

## THROUGH VEGETATION

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**Peu de foto: Image of the winning competition layout.**

Imagine a vast desert living below a big sky without water. Through vegetation envision a fertile land living in a heaven of greenery. Simple and necessary but a wish for a lot of people

The aim of the project is to reproduce a Mediterranean Great Green Wall that would strengthen local resilience to climate change, preserve rural heritage and improve the living conditions of local populations. It can be leaded in Sicily in the heart of the Mediterranean. Reforestation projects developed in northern Africa and funded by Mediterranean countries for a better common future.

The desert is a land without water. This landscape is spectacular, it offers wonderful scenery to visit and enjoy. However, life is arduous due to the lack of water and food. These circumstances make living a matter of survival to get water and food to feed the family. A desert fragment represented by Etna rocks and gravels brings the guest to a life in the desert.

The vegetable garden is protected by the Great Green Wall. Vegetable plants will grow during the Garden Festival and will represent a living garden. It will help the visitors value a life where water and, therefore food are easy to grab.

Characteristic tree: *Ceratonia siliqua*

**Peu de foto: Clàudia Amías and Joan Batlle during the first visit to Radicepura below a carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*) of 300 years old.**

The carob tree, *Ceratonia siliqua*, is an anti-desertification plant, native to the Mediterranean region. As a xerophyte it can grow in arid lands living almost without water. Its deep root system will protect soil from erosion bringing water and humidity to it.