REDII and the EU Forest Strategy

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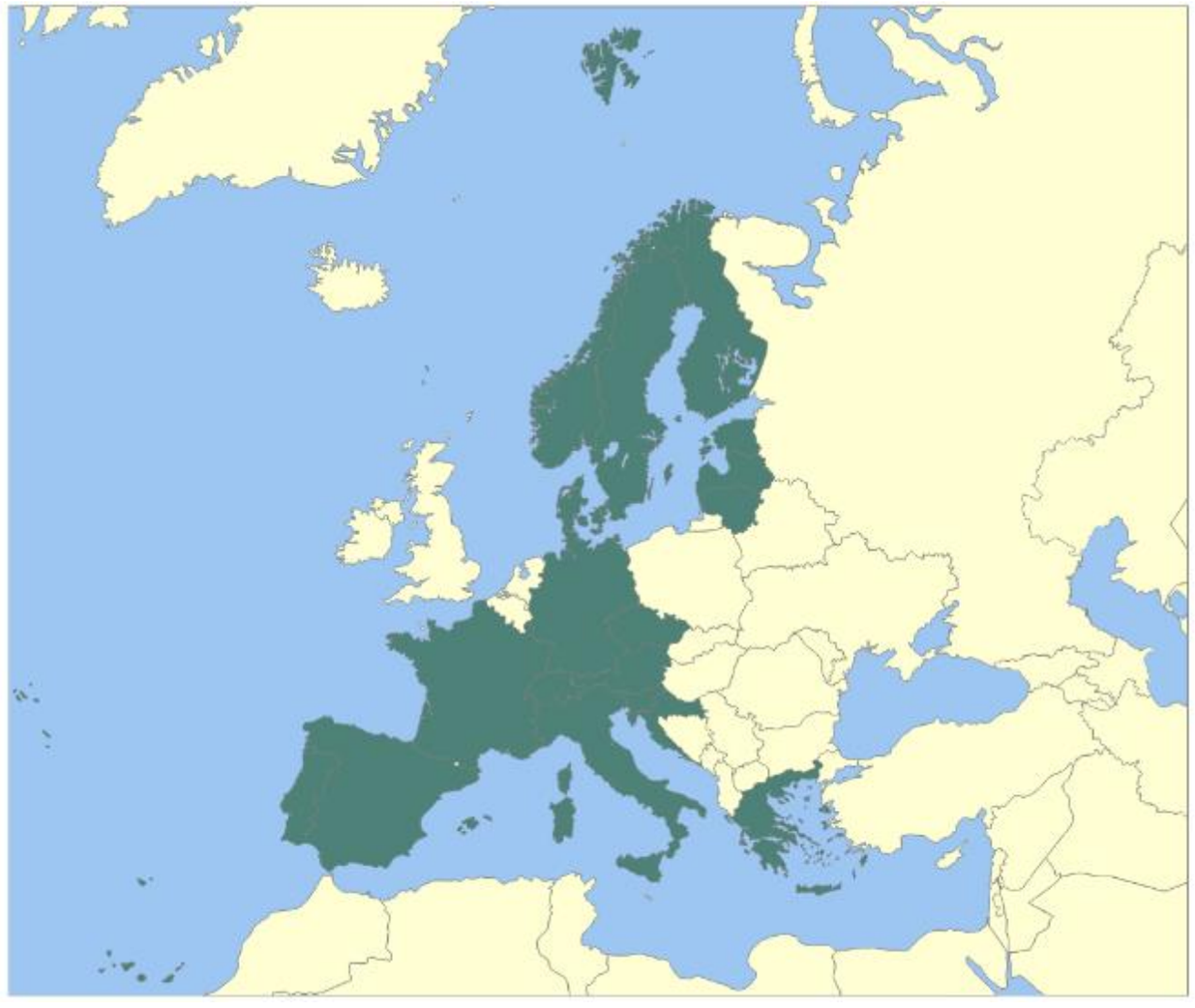

European forest facts

- 182M ha (42% of EU land area)
  - Growth in past 25 years: +9M ha, +7.4bn m3
- 60% are privately owned
  - 16M private forest owners
- 90% EU timber for EU wood industry
- 50% of Natura 2000 network
- 90% available for recreational purposes

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RED II among forest-related policies in EU

1979 | 2008 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020

- Birds Directive
- Habitats Directive
- Packaging Directive II
- Water Framework Directive
- CAP and rural development 2014-2020
- EU State Aid in the agricultural and forestry sector 2014-2020
- **EU Forest Strategy post 2020**
- **CAP post 2020 and State aids post 2020**
- Renewable Energy Directive (RED)
- ILUC Regulation
- 2030 Climate and Energy framework
- RED II and its review
- Horizon 2020
- Horizon Europe
- 2007-2013
- EU Bioeconomy Strategy II
- Forest Productive Material Directive and Regulations
- Plant Protection Product Regulation
- Plant health Regulation
- Sustainable Finance Action Plan
- Taxonomy Regulation
- Public procurement
- Blue print EU FBI
- Guidance on cascading use of biomass
- EU industrial Strategy
- FOREST EUROPE
- Bern convention (wildlife and natural habitats)
- Aarhus convention (access to information and justice on environment matters)
- UN SDGs
- Paris Agreement
- Bonn Challenge
- EU Timber Regulation and its possible review
- FLEGT action plan
- Invasive alien species Regulation
- Communication to protect and restore the world's forests
- Halt EU driven global deforestation
- Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
- Guidance Natura 2000 and forests
- Green infrastructure strategy
- Biodiversity Strategy to 2030
- Nature restoration plan
- Circular Economy Action Plan II
- MAES
- Plastic Strategy and Single Use Plastic Directive
- 7th and 8th Environment Action Programme
- **EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate change**
- LULUCF Regulation and its review
- Effort Sharing Regulation
- 2050 long-term vision
- **Climate law**
- **Other Green Deal announcements**
  - Just transition mecanism
  - Renovation wave initiative
  - Carbon removals certifications
  - Long term vision for Rural Areas

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Forest owners and RED II

- Bioenergy is an opportunity for forest owners
- Many of the smaller bioenergy plants are located broadly in the rural areas, close to raw material supply
- Forest owners are committed to the implementation of the existing RED II which has not started yet.
- A stable decision-making environment is essential. Implementation and evaluation of current legislation must be undertaken before any new additional steps

EU Forest Strategy links to REDII

- Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) is in the essence of EU Forest Strategy (EUFS)

- Potential sustainability criteria related questions adressed in EUFS should build on RED II in order to ensure coherence

- The EUFS must provide a framework for other policies, including those adressing sustainability (eg. sustainable finance)

EUFS developments

- Parliament
  - Report by MEP Sarvamaa will be voted on 6 Oct
- Commission
  - Aiming at publishing in Q1 2021
  - Roadmap and public consultation are planned

Important observations

- Broad acceptance of the current EU sustainability criteria achieved through involvement of the sector
- Risk-based approach and compliance can be utilized in other policies as well
- Stable policy environment needed to ensure sustainable practices on field
- Focus first on REDII implementation and evaluation before revising
- Substitution of fossils is one of the benefits which REDII supports

Thank you for your attention!

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