

# Implementation of the EU Forest Strategy



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# Where are we now



- **Commission** Communication on an EU Forest Strategy for forests and the forest-based sector – September 2013
  - Building on the outcome of an ad-hoc Standing Forestry Committee WG including both MS and stakeholders)
- Agriculture **Council** Conclusions - May 2014
- European **Parliament** Resolution – April 2015

# PRINCIPLES and 2020 OBJECTIVE

(endorsed by Council and PE)



## Sustainable forest management (forests)

Goods and services in a balanced way, ensuring protection.



## Resource efficiency (value chain)

Contribution to rural development, growth & jobs



## Global forest responsibility (international)

Beyond EU borders

**2020 OBJECTIVE:** To ensure and demonstrate that all forests in the EU are managed according to sustainable forest management principles.

# The Forest MAP

(Council and PE request)



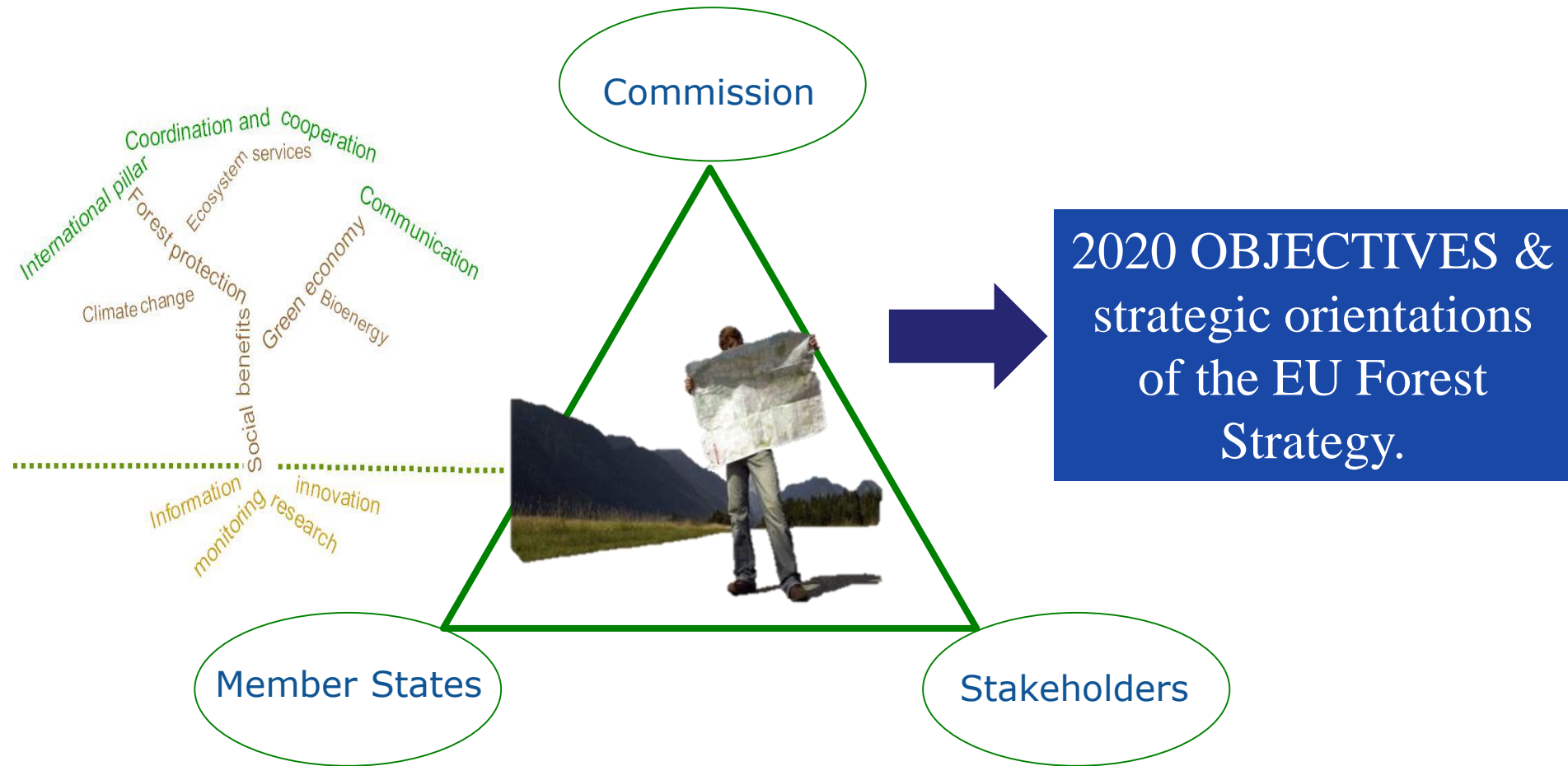
- ✓ **Concrete list of actions for the period 2015-2020** (actions, actors, target date and expected outcome)
- ✓ **Key priorities highlighted**
- ✓ **Priorities for the work of the Commission services also identified.**
- ✓ **Close cooperation with the Standing Forestry Committee (SFC), and in consultation with both the Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry & Cork and the Expert Group on Forest-based Industries**
- ✓ **Council and Parliament to be informed** on progress (presentation to both COMAGRI and Council WP)

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



Available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/forest/publications/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/forest/publications/index_en.htm)

# Recent developments



- Discussion at the informal **Forest DG meeting** (8/11/2016)
- Joint meeting of **European Parliament COMAGRI-ENVI-ITRE** on the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy with the participation of Commissioner Hogan (21/11/2016)
- Evaluation of **forestry measures under rural development** (main means of EU level funding) by end 2017
  - Draft roadmap available at:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/>  
(open for feedback)

# Next steps



- **Mid-term review of the EU Forest Strategy in 2018**
- **Joint meeting of the Standing Forestry Committee and CDG on Forestry and Cork could launch the process - *tbc***



# Thank you for your attention!



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