



State of play and outlook RPP

Who is RPP

Evolution in RPP-scheme

Current status and outlook

RPP and acceptance of peat in growing media

Joint Position GME – RPP on peat

MULTI STAKEHOLDER • INTERNATIONAL • FOUNDATION

BOARD:

- Peat harvesting
- Growing media production
- Conservation

BOARD - Areas of expertise	Person
growing media	Bert von Seggern, Germany - chair
growing media	Guus van Berckel, Netherlands - treasurer
peat harvesting	Ilze Ozola, Latvia
peat harvesting	Tomi Koivula, Finland
NGO peatland, wetland	Jüri-Ott Salm, Estonia
NGO peatland, wetland	Hans Schutten, United Kingdom

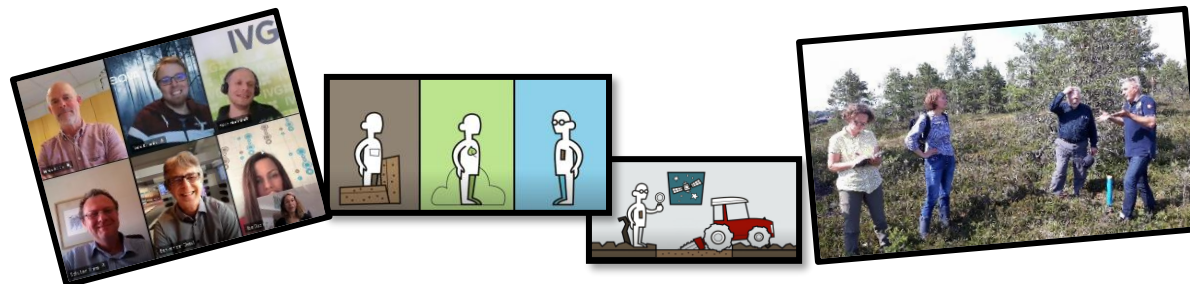
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS:

- Technical aspects
- Environmental aspects
- Restoration

Areas of expertise	Person
certification processes	Ron Bleijswijk, Netherlands - chair
science in relation to peat(lands)	Sabine Jorden, Sweden
growing media (peat use and <u>etrac.</u>)	Silke Kumar, Germany
spatial planning, <u>environm.</u> affairs	Bernd Hofer, Germany
EIA, HCVs and restoration	Nerijus Zableckis, Lithuania

INSPECTORS:

- Peatland experts



■ OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Independent inspectors with audit training

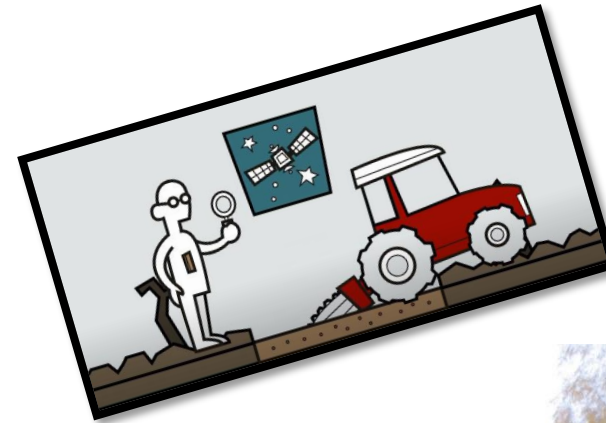
2021 TRAINING NEW TEAM

2022 start with **4 inspectors and 1 lead inspector**

- Baltics and Finland
- Germany
- Sweden

2022 FIRST REINSPECTIONS

33 locations



■ INDEPENDANT EXTERNAL CONTROL ENTIRE PROCESS

KEY VALUES OF RPP

1. PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY

- selection degraded peatlands only
- mitigation negative impacts on adjacent areas with High Conservation Values (HCV)



2. AFTER-USE IMPLEMENTATION

- Best possible destination with **maximum environmental benefits including climate change mitigation.**



Better future for degraded areas

3. FULL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

- including eNGOs and local communities
- for selection **and** after-use



STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

■ Evolution in the certification scheme.

- ↓ HCVs/biodiversity
- ↓ Carbon and mitigation of climate change
- ↓ Focus on implementation of after-use



Outlook:

Exploration of options for after-use and possible involvement in 'rewetting' of degraded peatlands on a larger scale.



CURRENT STATUS AND OUTLOOK



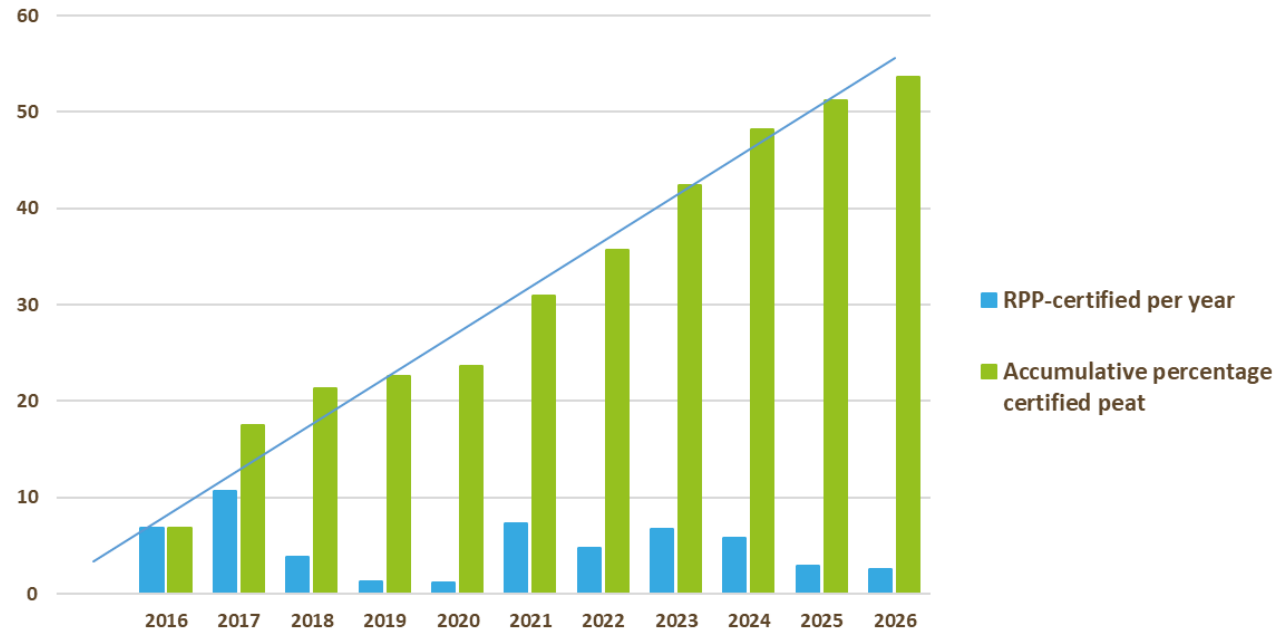
Based on the area and volumes of European peat for growing media:

- 71 certified locations

19.000 ha – 32%

- 39 in process to certification

24.000 ha - 40 %.



RPP is on its way to become MAINSTREAM in the next 2-3 years with more than 50% of the total peat extraction area certified.

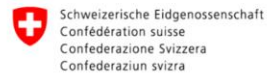
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Substrates and transition in components



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gemeinsam Reduktion des
Torfverbrauches um



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Klima schützen

Die Torfminderungsstrategie des BMEL

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Consultation outcome
Summary of responses and government response

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Ending the retail sale of peat in horticulture in England and Wales

The emphasis is on 'phasing out peat', while it concerns a TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE MATERIALS.

Resolution No. 1324 July 8, 2021 –

Proposal for discussion and voting in Dutch Parliament | House of Representatives.

The resolution calls on the government

- to work towards completely peat-free growing media for the consumer markets
- to investigate -in collaboration stakeholders and the horticultural sector- how and within what timeframe the use of peat and peat products in the professional sector can be phased out and replaced by alternatives;

the resolution was co-initiated by NGO Turfvrij.NL

The VPN took the initiative to inform and involve the supply chain,
from raw material and substrate to end-products and retail



NGO – turfvrij.NL

Science - WUR

Resp. Produced Peat - RPP

Quality assurance - RHP

(Green)compost - BVOR

Young plants and breeding - Plantum

Retail and landscaping - Tuinbranche NL

Greenhouse industry and Mushrooms - LTO

Peat- and growing media companies

Growing media - VPN and GME

Ministry of Agriculture and Ec. affairs

The agreement between parties will be laid down in a COVENANT.

- It concerns GROWING MEDIA, with emphasis on the transition to renewable materials.
- PEAT is an accepted partner in the discussion, partly as a result of the transparency that the Dutch industry is striving for with Responsibly Produced Peat

Objectives VPN 2025 (defined in 2020)

- Consumer market – 65% renewable organic materials
- Professional market - 35% renewable organic materials
- 100% RPP-labelled growing media

Possible further determination of objectives in time (2030) will only take place after thorough investigation of materials, availability, qualities, economical aspects etc.

The participation of PEAT and RPP in the Dutch Covenant is a clear result of the value RPP offers to stakeholders and authorities. Clear Key-values and transparency are the base for confidence in RPP-certification

Since 2016 many peat- and growing media producers have chosen for RPP-certification. These forerunners contributed to the success of the RPP-label. **We kindly call upon all peat-producers to do join RPP, for the benefit of your company as well as the position of the European industry.**

Why participate in RPP?

For yourself and the industry that is accountable for:

- social responsibility
- environmental responsibility
- economical responsibility

RPP is a clear tool for communication with society, policy makers, authorities.



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JOINT POSITION ON THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF PEAT IN GROWING MEDIA

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!



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