



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.*



Thank you