

# Follow-up on Forest MAP



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# Background

*EU Forest Strategy*

*Forest MAP – Multi-annual Implementation Plan*



- ✓ Strategy for forests and the forest sector: holistic view of forests and all related policies, addressing also the value chain.
- ✓ Objective: support sustainable forest management and strengthen the coordination with Member States as well as the coherence of EU policies affecting forests
- ✓ Ensuring that forests play a positive socio-economic & environmental role in the EU: rural development, added value products while delivering ecosystem services

# The Forest MAP



EUFS Multi-Annual implementation Plan





## Council conclusions:

- Commission, with the Standing Forestry Committee, in close cooperation with stakeholders, to prepare a multi-annual Implementation Plan focusing on priorities and providing milestones;
- Commission and Member States to implement the EU Forest Strategy and the forthcoming Implementation Plan within their respective competences

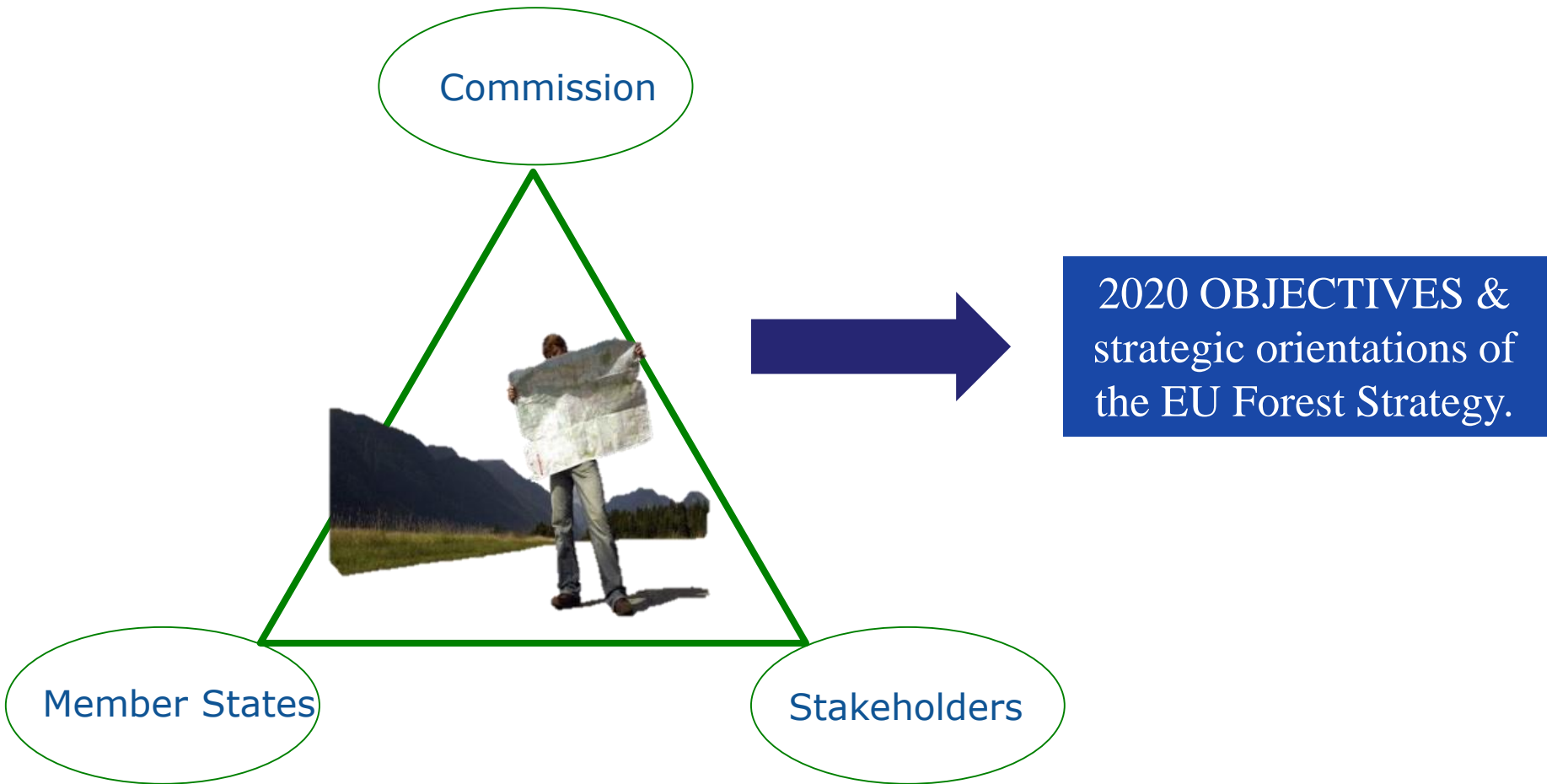
## European Parliament:

- Multi-annual coordinated process to implement the Strategy in which the views of Parliament should be taken into account
- Report to Parliament on the progress made

# The Forest MAP



## Multi-Annual implementation Plan of the EU Forest Strategy (Forest MAP)



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# The Forest MAP



- ✓ **Since 3 September 2015**
- ✓ **Concrete list of actions for the period 2015-2020** (actions, actors, target date and expected outcome)
- ✓ **Key priorities highlighted**
- ✓ **Priorities for the work of the Commission services also identified.**
- ✓ **Annual working plan** of the Standing Forestry Committee and work programme of the Expert Group on F-BI, linked to the Forest MAP
- ✓ **Council and Parliament** to be **informed** on progress made (presentation to COMAGRI on 5/10/2015)
- ✓ **Mid term review of the EU Forest Strategy by 2018**



- ✓ **Standing Forestry Committee**
- ✓ **Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry and Cork**
- ✓ **Expert Group on Forest-based Industries**
- ✓ **Other committees will also contribute: i.e. FLEGT, Natura 2000..**
- ✓ **European Commission through relevant DG as appropriate**





1. Coordinate and communicate to enhance **policy coherence**;
2. Taking the FOREST EUROPE set of criteria and indicators for SFM as a starting point, to **demonstrate the sustainable management of EU forests**;
3. **Competitiveness of the forest-based sector**;
4. Contribution of sustainably managed **forests to rural development**;
5. **Forest Information System** - harmonised European-wide information on forests and their state;
6. Explore the **potential availability of sustainable biomass**;
7. **Contribution of the Natura 2000 network.**

# Detailed list of actions



## ANNEX 1 Concrete list of actions for the period 2014-2020 of the multi-annual implementation plan of the EU Forest Strategy

### 1) Priority Area "Supporting our rural and urban communities"

- A sustainable and competitive forest sector can play an important role in rural development and in the whole economy while providing societal benefits.

Strategic Orientation	Actions	Actors COM/MS/Both Stakeholders	Year of Activity/Target Date	Expected Outcome/Follow-up Action
b) The Commission and the Member States should assess and improve the effect of forestry measures under rural development policy;	2007-2013 RDPs Ex-post evaluations + synthesis of ex-post evaluations of RD programmes	BOTH	2015-16	Outcome: report. SFC Opinion on ex-post evaluations of RD programmes – <u>2016</u>
	2014-2020 RDPs Ex-ante synthesis of RD programmes + possible round table on forestry measures contributing to rural development and rural well-being	BOTH	2015	Outcome: evaluation report. SFC Opinion on initial evaluations of RD programmes – <u>2015</u>
	Annual Reports on the implementation/delivery of Rural Development Programmes	BOTH	2015-2020	Outcome: reports.
	Evaluation of forestry measures under RD policy (2007 – to date)*	BOTH	2017	Outcome: evaluation report. SFC Opinion on evaluation of forestry measures under RD policy – <u>2017</u>

\* Commission priority for 2015-2017]



## ***1) Priority Area "Supporting our rural and urban communities"***

- *Ex-ante synthesis of RDP, which also analysed forestry measures*

## ***2) Priority Area "Fostering the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU's Forest-based Industries, bio-energy and the wider green economy"***

- *Study Climwood*
- *Report of the WG on SFM C&I*
- *Study on Cascade Use*
- *European Innovation Partnership -AGRI*
  - **Focus Group SUSTAINABLE MOBILISATION of WOOD**
  - **Workshop on new value chains from multifunctional forests**
  - **Focus Group on agro-ecological production systems**
  - **Ongoing measures under RDP (i.e. operational groups)**



## **3) Priority Area "Forests in a changing climate"**

- *Ongoing work on LULUCF*

## **4) Priority Area "Protecting forests and enhancing ecosystem services"**

- *Mid-term review of Biodiversity Strategy, mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services*
- *Guide on Natura 2000 and forests*
- *Regulation on Invasive Alien Species*
- *Expert Group on forest health and pests*

## **5) Priority Area "What forests do we have and how are they changing?"**

- *FISE – Forest Information System for Europe*
- *Ongoing work on MAES*



## ***6) Priority Area "New and innovative forestry and added-value products"***

- 4<sup>th</sup> SCAR -Standing Committee on Agricultural Research - Foresight Report (Oct 2015) *"Sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries in the Bioeconomy – a challenge for Europe"*
- WP 2016-2017 under Horizon 2020, including BBI JTI WP 2016: e.g. SC2 (2.1.4-Sustainable forestry), 5 topics totalling 25 MEUR
- On-going work on
  - review of the Bioeconomy Strategy (TBC 2017)
  - 2018-2020 strategic programming cycle under Horizon 2020
  - New focus group EIP-AGRI "Sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass"



## **7) Priority Area "Working together to coherently manage and better understand our forests"**

- *Elaboration and implementation of a Multi-Annual Implementation Plan (Forest MAP).*
- *Working together with other committees*
- *SFC Annual Work Plan*
- *Eurobarometer survey*

## **8) Priority Area "Forests in global perspective"**

- *Review of the EU Timber Regulation*
- *Evaluation of FLEGT Action Plan*
- *FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreements – VPAs with Indonesia*
- *Feasibility study on EU Action Plan on deforestation*
- *Study – Environmental implications of increased reliance of the EU on biomass from the South East US*



# SFC Annual Work Plan



- ✓ Framework for the activities of the Standing Forestry Committee
- ✓ Based on the Forest MAP
- ✓ Helps ensure that the work of the SFC is aligned to, and contributes to the EUFS priorities
- ✓ Allows timely input to forest-related measures in the framework of various Union policies
- ✓ Will consider the interaction and collaboration with other committees on a case by case basis
- ✓ Sets out priority issues for the year, and plan of activities and issues to address quarterly

# Thank you for your attention



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