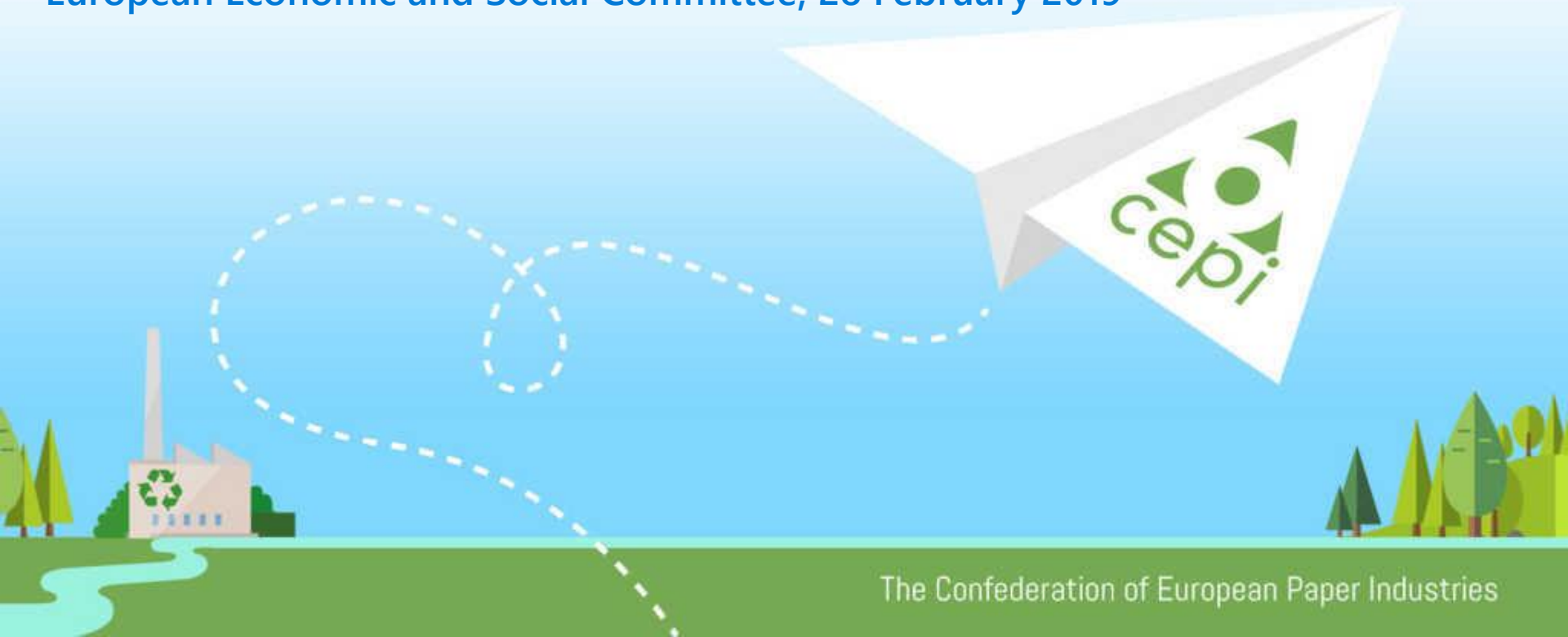


# Sustainable Sourcing and circular use of forest fibres

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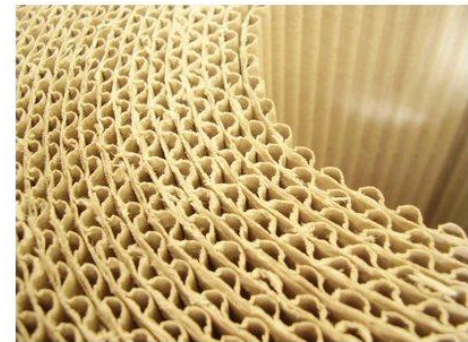
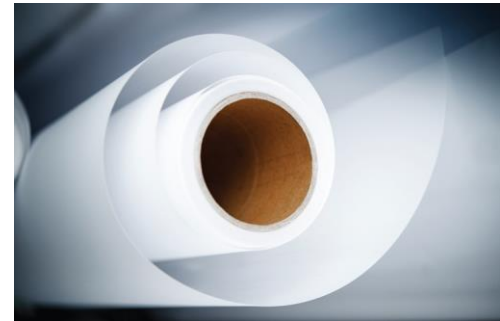
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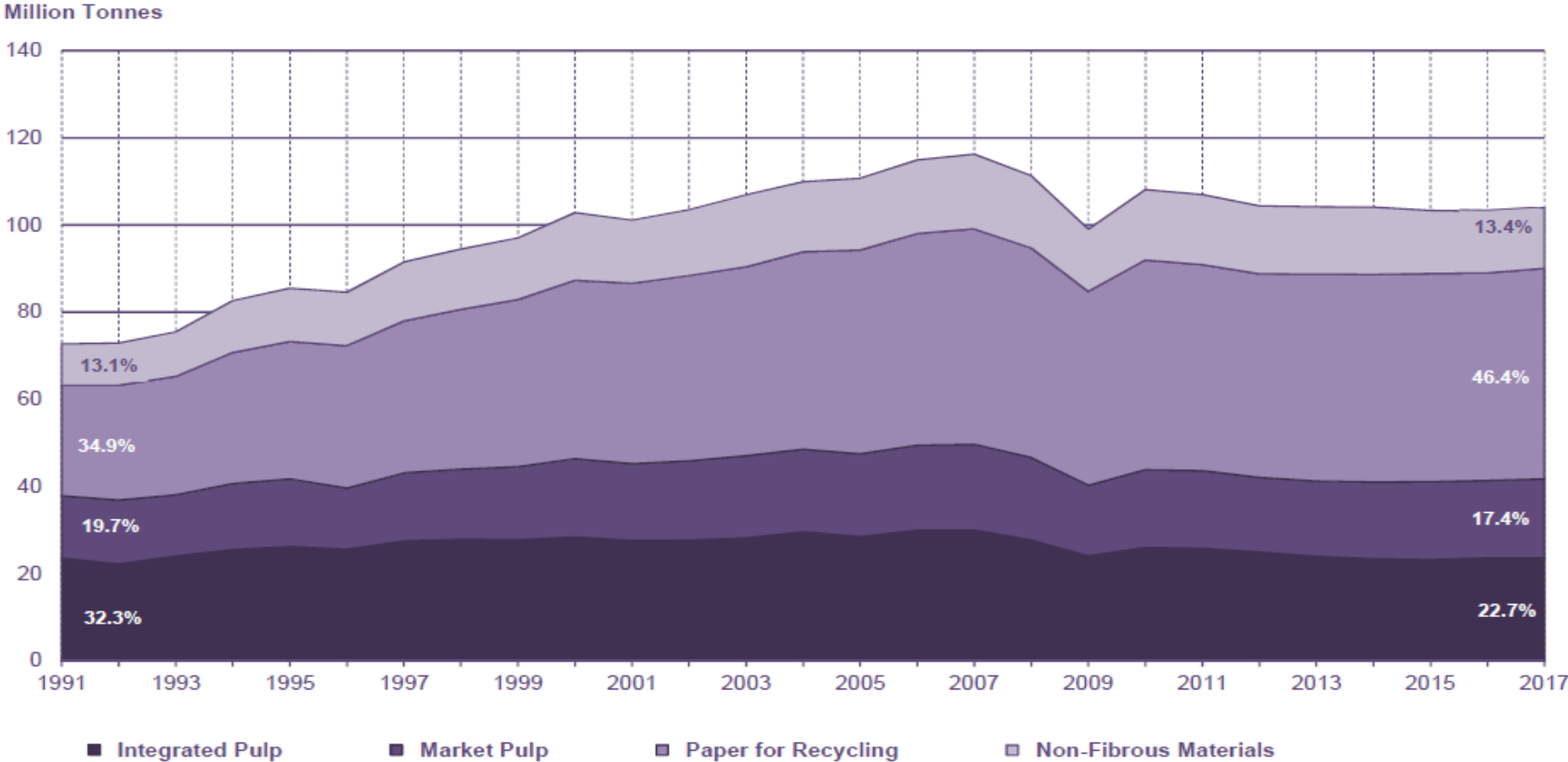


# European Paper industry in a nutshell

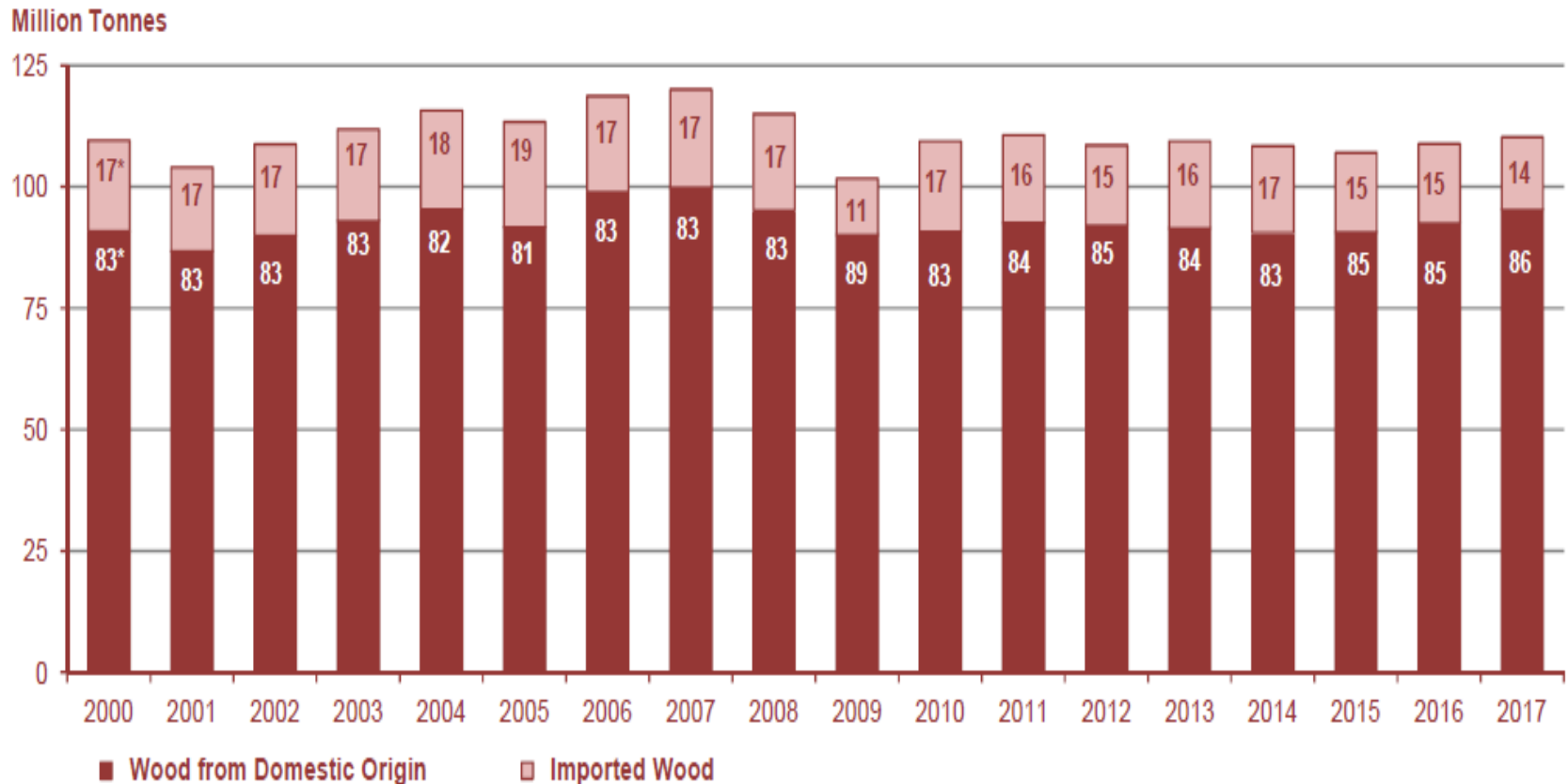
- Produces 92 million tonnes of paper, 38 million tonnes of pulp
- Exports 20% of its products outside the EU
- Has a turnover of € 75 billion
- It is at a key position in bio-economy value chains as it is refining wood in many areas of our life that we often do not even notice it is from wood



# Half of raw material from forest, half recycled

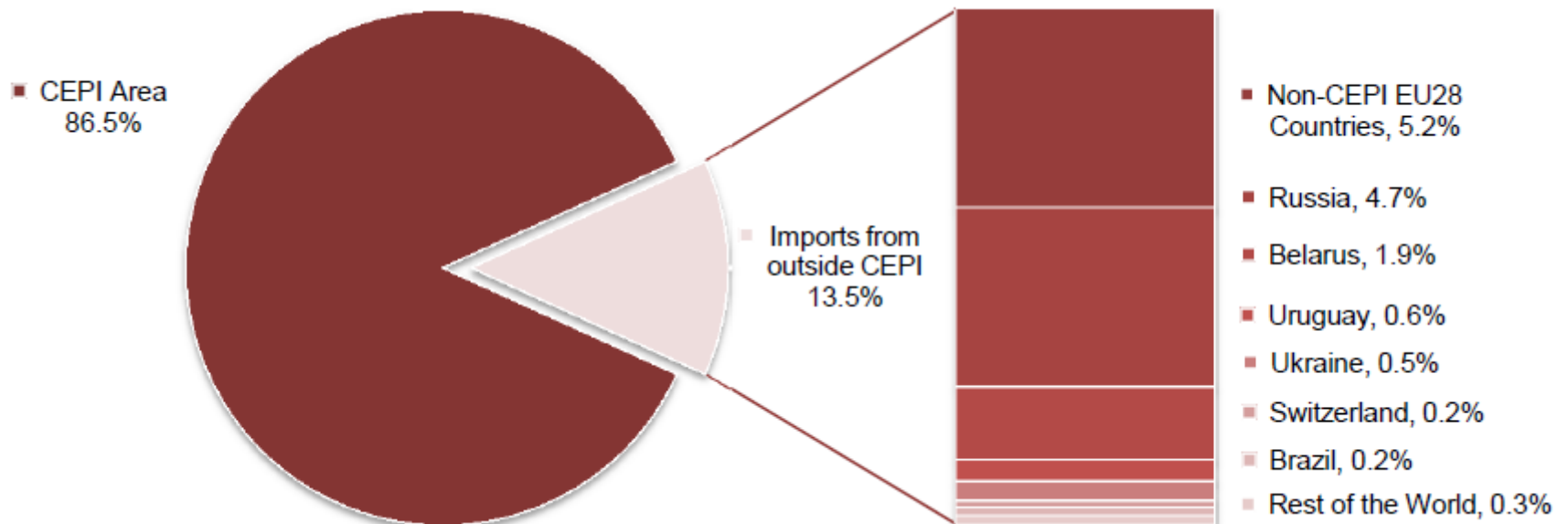


# High share of domestic wood for long time



\* Percentage of total wood consumption

# More than 90% from the EU



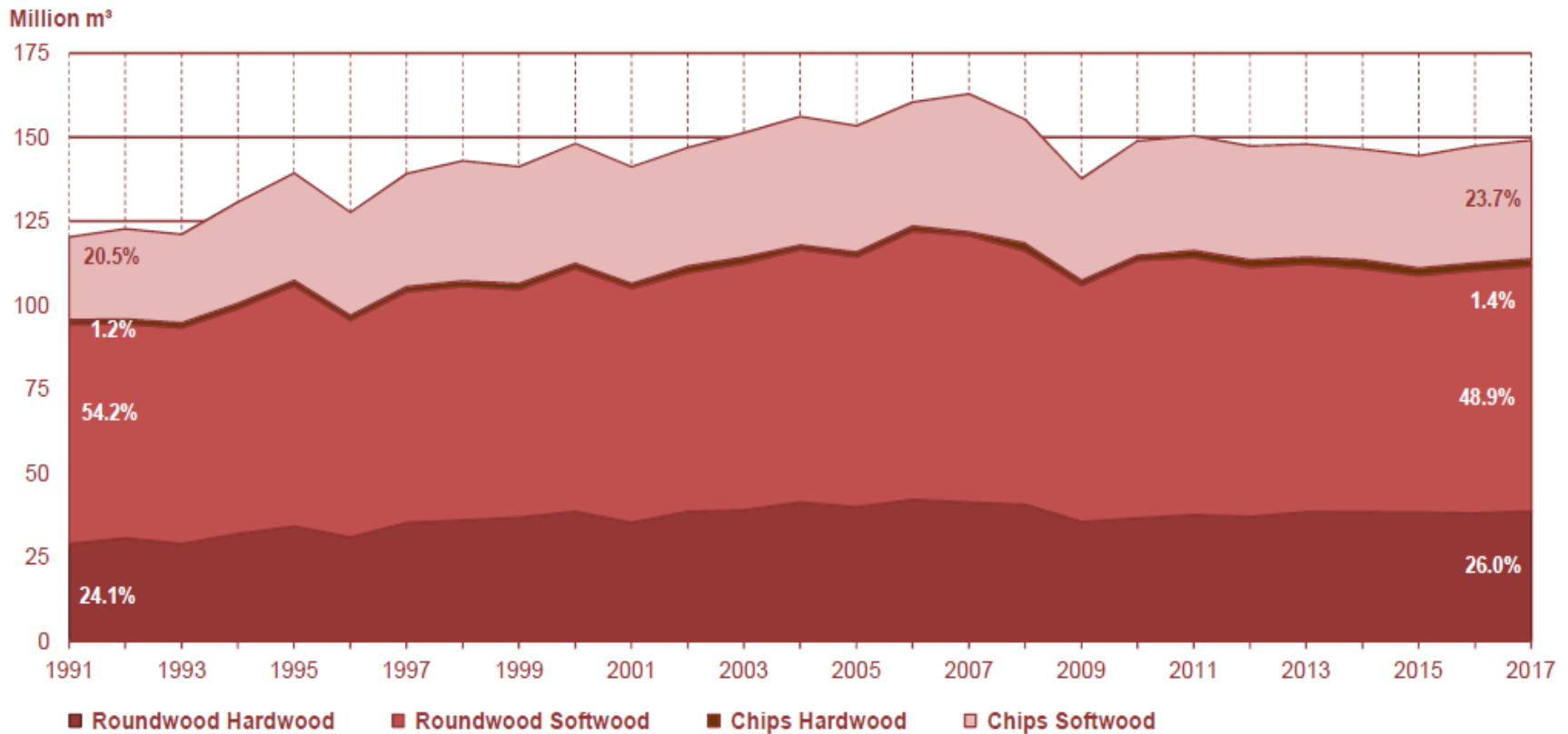
# A long commitment to Sustainable Forest Management



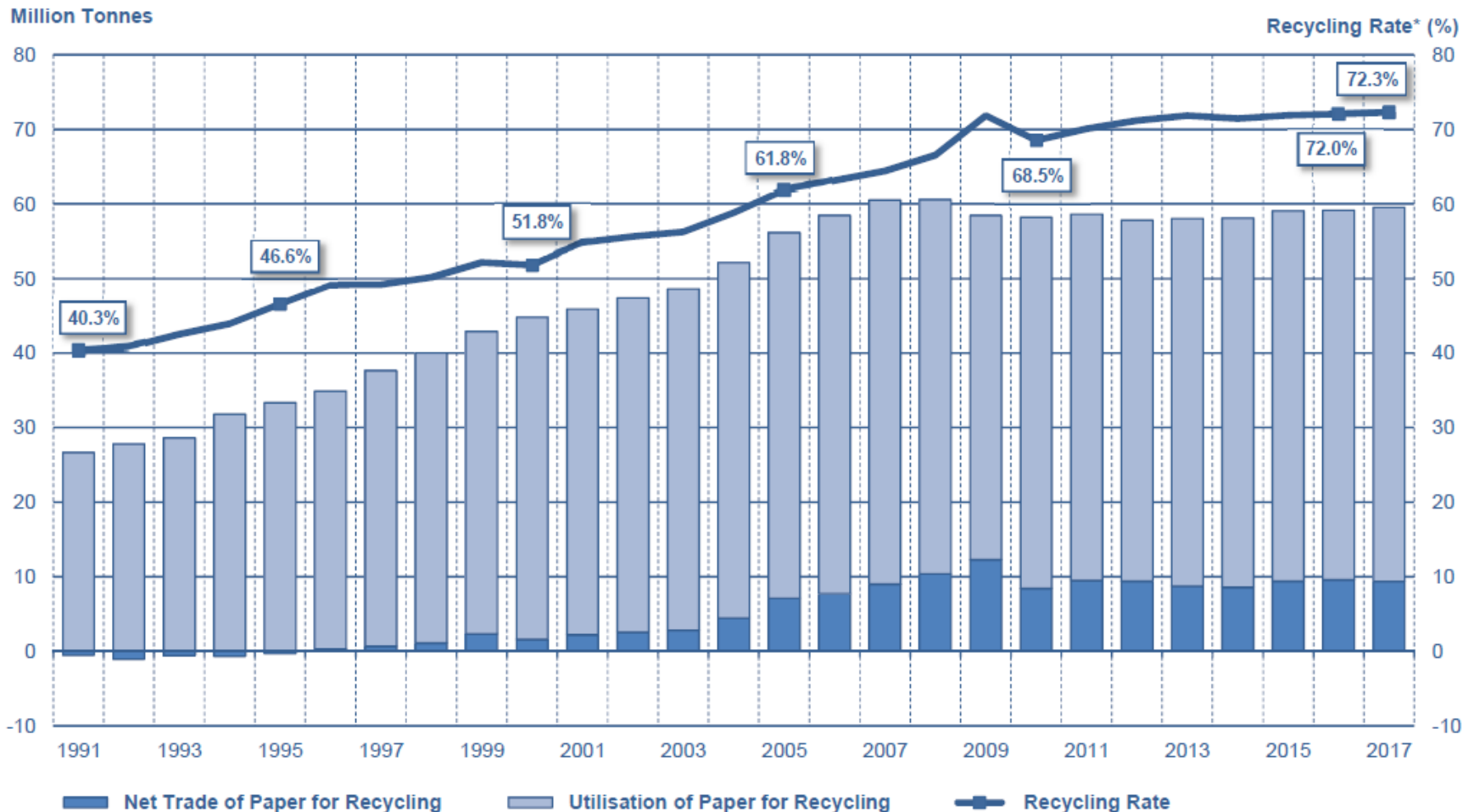
- 90.4% of forests owned or managed by the European pulp and paper industry are forest management certified.
- 70.7% of wood, woodchips or residues from saw mills we purchase come from forests that are certified.
- 83.2% of pulp purchased by the European pulp and paper industry is certified.



# A quarter of the wood used are chips from sawmills



# Paper Recycling still growing at high levels





# No discussion on the bio-economy without a word on bio-energy



Guidance on cascading use of biomass with selected good practice examples on woody biomass



- More than 50% of the sector's energy is bio-energy
- Bio-energy generated at all stages of transformation
- Cascading use of wood works in a functioning market
- The bio-economy must be driven by research, high value products and efficiency!

# Take home messages

- Increase the availability and mobilisation of biomass!
- Make separate collection and sorting of biodegradable waste streams (incl. paper) the standard!
- Prescribe a preference for bio-based products in Green public procurement!
- Reconduct the Bio-based industries joint undertaking with at least the same budget!
- Ensure rapidly availability of undisputable data on expected environmental, climate, economic and social benefits

# Thank you

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