

Towards a New EU Forest Strategy



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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 2013**





Workshops with Member States and Stakeholders



Working Groups under the Standing Forestry Committee

Ex-post evaluation of the Forest Action Plan

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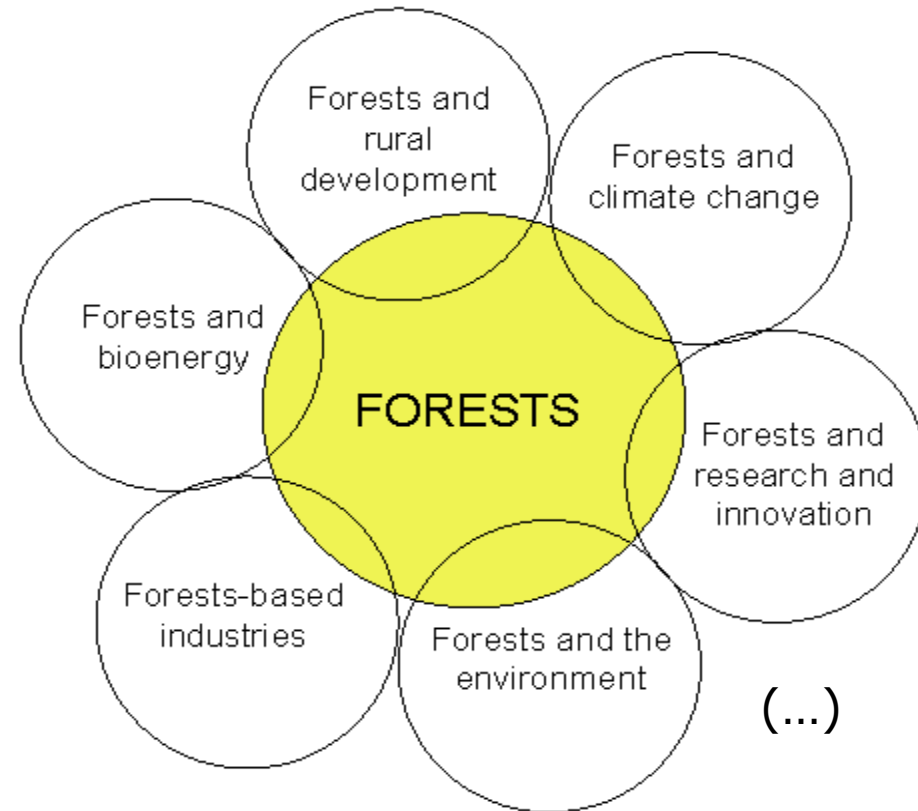


- Forest Strategy

- A holistic view of forests and all related policies, addressing also the value chain.

- Ensuring that forests play a positive socio-economic & environmental role in the EU: employment and rural development, added value products while delivering ecosystem services

Scope of the Forest Strategy



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- ✓ Address in a coherent framework policy areas that have implications for forests.
- ✓ Integrated with key EU political strategies: contribution from the sector to Europe 2020 Strategy and other 2020 and 2050 targets.
- ✓ Address how to influence action on forests in areas of EU competence.
- ✓ Strengthening the International pillar
- ✓ Suggesting guiding principles for ensuring coherence (i.e. sustainability criteria for different uses of forest biomass).



Headline target suggested by the WG

To ensure and demonstrate by 2020 that all forests in the EU are managed according to sustainable forest management principles, and thus:

- contribute to balancing the different forest functions and meeting demands, delivering vital ecosystem services;
- provide a basis for forestry and the whole forest-based value chain to be competitive and viable contributors to the green economy.

(Ad-hoc WG of the Standing Forestry Committee contributing to the development of a new EU Forest Strategy)

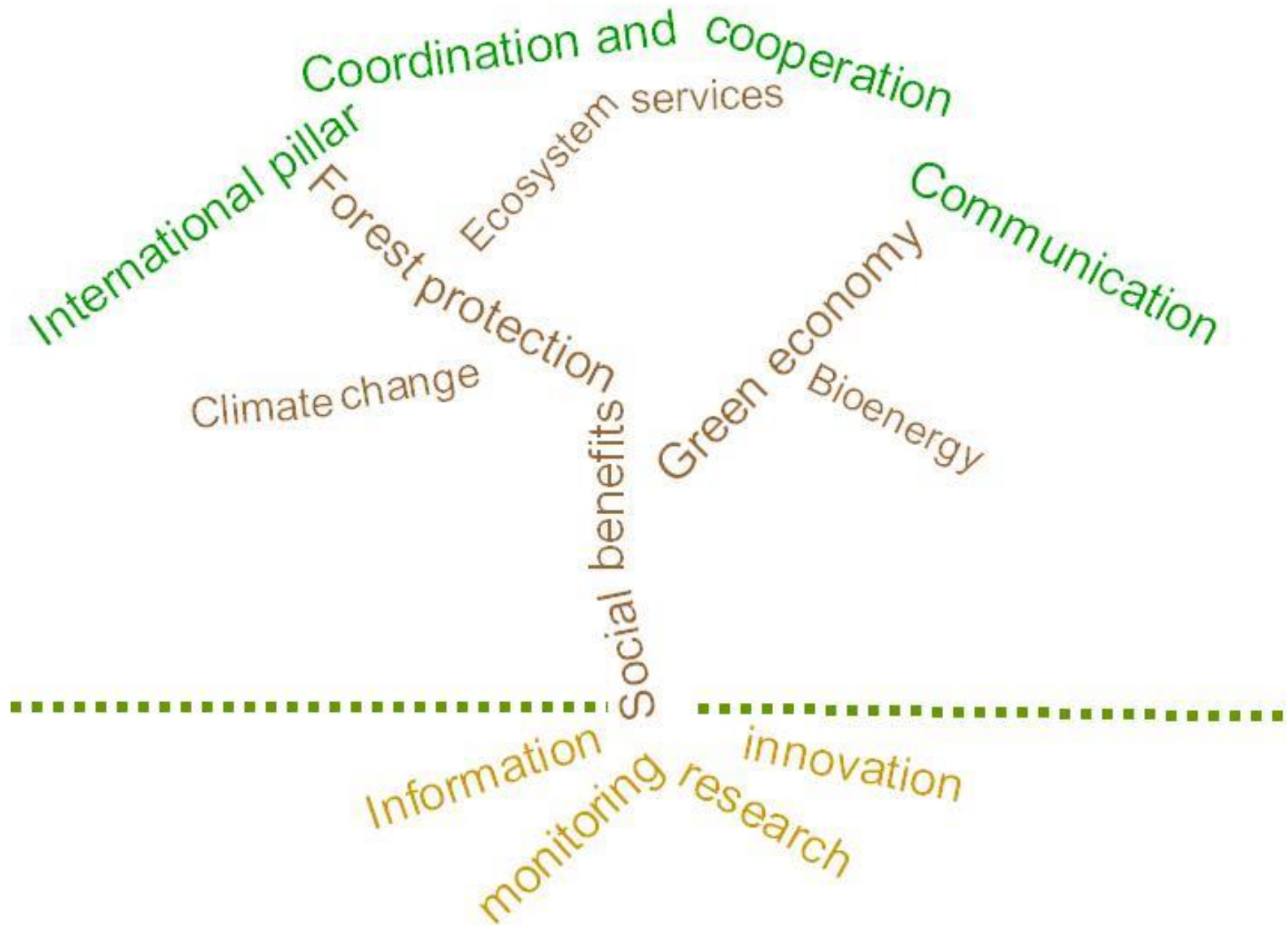
WHAT: priorities and objectives



- EU commitment to SFM as defined by Forest Europe
- Strong and coherent framework with mechanisms to improve coordination, cooperation and communication
- Sustainable solutions to emerging challenges and to sustainably manage the multiple demands
- Focus on the 10 interrelated priorities

(Proposal from the WG under the Standing Forestry Committee contributing to the development of a new EU Forest Strategy)

WHAT: the 10 interrelated priorities



Calendar for the new EU Forest Strategy



8 June 2012	Adoption of the report from the WG under the Standing Forestry Committee
4 of July 2012	2nd Workshop with Member States and stakeholders: presentation of the final report
September 2012	Opinion of the Standing Forestry Committee on the final report
October 2012 – June 2013	Preparation of the Communication by the Commission services

Thank you for your attention!



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