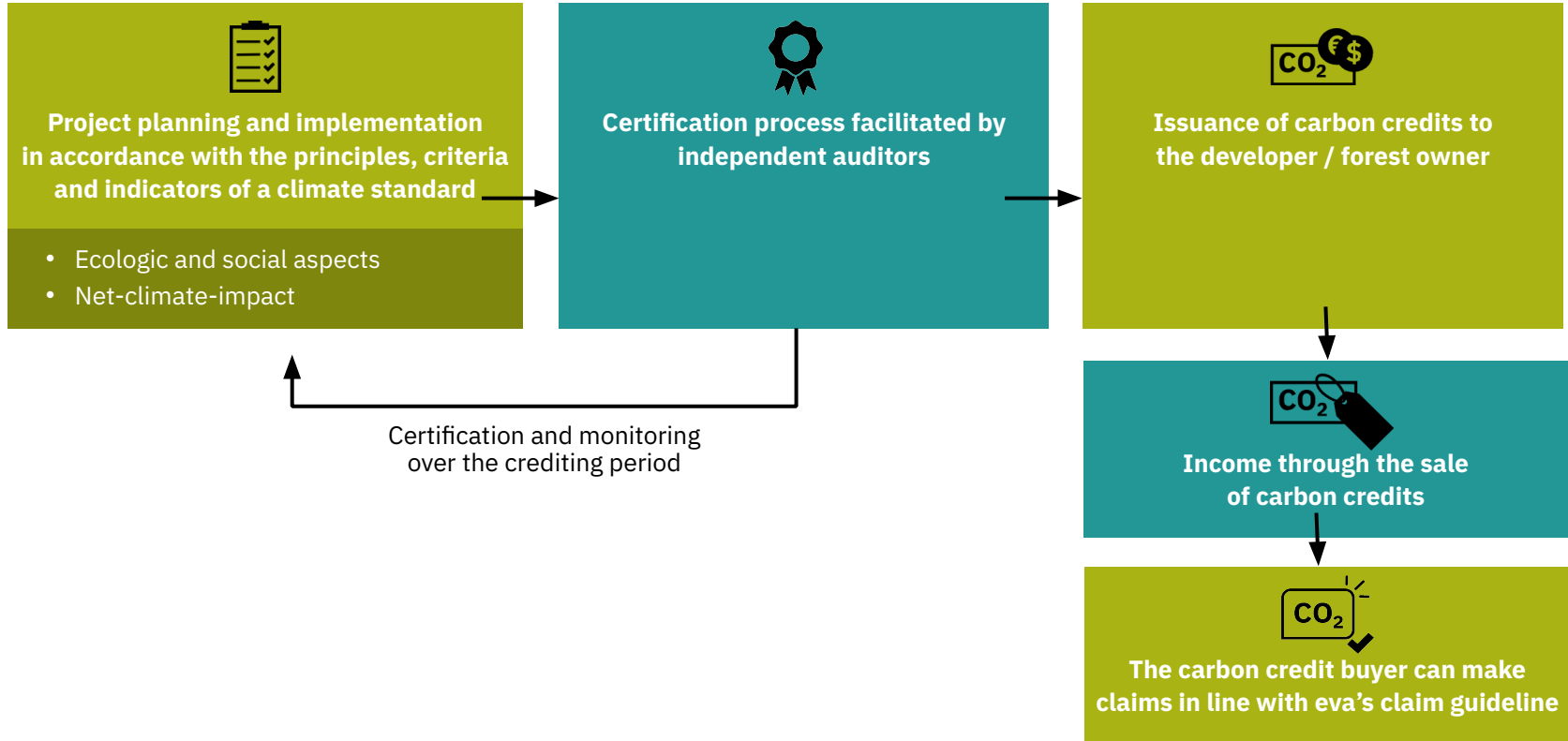
The uniqueness of issuing and valorizing ecosystem services is ensured through a publicly accessible registration system (Impact Registry) that reports to the national inventory system.



10. **Broad Impact**

Eva promotes the widespread acceptance and scaling of various ecosystem services in the forestry sector through a participatory, market-oriented, and practice-focused design of its frameworks.

How a climate standard works



Why eva

Regional

- eva is the leading private climate standard applicable to european forests
- By purchasing eva-certificates you are making an active contribution to climate protection in Germany/Europe

Credible

- Collaboration with well-reputed auditors (e.g., TÜV)
- Direct relationships with forest owners possible
- IPCC-based standards and methods
- ICROA-endorsement envisaged for Q3 2025

Fast & Simplified

- Digital certification process completed in 6 months
- Forests available for certification across Germany and other European countries



Particularly suitable for
the German market



Why eva

Market challenges

Loss of credibility (low-quality certificates from questionable international projects)

Non-transparent standards and methods (additionality, permanence)

Unclear accountability of climate performance (double counting)

Greenwashing (misleading claims)

Non-transparent trade routes and pricing structures



Contribution eva

High-quality nature-based removal and avoidance certificates from climate protection projects in your neighborhood, in Germany and EU

eva Forest Climate Standard and CO₂ calculation methods co-developed with eva [Wald-Klimarat](#), which brings together all relevant stakeholders (German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), TÜV Nord, FSC, WWF, forest owners, Bundesforst, forest / climate experts, CO₂ traders)

Climate certificates from Germany, usable for inseting and offsetting within Europe, compliant with CSRD and CRCF

Claims guideline for the use of eva certificates, considering the EU Green Claims Directive (draft version)

Direct contact possible with every eva-certified forest owner

Product Portfolio



**CO₂-Certificates
from Afforestation**



**CO₂-Certificates
from Reforestation**



**CO₂-Certificates from
Forest Conversion**



**CO₂-Certificates from
Climate-optimized Forest Management**

Project Partner:

Under
development

Southpole, Climate
Partner, My Climate
etc., forest owners



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Contribution Claim now / Compensation Claim later* Products

You can report about investments in an eva project now, and after 5–10 years you can use the certificates for compensation claims (ex ante certificates converted into ex post)

Compensation Claim Products

You can compensate your emissions with eva-certificates, and report immediately (ex post certificates)

Where to buy eva certificates:

Directly from forest owners, Pina Earth, OCELL, South Pole, My Climate, Climate Partner, First Climate, Carbon Catch, Eco Tree etc.

EU CSRD

eva Nature-Based Removal and Avoidance Certificates from Europe suitable for EU sustainability reporting:

- ESRS Disclosure Requirement E1–7 / GHG removals and GHG mitigation projects financed through carbon credits / AR 62



Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive



AR 62. The information on carbon credits cancelled in the reporting year and planned to be cancelled in the future may be presented using the following tabular formats.

Carbon credits cancelled in the reporting year	Comparative	N
Total (tCO ₂ e)		
Share from removal projects (%)	xxxx t CO ₂	
Share from reduction projects (%)	xxxx t CO ₂	
Recognised quality standard 1 (%)	eva Standard	

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Recognised quality standard 2 (%)		
Recognised quality standard 3 (%)		
...		
Share from projects within the EU (%)	Xx %	
Share of carbon credits that qualify as corresponding adjustments (%)		

Carbon credits planned to be cancelled in the future	Amount until [period]
Total (tCO ₂ e)	xxxx t CO ₂



Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming

Publication and Status: The CRCF is a voluntary quality framework published by the European Commission, defining legally binding standards for CO₂ removals from European forestry and agriculture for the first time.

Legal Implications: Voluntary carbon markets may continue to use their own standards, but CRCF certificates offer high credibility and legal significance.

Product and Corporate Compensation: Product compensations with carbon certificates are prohibited, while "climate-related compensation and emission reduction claims" are allowed with CRCF-certified removals.

Protection Against Greenwashing: In connection with the Green Claims Directive, the CRCF establishes transparent rules and protects consumers from misleading climate protection claims.

Market Relevance: The CRCF could serve as a benchmark for high-quality carbon certificates and promote investments in CO₂ removal projects.

Quote from the brochure of the German Federal Environment Agency:

"In March 2024, committees of the European Parliament adopted a position in which the CRCF would play a key role with respect to claims. According to this position, "climate-related compensation and emission reductions claims" are permissible under certain circumstances, namely through carbon credits certified under the CRCF or other schemes that meet equivalent requirements. Effectively, this position would establish the CRCF as a benchmark for the necessary quality of carbon credits to continue to make compensation claims."

Quelle: Certification of Carbon Dioxide Removals: Evaluation of the Commission Proposal, Umweltbundesamt.de, September 2024

European Carbon Removal and Carbon Farming Framework:

- The eva standard already aligns with the requirements of CRCF.
- Climate certificates certified under the CRCF can be used for compensation claims on corporate level.

Claim examples for Germany



CONTRIBUTION claim examples

Ton for Ton

“By purchasing eva certificates with a storage capacity of xx tons of CO₂, we contribute to climate mitigation projects in Europe and support Germany’s national CO₂-sequestration goals .”

Budget for Ton

“We have defined an internal CO₂ price of xx € per t for our non-reducible emissions. This raises our awareness of climate-damaging activities. We use the resulting financial resources to purchase eva certificates and promote the establishment of climate-resilient domestic forests.”

Percentage of profit

“We invest x percent of our profit from the year 20xx in the purchase of eva certificates and thus promote the reforestation of domestic forests.”

COMPENSATION claim

Compensating with Certificates generated in German forests

If companies use eva certificates for offsetting, eva recommends taking the following aspects into account when wording the claim:

- only **ex-post certificates** are usable
- the compensation is **strictly computational**
- only non-reducible residual emissions should be compensated
- the climate performance also **contributes to the German/European climate targets**

Example: Compensation Claim

“With eva certificates, we will calculatorily compensate xx tons of our non-reducible residual emissions in the year 2025.”

Enhancing Your Reputation & Credibility

- Investing in high-quality certified climate protection projects in Germany / EU
- Leveraging the social relevance of forests for marketing purposes
- Achieving your voluntarily climate targets (e.g. SBTi)

Expanding and Strengthening Your Company's Climate Strategy

- Nationwide connection of your company sites with eva projects and forests
- Platform for your employee motivation and marketing activities
- Positive press through your regional engagement

Meeting Legal Requirements

- EU CSR Directive
- EU Carbon Removal Certification Framework (Final Draft)
- EU Green Claims Directive (Final Draft)



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Thank you

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