



**This initiative was part of the Company's SMILES Volunteer Program, which includes social and environmental action**

## **More than 70 volunteers from ESTEVE participate in the preservation of Celrà (Girona) and Martorelles (Barcelona) countrysides**

**Barcelona, 25 April 2016.-** A total of 72 volunteers, including ESTEVE employees and their relatives, participated this weekend in a one-day environmental volunteer event in collaboration with NGO Acciònatura. This event took place at Illa dels Salzes in Celrà (Girona) and at Torrent de Can Sunyer in Martorelles (Barcelona), and was meant to contribute to the preservation of these two countrysides.

This event was part of ESTEVE's SMILES Volunteer Program and included several family- and play-based activities to raise our collaborators' awareness on the importance of protecting the environment by involving them in a preservation project. Workers wishing to collaborate in this initiative could choose, according to their and their relatives' preferences, between the Illa dels Salzes and the Torrent de Can Sunyer areas, two unique Catalan countrysides.

At the Illa dels Salzes Boulevard (Girona), ESTEVE has participated in the restoration of this countryside on the banks of the Ter River at the town of Celrà, where the Company has a production plant. There, ESTEVE collaborators planted native trees and helped remove alien species, maintain itinerary infrastructures, and dispose of waste. They also acted as one-day scientists by participating in a bird banding workshop.

At the Torrent de Can Sunyer, volunteers helped restore the environment of a stretch at Martorelles, where ESTEVE has a production center. This project included removing waste from that area, planting native trees, removing alien species, and maintaining the rest areas. Collaborators and their relatives also participated in two workshops, where they learned how to make compost and how to start a home vegetable garden.

### **About Acciònatura**

Created in 1997, Acciònatura ([www.accionatura.org](http://www.accionatura.org)) is a politically and financially independent NGO that fosters dialogue, consensus and participation among society in all the projects developed by this entity. To date, more than 60 preservation actions have been taken in the Spanish territory and in developing countries. Acciònatura is involved in projects for the recovery and preservation of biodiversity in different environments and raises awareness to make natural heritage preservation compatible with public use and educational, tourism and leisure purposes. Acciònatura also manages the quality and the environmental impact of its actions in the best, improvement-oriented way. While not mandatory, Acciònatura audits its annual accounts and has its transparency periodically analyzed by the Lealtad (*Loyalty*) Foundation.

**About ESTEVE**

ESTEVE ([www.esteve.com](http://www.esteve.com)) is a leading chemical-pharmaceutical group in Spain with a strong international presence. Founded in 1929 and presided over by Joan Esteve, it currently employs 2,279 people, has a presence in Europe, USA, Mexico and China, and had a sales revenue of 870 million Euros in 2015. Firmly committed to excellence, the Company uses its best efforts to promote health and improve people's quality of life and the environment. Research being ESTEVE's hallmark, a portfolio of highly innovating projects ultimately aims to provide responses to unmet medical needs. Because ESTEVE is a socially responsible Company, it ensures that all projects entered by it align with its CSR vision.

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