

# Forest for green growth and social cohesion

Input from Forest Europe



# What do we want and need from EU Forests?

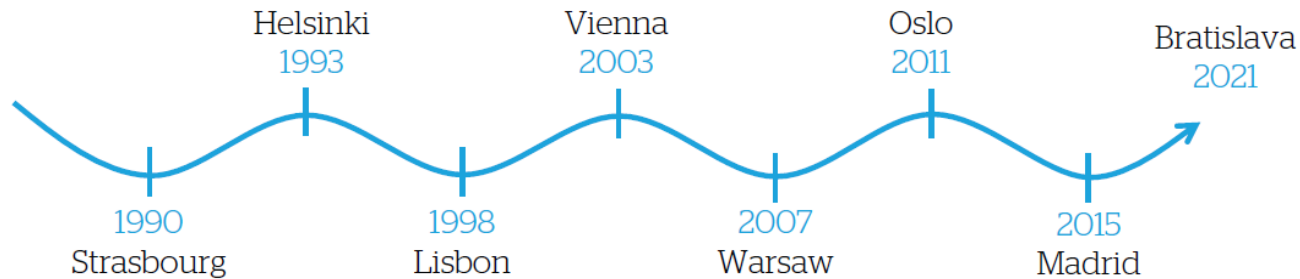
A simple question, but a complex answer:

- Different interests and objectives of forest owners
- Different societal interests, different in rural/urban areas
- 4.5 mio. jobs along the forest value chain
- Forests ecosystems are so diverse from Sicily to Northern Finland and from Ireland to Turkey

# Policy framework is needed ...

- At Global level 2030 Agenda for Sust. Develop. with 17 SDGs
    - (e.g. WWF report 2021: Europe is responsible for 16% of loss of tropical forests)
  - Framework needs to be inclusive and address trade-offs
    - E.g., set aside of large forest areas in Europe might lead to leakage effect (M. Dieter et al, 11/20:30% strict protection 42% lower roundwood production in EU)
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- Sustainable forest management which includes strict protection of biological hotspots but also sustainable use
  - Stakeholder involvement is key particularly for public forests

# What FOREST EUROPE can contribute



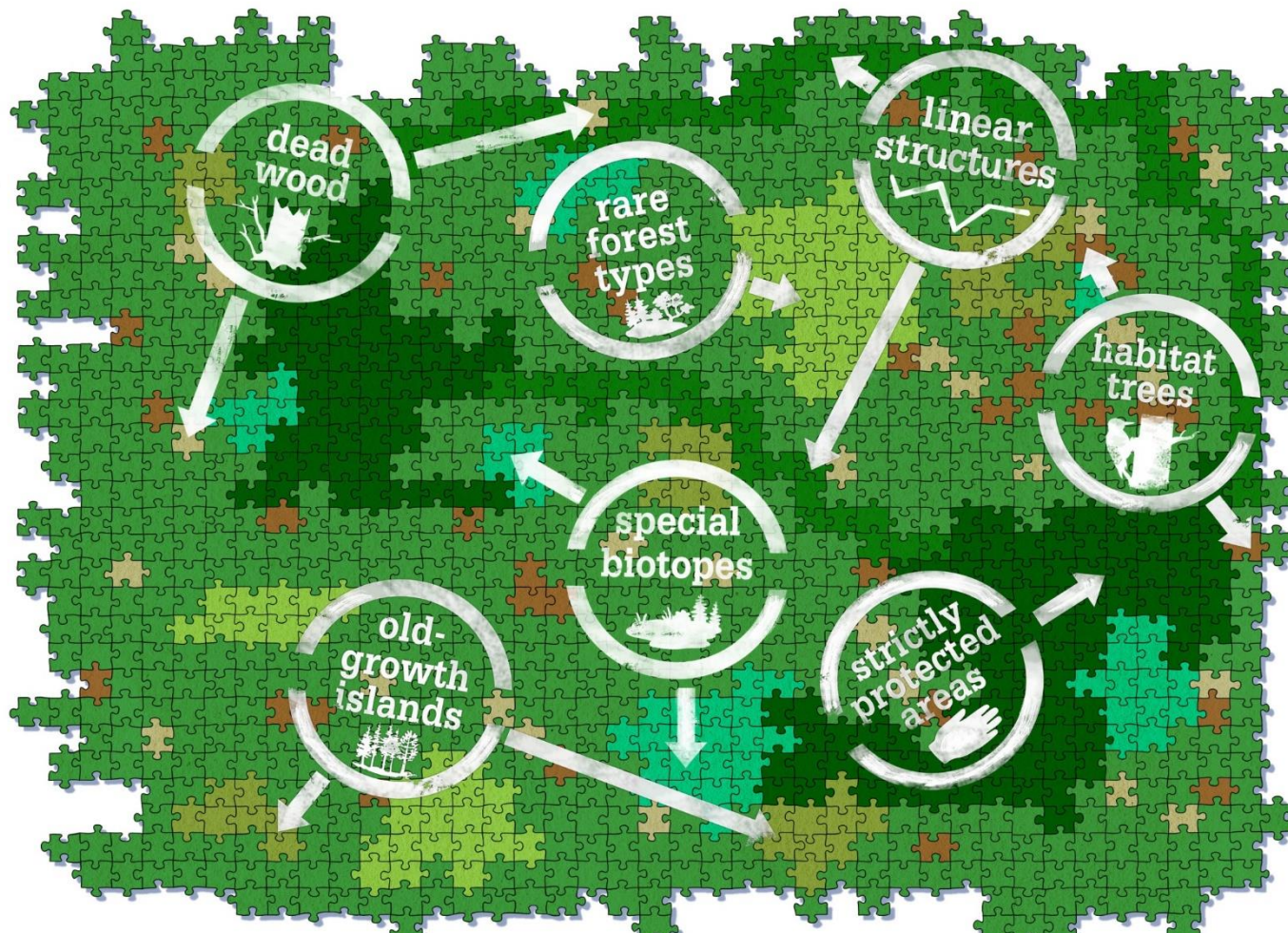
## Ministerial Forest Policy Process

- to promote sustainable forest management
- and offer a platform for high level debate based on latest science

# Vision 2030 – Bratislava Declaration

- European forests are **sustainably managed** to be resilient, healthy, productive, and multifunctional, and contribute to sustainable development
- recognise the key role of **public and private forest owners** and managers
- acknowledge the **importance of stakeholder** involvement
- support **forest research** and to communicate **evidence-based knowledge** on forests and sustainable forest management

# How to manage European forest sustainably



Integrate  
Network

# Sound policy-making needs sound science and data basis



sectoral research needed to respond (climate change impacts)

and adequately

are important than ever

ate comparable data

s are the backbone of forest

ire new applications (e.g. biodiversity)

port as flagship product



# Conclusions – the role of Forest Europe

- Demonstrate SFM as a dynamic concept that is fit for the future
- Foster implementation of SFM as major contribution to a circular bioeconomy
- Facilitate new modes of science-policy interaction to support sound policy-making
- Strengthen Forest Europe as a platform for policy dialogue between signatories and stakeholders



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