

Policy at a crossroads

Stronger together for peat extraction and horticulture

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Balancing agriculture & nature





**Flori and HortiPEFCRs
go deep into value chain to assess emissions**

Sector	2017 (Mm ³)	2050 (Mm ³)	Change
Vegetables	19	48	+255%
Ornamentals	40	196	+491%
Total	59	244	+415%

Continent	2017 (Mm ³)	2050 (Mm ³)
Europe	26	60
North America	17	60
Asia	7	80
<i>of which China</i>	6	35
South America	4	17
Australia	2	7
Africa	3	20
Total	59	244

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60% less nutrients (fertiliser)

& less pesticides

& less land



60%

of total growing media volume





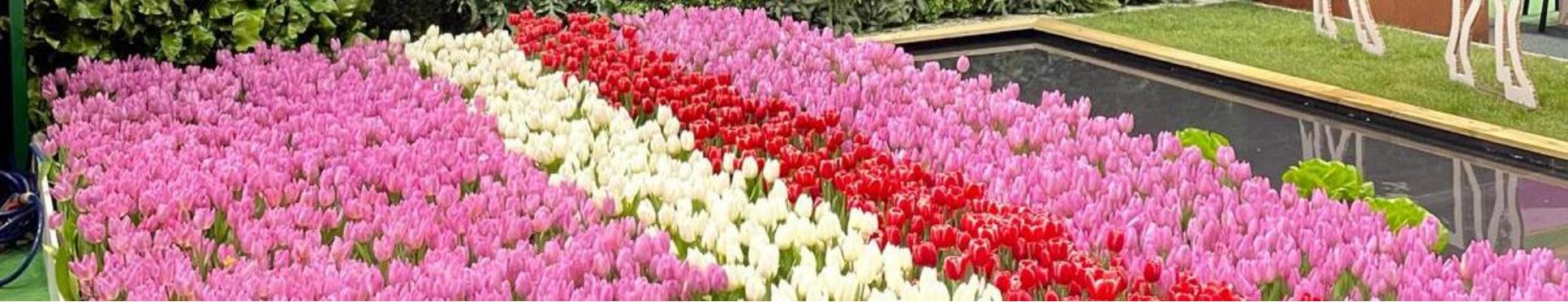
Year	Professional market goal	Consumer market goal
2025	≥35% renewable raw materials 100% RPP extracted	≥60% renewable raw materials 100% RPP extracted
2030	≥50% renewable raw materials	≥85% renewable raw materials
2050	Growing media don't have a negative environmental impact and are climate-neutral. ≥90% renewable raw materials of the total chain volume	



Farming the future



Renewable raw material	Growth
Bark	+150%
Compost	+150%
Coir	+180%
Wood fiber	+250%





Peat remains an enabler

What if:
yield loss or growth retardation?



What about: transport?

Discourages
a greener world



LCA:
from peat to crop





**EU Parliament to Commission:
map sustainability of alternatives**

**Peat-producing and consuming countries
should endorse reassessment IPCC factor**



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**What do residues do
for (plant) health?**

We don't know...





responsibly produced peat



Nature Restoration Law
50% of peatlands restored
33% of peatlands rewetted

Soil Monitoring Law

- x erosion, compaction, or contamination
- ✓ good organic and nutrient content, water absorption







**Thank you for
your attention!**

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