

Young Lions Print Competition 2025

One liner. Brief in a tweet.

EcoTree has a breakthrough and unique model to incentivise and financially reward individuals & companies for supporting sustainable forestry & tree-planting. While we get a 100% "Wow" effect once the concept is understood, we miss **explaining what EcoTree does in one simple, impactful key visual**. We are looking for the teams to create **a 'hook'** for people to get curious and willing to hear more.

Background

Having discovered the successful Danish bottle recycling system back in 2014, where one bottle recycled equals a cash payout, four friends visiting from France had got inspired to create EcoTree. To them, it was a logic approach that in order to preserve the common good, a rewarding approach is much more effective than a punitive one. Buying a tree with EcoTree has then become a profitable investment, both for the person who buys it and for the environment.

Since then, EcoTree, B-Corp™ certified, has become a pioneering provider of Nature-Based Solutions in Europe, allowing individuals and companies to commit to the environment by supporting reforestation and ecosystem restoration projects in Europe. EcoTree partners up with individuals, companies and organisations to help anyone turning their good intentions for a greener planet into profitable action, with an act as simple as buying a tree. But at EcoTree, we don't just plant trees. We grow forests and restore ecosystems and support biodiversity in the process. We've planted and currently manage 1,7 million trees in Europe on behalf of 76.000+ individuals and 1.500+ companies. We also provide high quality, ethical and verified carbon credits, to support companies achieving their carbon neutrality goals. More insights on eco tree.green.

The Challenge

The EcoTree concept of tree-ownership delivers both tangible environmental benefits (such as carbon sequestration and biodiversity restoration) AND the perspective of a financial gain, and we often try to nail it by saying that "Forests can thrive AND provide at the same time". To date, this model is still very unique and systematically gets a high level of enthusiasm once explained and understood (both with individuals and with companies). But so far, whether it's on our website, our commercial slide decks, our brand videos (here or this one from the World Economic forum), etc. we always need an explainer to get our audience to the "Wow" effect. The challenge will be to explain

what EcoTree does in one key visual. More specifically, the teams are expected to create a "hook"-visual for people to get curious, to want to learn more about the company, click through to the website, and be exposed to the longer-form content that lives there.

Target Audience

Individuals (B2C segment). More specifically:

- 1.Climate-conscious individuals (80%)
- 2. Nature lovers & forest connoisseurs (20%) In terms of persona, we

are primarily targeting:

- Urbans (missing connection to Nature)
- Male (50%) & female (50%)
- 25-55 years old
- Middle- & upper-classes

What's a rational and emotional benefit we can offer: EcoTree is here to close the gap between good intentions and concrete actions, and make it <u>easy</u> for individuals to actually make a difference for climate and nature.

Insight

EcoTree offers THE way to turn all the good intentions and awareness out there into tangible and immediate climate action, with the additional incentive of a financial gain. With EcoTree, we can do the planet, and ourselves, a real favor!

Strategy

We are looking for a KV that will stop people in their tracks and will make them want to find out more. They need to feel like this is a "not to be missed opportunity". We can tap into the FOMO effect here and make them want to join after seeing the KV and reading up more on the website.

We usually communicate with our B2C audience through the below channels:

- PR (media/journalists)
- SoMe (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Our website & it's blog section
- Our newsletters
- Our active customer care (chat, emails, etc.)

So we would expect to kick-off a PRINT visual that would possibly fit all channels above.

Key Message

"Forest can thrive AND provide at the same time".

Personality

See below:



Brand Personality Spectrum





Our 3 Brand Voice Principles

Voice traits Key elements Playful, without making light of serious We're experts who don't take ourselves We're too seriously. We sprinkle a light layer of issues. positivity over our expertise to engage Optimistic, never shaming. Seriously Optimistic and activate our community. Our content Warm and likeable experts in the field. is enjoyable to read and offers solutions. Cuddly like a tree! Humble. Never in your face. We're not a miracle solution, we just do our small part. As experts in the field, our Not afraid to answer difficult questions We're and tell the whole story. claims are never exaggerated but based on Honest & Corporate blah is banished! data, knowledge and experience. Our Real We use impactful real images that content is real and trustworthy and we are show the best of ourselves! visible in it. We're building a community and want Simplicity is key! 'you" to join our movement. Our product Complex ideas are clear, sentences We're

offering is exciting, simple and available to

everyone. Our copy reflects this simplicity

and inclusion.

Campaign Do's and Don'ts

Friendly

 No mentioned of religious, political and/or societal (LGBT+, anti-racism, etc.) references; we want to stay exclusively focused on Nature in our messages

short. We get to the point.

"You" are part of the "We".

Accessible, welcoming.

- We clearly want to be seen as distinct from the vast amount of fairly questionable and poorlyimpactful tree-planting solutions available on the market
- The communication needs to be positive and not focusing on negative emotions e.g. "The world is going under...".
- Please do remember about the copyrights usage e.g. not using famous people/brands as we don't have the intention to buy out rights for their image.

Specific Deliverables

We aim for one-fits-it-all PRINT visual, non-animated, duplicable in various print formats to fit the 4 communication channels mentioned previously