CAP and Plantation Forests in the EU

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The importance of forests for sustainability and EU priorities

• Forests are a precious resource for our society, environment and economy,

• Green Deal; forests are essential for the achievement of the main EU objectives,

• Sustainable forest management, the multifunctional role of forests, are already the guiding principles of the EU Forest Strategy
Plantation forest, afforestation, SFM

- The forest area and the carbon stock in EU forests are steadily increasing,

- Afforestation/forest restoration and forest management can significantly contribute to our sustainability agenda,

- Sustainably managed forests provides a wide range of ecosystem services,
Role of CAP

• The **EU support** to **planting forests** started in the late 80s,

• the **first EU Forestry Strategy (1998)** linked the funding to the Rural Development Policy,

• Since then, **2 million hectares** of forests have been created with CAP funds,

• The target in the current programming period, where 59 RDPs support afforestation, is **240,000 hectares**.
Sustainable forest management

- It is not only about planting; subsequent management is needed to make forests vibrant, to provide wide range of ecosystem services, including climate change mitigation and biodiversity support.

- The total public expenditure planned for all forestry specific measures is **7.4 billion €**.

- A full implementation of these planned measures would mean: **330,000 ha** of new forest and agroforestry areas,
The New CAP

• The New CAP under discussion in the Council and the Parliament,
• national CAP strategic plans,
• a new delivery model focused on performance, will enhance the support to forestry related interventions.
• The Commission has proposed that investments in afforestation shall be in line with sustainable forest management principles, as developed in Forest Europe’s Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation.
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