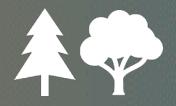
# Contribution of the forest sector to innovation, growth and Jobs

Timber prices are sufficient to create more forest?.





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#### Forest-based industries in the EU:

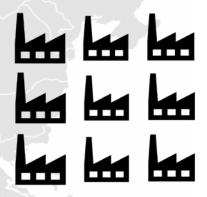
3,5 Million workers



536 Million m3 of wood harvested annually



More tan 420.000 companies



### **Supporting Rural Communities**

Shrinking rural areas in parts of Europe, particularly serious situation in some Spanish regions such as most of Castille & Leon

#### The Washington Post

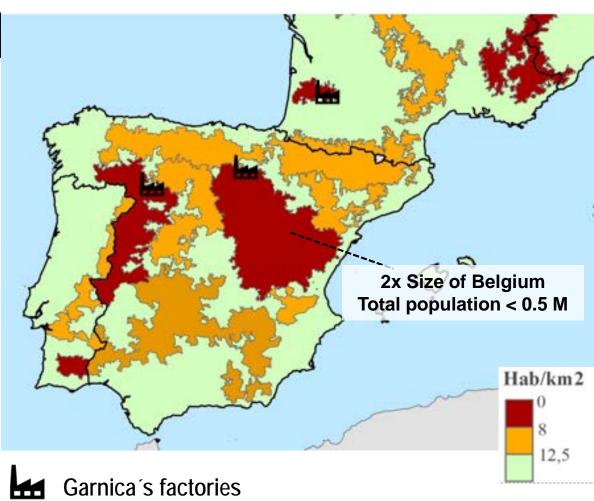
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Thousands march in Spain to demand more help for rural



MADRID - Thousands of Spaniards gathered in Madrid on Sunday to demand that the government take steps to curb the depopulation of rural areas.

Sunday's march under the slogan "The Revolt of the Emptied Spain" was organized by grassroots groups from rural areas in the southern European Union nation.









## Supply

 Decreasing area of forest plantations in parts of the EU. Economically and environmentally they can be a better choice than certain crops. However, sometimes, they are penalized. This is the case of poplar plantations in the Ebro basin, Spain, and their prosecution by the Ebro Hydrographic Confederation

 Major storms as well as pest and diseases have severely impacted European forests in the last decade.

 Increasing limitations to sustainable forest management in certain areas devoted to conservation





## Consumption trends



More circular Economy

More building with Wood & energy (biomass)



## Forests in a changing climate

Population: 7500 M in 2019, 9000 M in 2040

Increasing timber consumption per capita

More CO2 stored in forest and forest products



# Timber offer Trend/Prices: decreasing or stable

Less forest plantations unless we do something...

Forest mobilization increase?

More disturbances, pest and diseases due to climate change

Politicians: will they have interest in long term forestry policies? Forestry will give no votes?

Price increase much inferior to inflation in the past will continue the tendency?



We must adapt to climate change: The choice of species (native or foreign must be made carefully). Focus on diversity, adaptability, resilience, fast growth and demand

**Forest-Based Bioeconomy:** 

Increase mobilization of forest resources, and to encourage the use of wood against other

+ forest + forest products + CO2 capture

We should believe that timber



#### R+D in the Forest Industry:

New and innovative forestry and added-value products

- Improved properties of forest products
- Develop wood products for decoration
- Light products: light is efficient.
- Building with wood: industrialized timber buildings, and solutions.
- More recycling



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- EU policy support: more plantations.
- Agroforestry: PAC financial support
- Focus on wood quality and encourage use of long-lasting wood products
- Forest resources mobilization
- Species diversity
- Encourage forest actors to plant more

## Thank you very much for your attention

