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Where we barely see the trees, children see beyond forests. And they are here to remind us what we once knew. To tell us about enchanted woodlands where their bedtime stories take place, about the wild savannahs their favourite animals call home, and the joy of discovery as they learn to explore new paths on hilltops and through valleys with tall grasses. Forests are not only crucial for our survival, but they are also a key reference for our children.

And they are aware of the destruction. They realise how the woodlands that surround them are slowly being reduced to ashes. And they don't intend to just sit and watch.

Since 2020, 1.2 million people across the EU, scientists and business people have been standing #Together4Forests. This summer, they are joined by children across Europe.

In the following pages you are going to find their present fears, as well as their dreams and hopes for the future. A future with forests and nature destruction-free chocolate cookies, with free wildlife and happy kids.

The young forest defenders' message could not be clearer: we know the world's forests are disappearing and we need you to help protect them. **Our future and our dreams depend on you!**

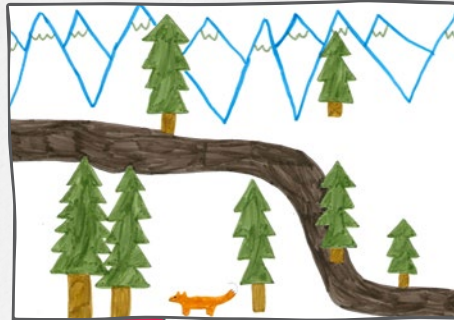
WE ALL HANG ON FORESTS!!



Forests are home to two-thirds of the earth's species, but they are also home to local communities and indigenous peoples. One way or another, we all depend on forests, not just for clean air, freshwater, food and medicine, but also because they are part of our shared cultural identity.



Jesús (6yo)



Eve (9yo)



Arnau (10yo)



Amy (7yo)



Carmen (8yo)



Sidoni (4yo)



Sidonie (4yo)



Emerence (9yo)



Maite (9yo)



Zion (7yo)



Sofía (7yo)



Isis



Eli (6yo)



Milla (8yo)



Gabriel (4yo)



Alison (6yo)



Sergio (4yo)



Sophie



But we're losing forests and other nature too, like savannahs and peatlands. We have lost 68% of wildlife in the past 50 years, much of this due to the way we produce and source our food. EU consumption is responsible for 16% of tropical deforestation linked to international trade through beef, soy, palm oil, rubber, timber, cacao, coffee imports and their derived products. Responsibility has been until now placed on the shoulders of consumers who have been asking since 2020 for nature destruction-free products only on the shelves of our supermarkets.



Valerian (4yo)



Mario (10yo)



Iñigo (7yo)



Alana (7yo)



Joaquim (6yo)



Luana (6yo)



Adrian (7yo)



Giullio (6yo)



Berta (7yo)



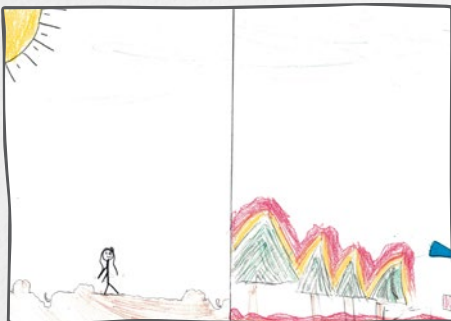
Ian (5yo)



Laura (9yo)



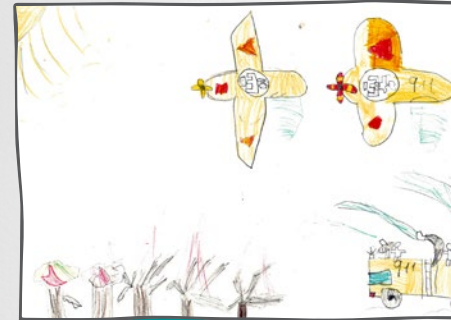
Iñigo (7yo)



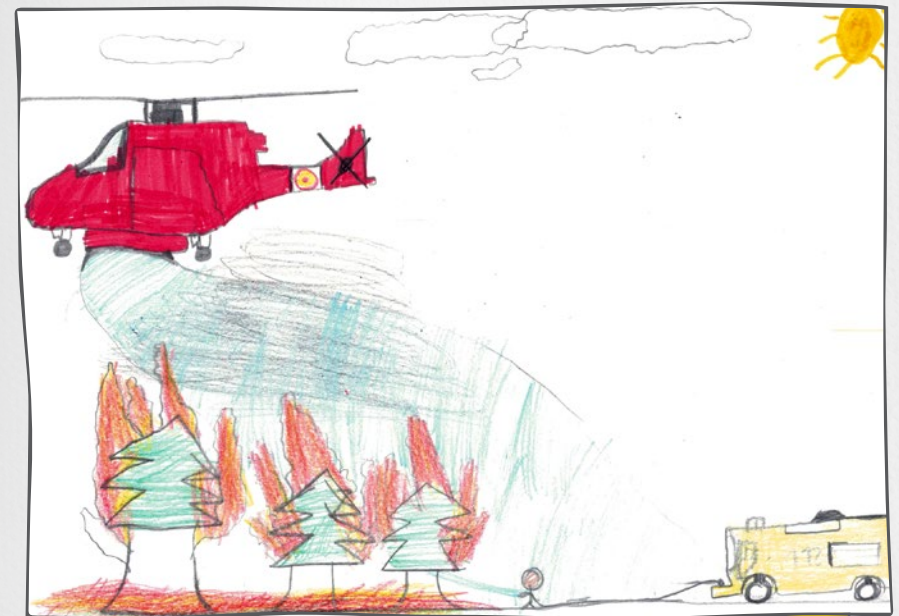
Ines (8yo)



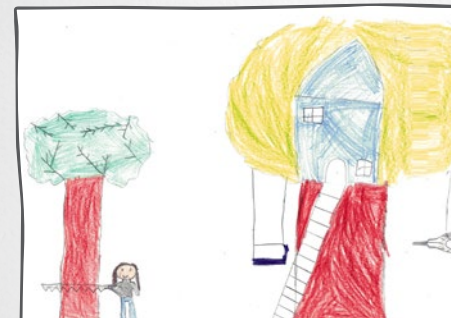
Maia (3yo)



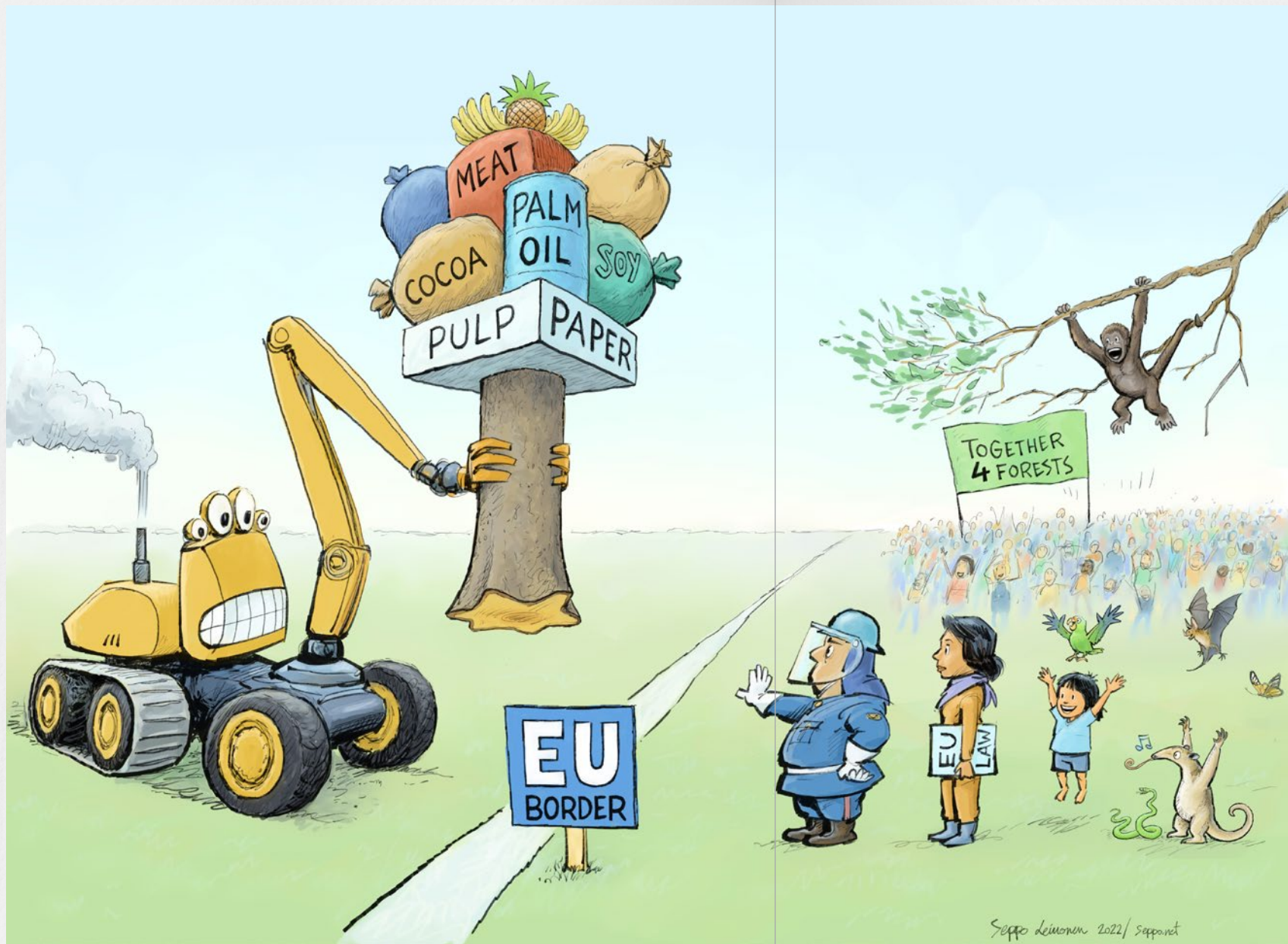
Adrian (11yo)



Erik (9yo)

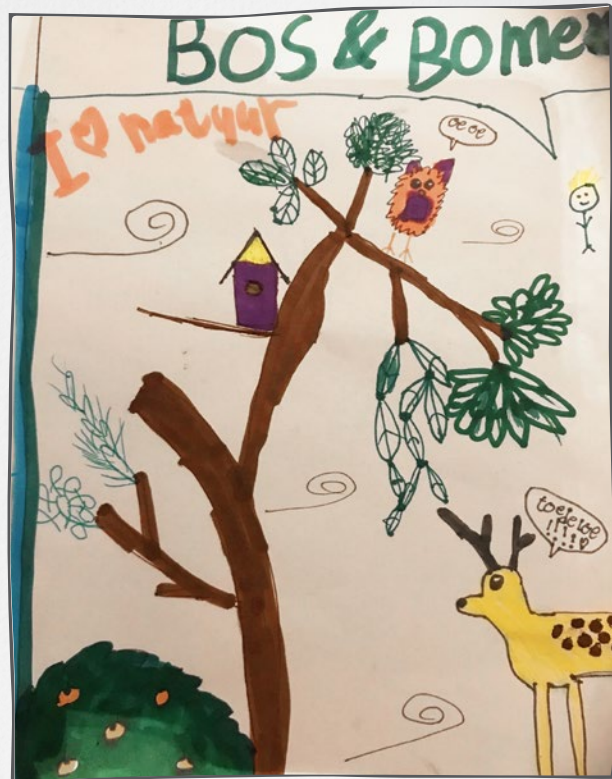


Ines (7yo)



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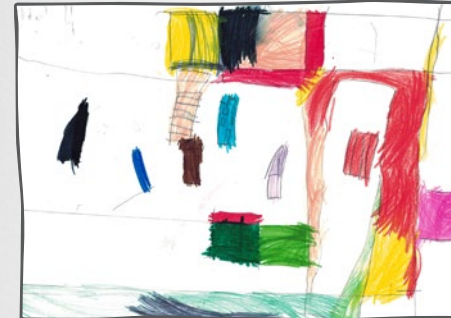
You can create a better future. Through the #Together4Forests campaign, led by WWF, 1.2 million people, scientists, companies and young artists (3-11 yo) are asking for a strong EU Deforestation law (Regulation to minimise EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation). **Your vote is key to the future of nature and people. Stand #Together4Forests!**



Juliet



Emma (7yo)



Mar (4yo)



Sofi (10yo)



Allegra (9yo)



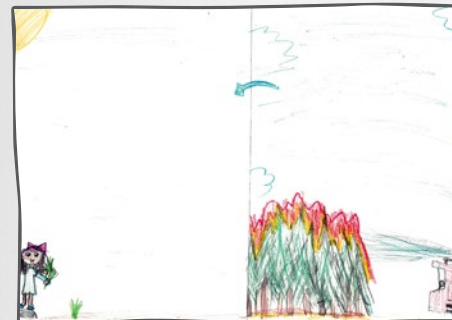
Daniela (7yo)



Jonathan (6yo)



Maria (8yo)



Beatriz (9yo)



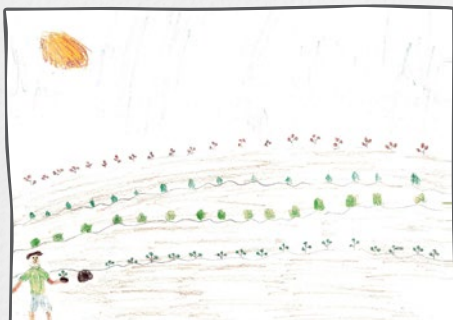
Lucas (6yo)



Maria (4yo)



Simon (9yo)



Martin (10yo)



Victoria (9yo)



Blanca (7yo)



Ines (10yo)



Victor (6yo)

