

The Review of the EU Forest Strategy: Fostering policy coherence on the multifunctional role of forests

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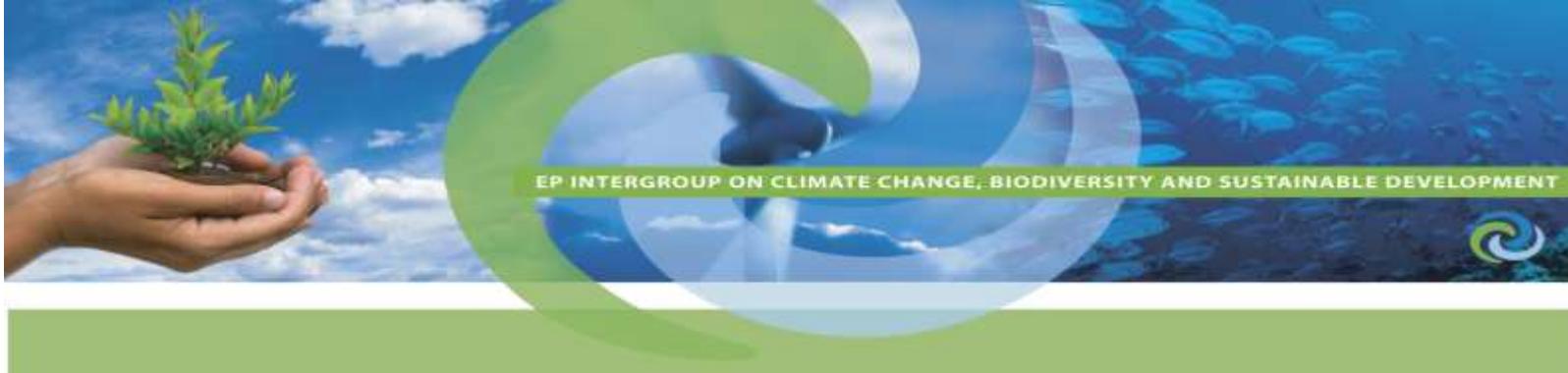
The EU Forest Strategy published in September 2013 provides a coherent framework for better response to the new challenges facing forests and the forestry sector. The Strategy has been prepared in cooperation with Member States and stakeholders, and was a welcomed step forward to recognize the multifunctional role of sustainable forest management. It has an important role to play in providing policy coherence in order to help EU in responding to important challenges such as jobs and growth, especially in rural areas, climate change and the transition to a bio-based society.

The Strategy foresees a review to be carried out by 2018 to assess progress in its implementation. In this regard, the role of stakeholders and research is crucial to assess of the implementation of the Strategy and to identify needs for improvements. Specifically, it is important to focus on concrete experiences in relation to the importance of forestry in connecting nature, people and the economy and on how sustainable forest management is implemented in the Member States.

To kick-off this process a number of events will take place in Brussels on 4-5 December 2017.

This joint event by various stakeholders in the forest sector is organised back-to-back with the joint public hearing of the European Parliament’s AGRI, ITRE and ENVI Committees.

The event will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss how to foster coherence of forest-related policies and the role of the EU Forest Strategy in ensuring this.



Agenda

- 18:30-18:45** **Welcome and introduction by Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**
- 18.45-19.00** **Keynote speech by Peter Mayer, Director, Austrian Research Centre for Forests**
- 19.00-19.50** Panel discussion including representatives from
- **CEPF, Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy, Senior Policy Advisor, Federation of German Forest Owner Associations**
 - **EUSTAFOR, Olof Johansson, Forest Policy Director Sveaskog**
 - **COPA-COGECA, Juha Hakkarainen, Vice-Chair Working Party on Forestry, Forestry Director MTK Finland**
 - **Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Peter Mayer**
- Moderated by Ulrike Müller MEP**
- Questions and discussion with the audience**
- 19:50-20:00** **Concluding remarks by Andrzej Grzyb MEP**
- 20.00-21.00** **Networking Cocktail in the Member's Salon**

