



# New Forest Strategy and Forestry measures under Rural Development



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# What are we talking about?



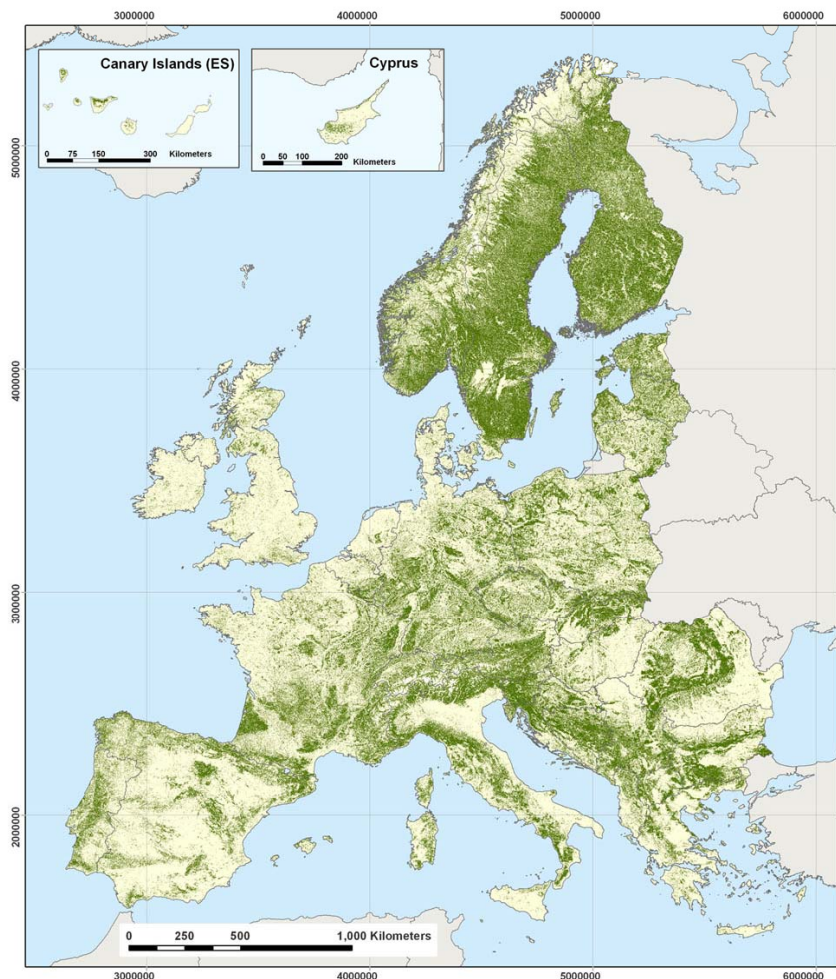
*Forest and other wooded land:  
178 million ha (42%) of which 117 million ha are available for wood supply.*

*Growing stock (FOWL):  
- 24 billion m<sup>3</sup>*

*Felling:  
- 60 % of the net annual increment  
in forest available for wood supply*

*Ownership:  
40% public and 60% private*

*Certification:  
Around 50% of the forests are  
certified*



# Overall policy context



- *EU2020*
- *Review of the Common Agricultural Policy*
- *EU targets on renewable energy sources*  
*EU FLEGT Action Plan and EU Timber Regulation*  
*EU Biodiversity Strategy*  
*Communication on “innovative and sustainable forest-based industries”*
- *Green Paper on forest protection and information*  
*Resource efficiency*
  - *Bioeconomy**International forest-related processes (UNFF, FLEG, REDD+..)*
- *LULUCF*



Legally binding agreement on Forests



## Follow up of the Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information

- Working Group under the Standing Forestry Committee on forest information and monitoring (work ongoing)
- A key aim is to have better and more harmonised, and therefore comparable, data across Europe.
- The national forest inventories (NFI), and ICP Forests, currently offer the basis for future system options.
- Identification of EU forest information needs and proposal for core variables to be included.



# Forestry Strategy and Forest Action Plan



*1998: EU Forestry Strategy*

*2005: Implementation of the EU Forestry Strategy*

*2006: Forest Action Plan (2006-2011)*

*2011: Launch of the review of the EU Forestry Strategy*

**New Forest Strategy scheduled for first quarter of 2013**





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**Workshop (s) with Member States and Stakeholders**



**Working Group under the Standing Forestry Committee**

**Ex-post evaluation of the Forest Action Plan**





# New EU Forest Strategy



discussions ongoing...

ENVIRONMENTAL

RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

CLIMATE CHANGE

INTERNAL  
MARKET



ENERGY

INDUSTRY  
AND TRADE

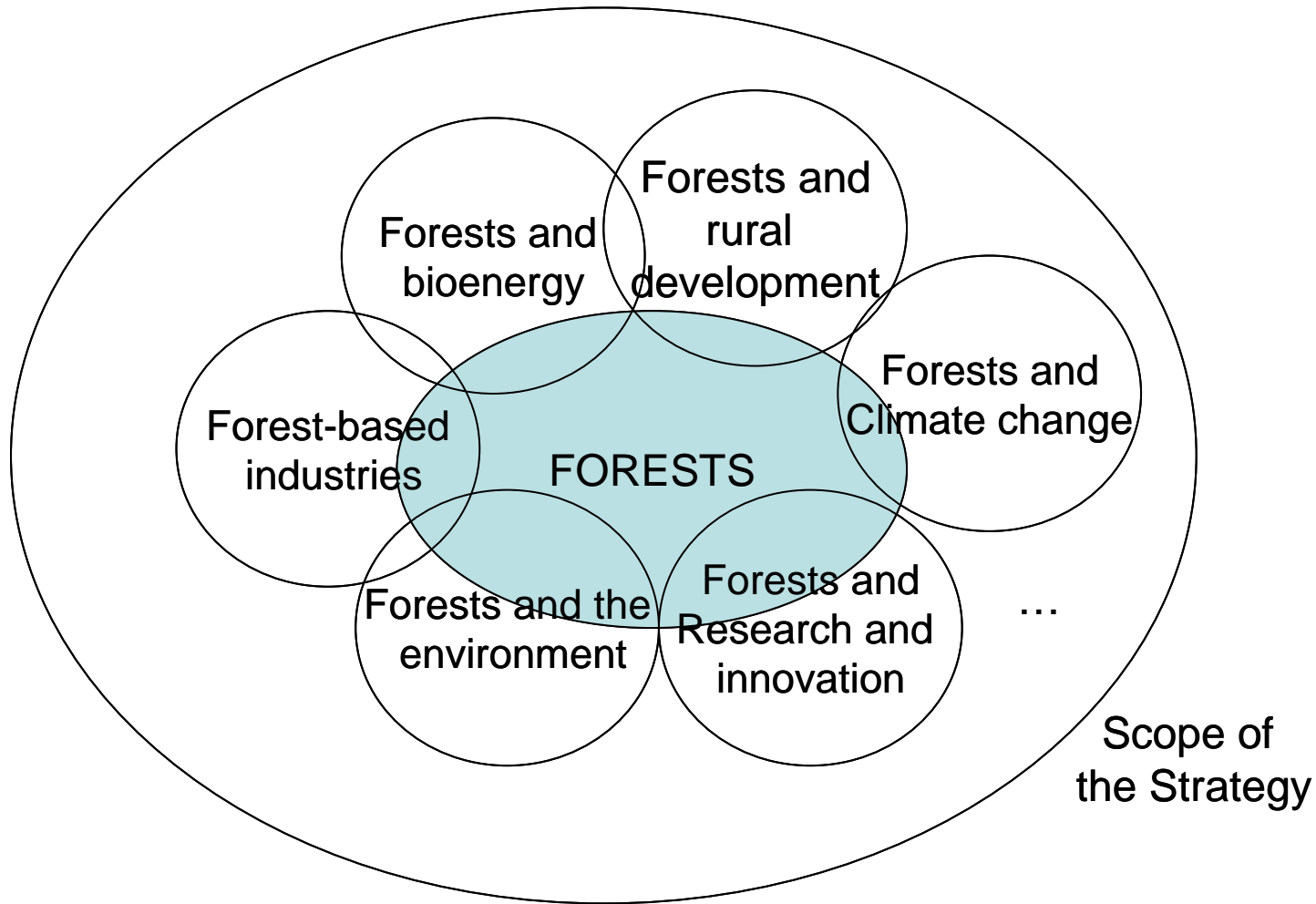
RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT



# Scope of the EU Forest Strategy



discussions ongoing...



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## EU Forests 2020.....

- a holistic forest strategy
- a vehicle for coordination, interaction, collaboration and proactive development of policies related to and affecting forests and forestry
- providing good opportunities for developing synergies with other policy areas



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## **Focussing on how forests/forestry can contribute to Europe 2020.....**

Contributing to smart and sustainable growth, to rural development and quality of life, and to improving and protecting the environment.

## **Ten key themes/topics emerging.....**

Including, for example, 'forest protection', and 'coordination, cooperation and communication".

## **Linking to MS national forest policies.....**

MS can consider EUFS when implementing other EU policies related to forests or when preparing the forest policy or action plans.



# Organisational and institutional aspects



- **Inside of the Commission:** Inter-services group on forestry
- **Commission / Member States:** Standing Forestry Committee / Working Party on Forestry
- **Commission / Stakeholders:** Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork, Advisory Committee on Forest Industries



# Monitoring and follow up



- Review clause / mid term evaluation to be included in the New Forest Strategy 2020? (i.e. 2017)
- Forest action plan/framework?
- Follow up in the framework of the Standing Forestry Committee and the Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork.
- Monitoring and follow up in Member States?



# Calendar for EU Forest Strategy Review



<b>8 June 2012</b>	Last meeting of the Working Group. Agreement on the final text
<b>End of June 2012</b>	(Possible) Workshop with Member States and stakeholders: presentation of the final report
<b>September 2012</b>	(Possible) Opinion of the Standing Forestry Committee on the final report
<b>October - December 2012</b>	Preparation of the proposal / communication by the Commission services
<b>First quarter 2013</b>	Adoption of the New Strategy COM addressed to Council and Parliament





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## Rural Development 2007-2013: axis 1

- ✓ *One exclusive forestry measure and several measures where forestry (together with agriculture) can apply.*
- ✓ *As there is only one “exclusive” forestry measure (measure 122) in axis 1 it is difficult to estimate the total share of forestry related expenditure.*
- ✓ *Total expenditure on measure 122, improvement of the economic value of forests, is €652,1 million.*
- ✓ *Considering that forestry is present in 7 other measures it could be estimated that at least €1 – 1,5 billion will be spent on forestry-related actions in axis 1*





## Rural Development 2007-2013: axis 2

- ✓ *There are seven forestry measures in axis 2.*
- ✓ *The share of forestry measures from the total of the axis 2 EAFRD budget is EUR 5.5 billion, (6.1 % of the total available budget for rural development).*
- ✓ *In terms of expenditure, first afforestation of agricultural land (measure 221) is the main measure of axis 2, receiving 2.7 % of the total community contribution to RD (EUR 2.4 billion).*
- ✓ *The second largest measure in axis 2 is restoring of forestry potential and introducing preventive actions (measure 226), which receives 1.7 % of the total EAFRD funding (EUR 1.5 billion).*





## Rural Development 2007-2013:

*Adding together the financial resources intended to be made available*

- **for forestry-specific (EUR 6.2 billion)**
- **and other forestry-related measures in Axis 1 and 3 (EUR 1-2 billion)**

*it may be concluded that during the programming period 2007-2013 around €8 billion will be made available from the Community budget (EAFRD) and up to €16 billion in total.*

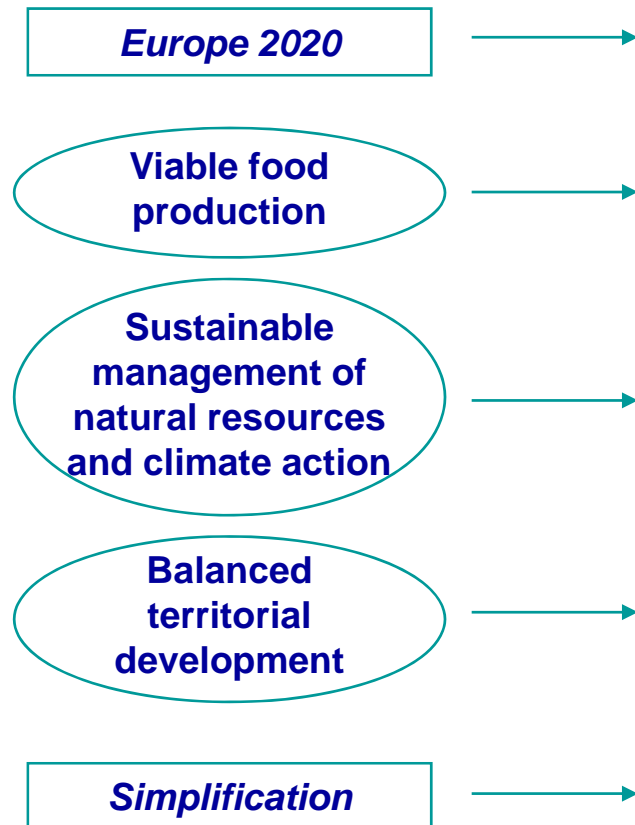
*These amounts correspond respectively to 9 % of the EAFRD funding (the total EAFRD budget is €90.8 billion.) and 7-8 % of the total amount of financial resources.*



# Rural Development: new proposal 2014-20



## CAP/EU policy objectives



### *Single framework for EU funds*

- **Common Strategic Framework (CSF)**
- **Partnership Contracts**
- **Performance framework**

### *Rural development regulation*

- **Six priorities for rural development**
- **Around 20 measures (without axes)**
- **Programming**
- **Financing**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability'**

## Europe 2020 in rural areas: Six priorities with areas of intervention



European  
Commission

*In the RD Reg.:*

Foster **knowledge transfer and innovation** in agriculture, forestry and rural areas

Enhance competitiveness of all types of agriculture and enhance farm viability

Promote food chain organization and **risk management** in agriculture

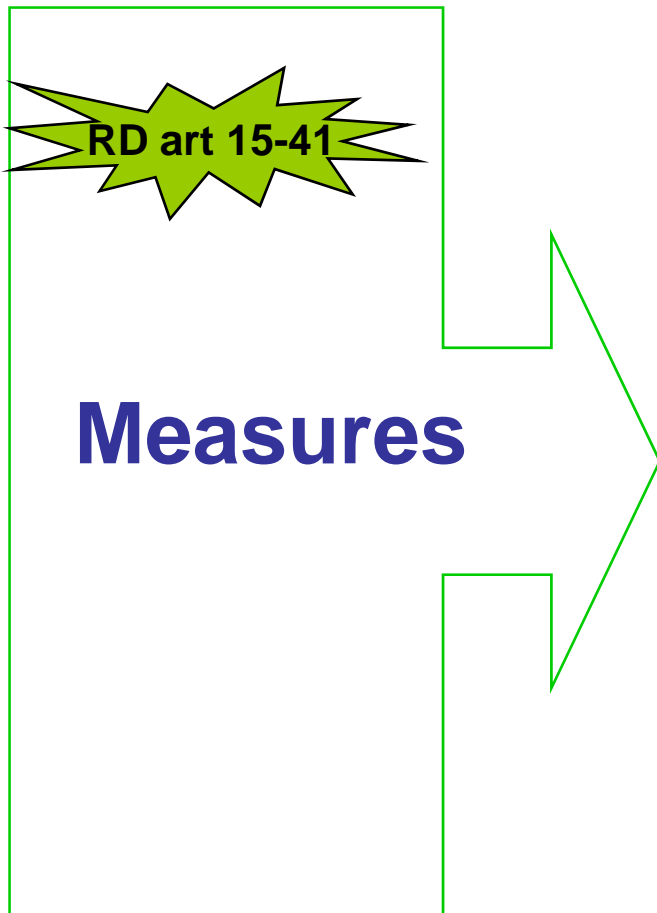
**Restore, preserve and enhance ecosystems** dependent on agriculture and forestry

**Promote resource efficiency and support the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient** economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Promote social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas



# New menu of measures for Rural Development



- Knowledge transfer and information actions
  - Advisory services
  - Quality schemes
  - Investments in physical assets
  - Restoring production potential damaged
  - Farm and business development
  - Basic services and village renewal
  - Investments in forest area, afforestation and agroforestry, prevention and restauration of damage to forests, investments improving resilience and env value, Investments in new forestry technologies, forest env & climate services and conservation.
  - Setting up of producer groups
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| Agri-environment-climate                                 |
| Organic farming  |
| Areas facing natural and specific constraints <b>25%</b> |
- Natura 2000 and WFD
  - Animal welfare
  - Cooperation
  - Risk management, insurance, mutual funds and income stabilization tool.



# The Rural development proposal for regulation: measures relevant for forestry

<b>MEASURES</b>	<b>Article in the draft</b>
<i>Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests</i>	<b>Art. 22</b>
<i>Afforestation and creation of woodland</i>	<b>Art. 23</b>
<i>Establishment of agro-forestry systems</i>	<b>Art. 24</b>
<i>Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forests fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events</i>	<b>Art. 25</b>
<i>Investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems</i>	<b>Art. 26</b>
<i>Investments in new forestry technologies and in processing and marketing of forest products</i>	<b>Art. 27</b>
<i>Setting up of producers groups</i>	<b>Art. 28</b>
<i>Natura 2000 and water framework directive*</i>	<b>Art. 31</b>
<i>Forest-environment and climate services and forest conservation</i>	<b>Art. 35</b>
<i>Cooperation</i>	<b>Art. 36</b>

# Calendar for the CAP reform



12 April – 11 June 2010	Public debate (EU citizens and organisations)
19-20 July 2010	Public conference
<b>18 November 2010</b>	<b>Commission Communication 'The CAP towards 2020'</b>
23 November 2010 – 25 January 2011	Consultation on Impact assessment (stakeholders)
<b>29 June 2011</b>	<b>Commission proposals on the EU budget 2014-2020*</b>
<b>12 October 2011</b>	<b>Commission legal proposals on the CAP</b> The legal proposals are accompanied by an <u>impact assessment</u> that evaluates alternative scenarios for the evolution of the policy on the basis of extensive quantitative and qualitative analysis
 2011-2013	<i>Debate in the European Parliament and the Council</i>
<i>By the end of 2013</i>	<i>Approval of Regulations and implementing acts</i>

\* Multiannual Financial Framework



# CAP reform (2014-2020)



## For further information

*Agriculture and climate change*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/climate\\_change/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/climate_change/index_en.htm)

*The CAP after 2013*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index_en.htm)

*Economic Analysis and Evaluation*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/analysis/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/analysis/index_en.htm)

*Policy Analysis and Perspectives*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/analysis/perspec/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/analysis/perspec/index_en.htm)





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## 4. Conclusions



→ **Forest sector inherently complex.**

→ **EU forests: key resource for achieving the EU 2020 targets**

→ **Forestry measures** under rural development: important resource for the forest sector in rural areas.

→ **Important to improve the implementation** of forestry measures under rural development

→ **Increasing demands on forests make the contribution of a well coordinated and holistic strategy more necessary than ever**

→ **New EU Forest Strategy: opportunity** to put forward a holistic strategy, that will influence forest policy from a forest and forestry angle, giving stronger voice to the forest sector.

# Tack för er uppmärksamhet!



[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/index_en.htm)

