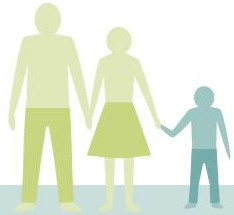




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EU Bioeconomy: Forest Owners perspective



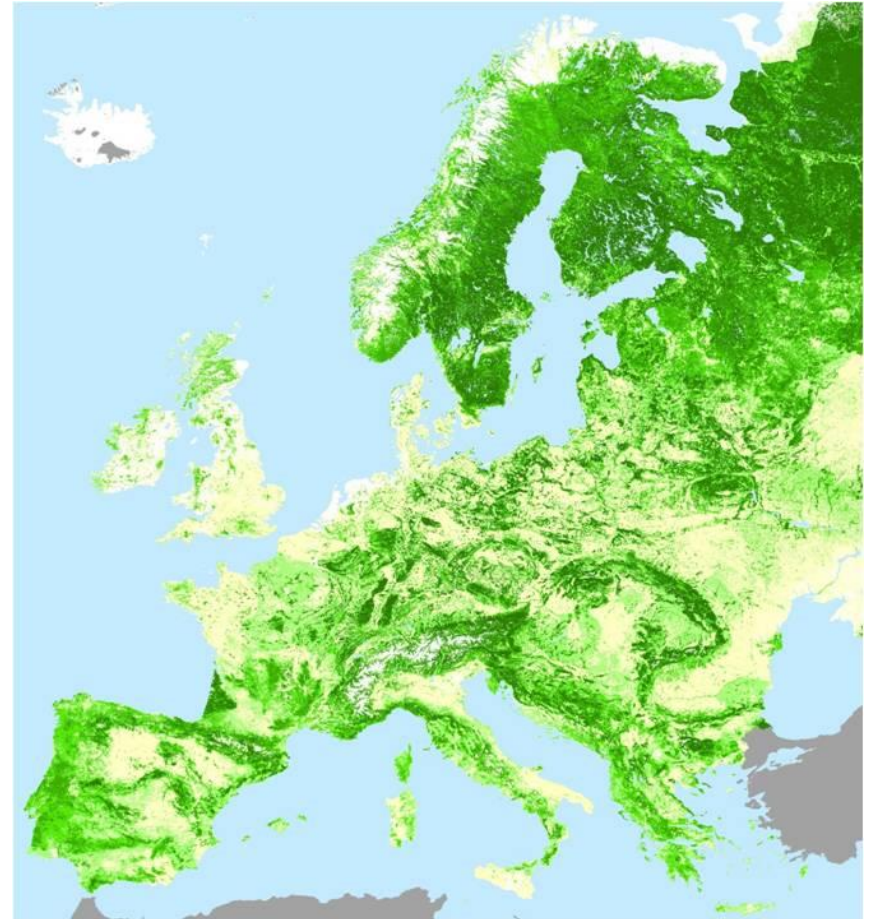
CEPF – the voice of European Private Forest Owners

- The **umbrella federation** of family forestry in Europe
- Represents and promotes the **common interests of private forest owners in Europe**
- CEPF serves the interests of **16 million forest owners – 60% of forests.**



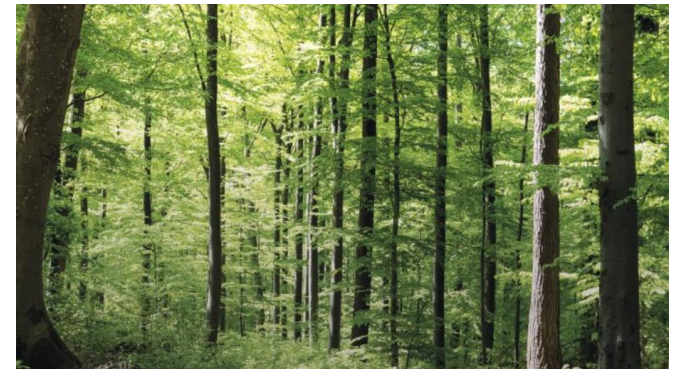
EU forests provide multiple benefits

- 43% EU's land area forested (182 million ha)
- In past 25 years EU forest area increased by 9 million ha = size of PT
- EU's forest stock increased by 7.4 billion m³ in past 25 years = 38%
- About 70% of the annual increment harvested in EU
- 90% of the EU processed timber is **domestic timber**
- Forest sector gross value added of 109 EUR billion (1% GDP)
- 4 million **employees** in forestry and related industries



EU forests provide multiple benefits

- Growing forests **sequester 10%** of EU's total GHG emissions
- 90% of the forests are available for **recreational purposes**
- Key habitat with high biodiversity, providing multiple **ecosystem services**
- More than 90% of forests are **natural or semi-natural**, **mixed species** stands dominate
- 21% of EU's forests are included in **Natura2000** and amount of deadwood in forests is increasing



Bioeconomy: a priority for forest owners



EU Raw Materials Week and the publication of the guidance on cascading use of biomass

The European Commission organised 3rd annual EU Raw Materials Week in Brussels from 12 to 16 November 2018. The week, consisted of series of events, gave the opportunity for the raw materials community to discuss and exchange on all relevant issues.

19.11.2018

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EU Bioeconomy Strategy seeks for a systematic approach to address the bioeconomy value chain

Joint press release by CEPF, COPA and COGECA and EUSTAFOR on the European Commission's update of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy.

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EU Bioeconomy Strategy seeks for a systematic approach to address the bioeconomy value chain

Today, the European Commission published its Communication on the update of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy: A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe – Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment.

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Bio-based solutions help :

- > Achieving food security
- > Meeting climate and renewable energy targets
- > Accelerating progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

EU Bioeconomy Strategy: +++

- Game changer in **economic growth**
- **Competitiveness** and **jobs** potential
- **EU is global leader** in the sustainable use of natural resources
- Cross-sectoral cooperation and **policy coherence**
- Boost **research and innovation**

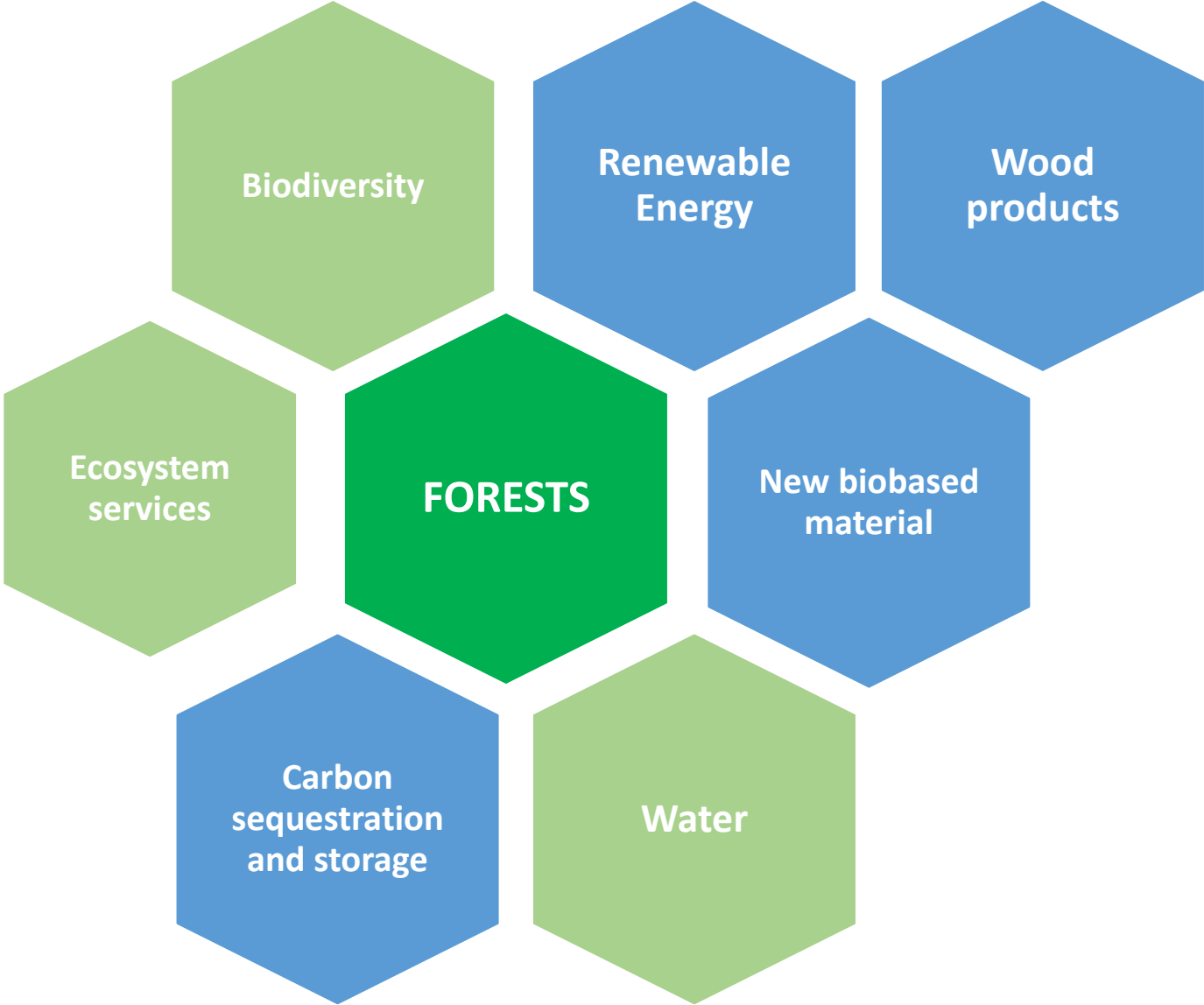


EU Bioeconomy Strategy: further considerations

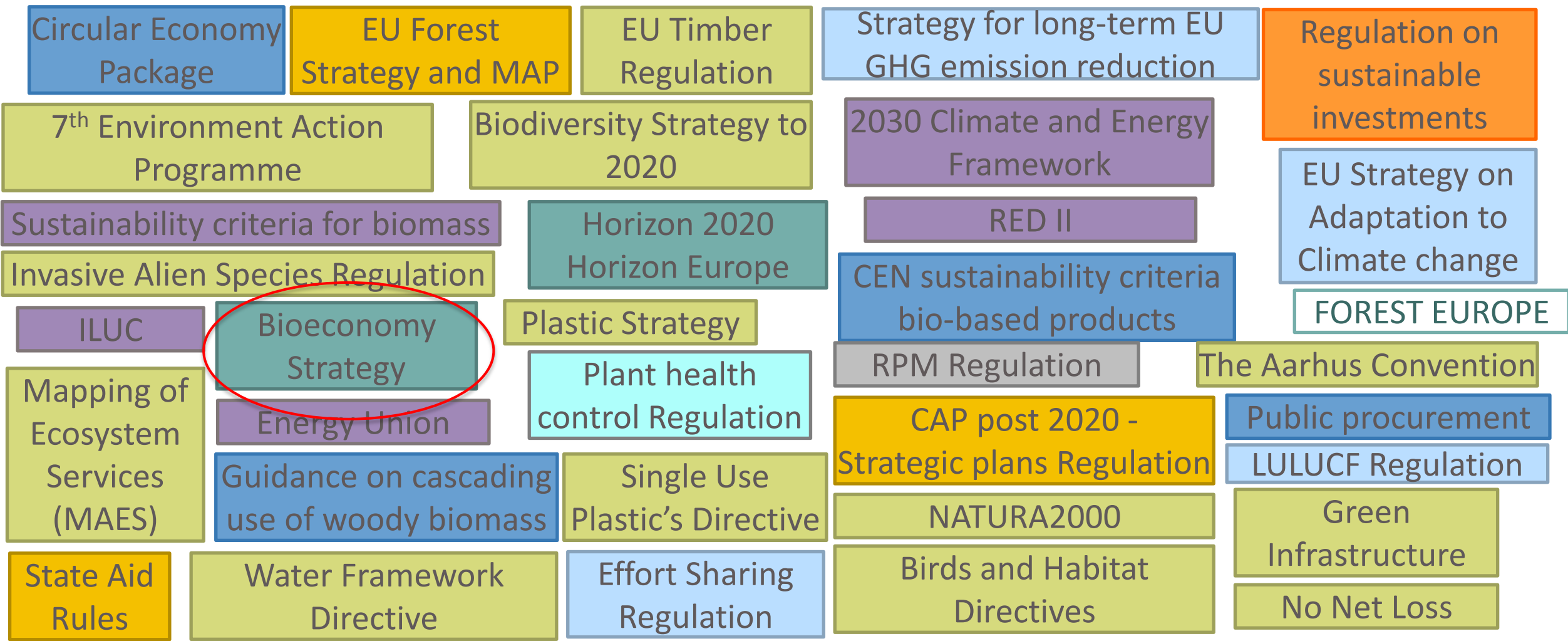
- More concrete actions to **tap into forest potential** to provide wood to displace carbon
- Recognition of Bioeconomy role in strengthening **resilience and health of terrestrial ecosystems**
- Long-term vision and commitment



Expectations from forests are increasing



EU Forest Policy: a complex scattered puzzle



Bioeconomy and Sustainable Forest Management

New opportunities:

- >Development of forest management activities
- > Mobilisation of resources
- > Investments in Forests
- > Forest owners motivation

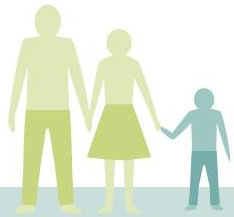
Conclusions

Bioeconomy is an opportunity for the development of the forest sector

- > Implement the Bioeconomy Strategy
- > Forest owners as partners
- > Research and Innovation is essential
- > Sustainable Forest Management is Key



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