

# Pandrol announces green initiative following European tour

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Rail infrastructure specialist Pandrol has undertaken a new tree-planting initiative, in partnership with PUR Projet's Ici On Sème ecological programme.

The work begins soon after a European 'Back on Track' tour when Pandrol showcased new innovations under circumstances that allowed the team to greet customers face-to-face. This huge event covered 18,483 km, hundreds of customers, 23 stops and 13 countries.

Beginning in August, after two years of virtual training and meetings, the Pandrol truck stopped off in locations across the UK, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Italy, Spain and Portugal, with the tour's grand finale in Raismes, France on 9th November 2021.

Following the tour, and as a step towards Pandrol becoming a greener business, the team is now committing to increasing natural capture and storage of atmospheric carbon by planting new trees. Based on the approximate CO2 emissions of the two vehicles used for the Back on Track tour, Pandrol will plant over 400 trees between November 2022 and February 2023.

The estimated number of trees to be planted was based on the overall impact of the truck's carbon emissions throughout the tour. Pandrol then decided to multiply this by over three times, to also cover customer transport and refreshments, covering and exceeding the estimated impact.

The trees will be planted at Ici On Sème - Nord, this site covers a very large area including the Hauts de France, Ile de France and Champagne-Ardenne. In this area, the intensification of agricultural practices has often led to a significant decrease in biodiversity and an increase in agricultural soil erosion.

Aurélien Paschal, responsible product manager for equipment & control at Pandrol, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with PUR Projet to deliver this great initiative. This organisation brings together farmers, foresters, cooperatives, companies and experts with a collective commitment to the preservation of biodiversity and the fight against climate change.

"Pandrol is looking at improvements to sustainability across our business, and this is just one example of our dedication and advancement in this area."

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