



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

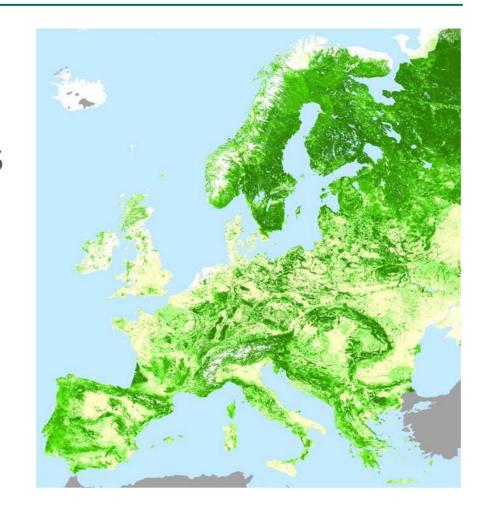
CEPF serves the interests of 16 million forest owners – 60% of forests.





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.

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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





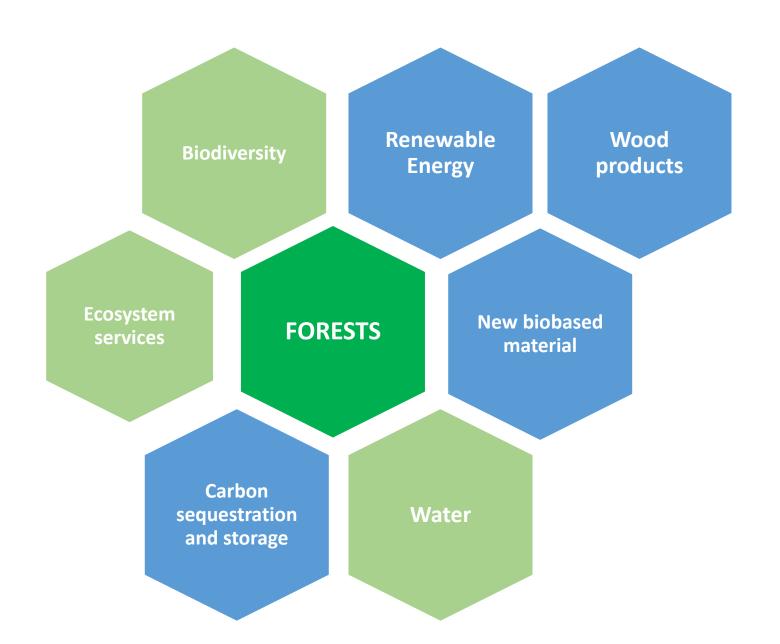
EU Bioeconomy Strategy: further considerations

- 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

Strategy for long-term EU **Circular Economy EU Timber EU Forest** Regulation on GHG emission reduction Package Strategy and MAP Regulation sustainable investments 2030 Climate and Energy Biodiversity Strategy to 7th Environment Action Framework 2020 Programme EU Strategy on Adaptation to RED II Sustainability criteria for biomass Horizon 2020 Climate change Horizon Europe Invasive Alien Species Regulation CEN sustainability criteria FOREST EUROPE bio-based products **Plastic Strategy** Bioeconomy ILUC **RPM Regulation** The Aarhus Convention Strategy Plant health Mapping of control Regulation CAP post 2020 -Public procurement Energy Union Ecosystem Strategic plans Regulation **LULUCF** Regulation Single Use Services Guidance on cascading Green NATURA2000 use of woody biomass Plastic's Directive (MAES) Infrastructure Birds and Habitat State Aid **Effort Sharing** Water Framework No Net Loss Directives Regulation Rules Directive



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







THANK YOU



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