

Implementing the EU Bioeconomy Strategy

Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy

Rural Pact Good Practise Webinar

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Strategic pillars of the strategy

Scaling up
innovation and
investments:
from lab to
deployment



Developing
lead markets
for
materials and
technologies



Securing long-term
prospects for the
bioeconomy:
sustainably
sourced biomass



Harnessing global
partnerships and
opportunities



Joining forces for delivery: with member states, industry, investors & civil society

CAP Support for Bioeconomy

Bioeconomy Strategy Key Action:

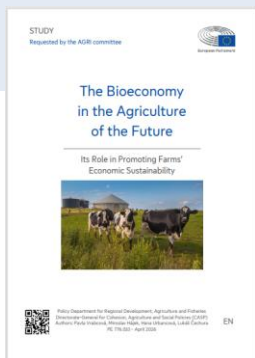
“Support cooperation of primary producers to drive joint investments in innovative bio-based value chains through CAP investment support, sectoral interventions and the European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI)”

CAP 2023-2027:

- **EUR 5.6 billion** total public expenditure planned in 44 bioeconomy-labelled interventions (material use and biogas/biomethane) in 20 Member States
- **EUR 4.2 billion** total public expenditure planned in 180 forestry related interventions in 23 Member States

CAP 2028-2034:

- **mobilize Synergies between CAP, NRP and ECF**



ACTIVITIES & DELIVERABLES

CAP Investment support (on-farm, cooperative/joint investments) under Art 73 CAP-SP Regulation (future Article 13 CAP Regulation)

Support for investments of producer organisations under relevant sectoral interventions: up to 5% of direct payment envelope in any sector

EIP-AGRI support for cooperation projects for innovation through operational groups: planned EUR 1.6 billion (2023-2027), EUR 360.000 median budget support per operational group



**Upcoming CAP Network Focus Group:
“Innovative management of
fertilisers at farm level”**

Bioeconomy Lead Markets

LEAD MARKETS FOR MATERIALS:

- **Bio-based plastics and polymers**
- **Bio-based fibre-packaging materials**
- **Textiles from bio-based fibres**
- **Bio-based chemicals**
- **Bio-based construction products**
- **Bio-based fertilizers**
- **Bio-based plant protection products**



ACTIVITIES & DELIVERABLES

BIOECONOMY STRATEGY (Nov 2025) - Key Actions:

- Exchange good practices for local circular use of animal by-products supported under the CAP network
- Support biogas and biomethane production valorising bio-waste and residues and enabling the use of the co-produced digestate as bio-based fertilising products through a tripartite agreement
- Assess best bioeconomy practices and innovations to increase nitrogen use efficiencies

FERTILISER ACTION PLAN (May 2026) – Key Actions:

- 5. Support biogas and biomethane projects and address funding, scale-up, permitting and transport bottlenecks, in line with the AccelerateEU communication.
- 11. To pave the way for lead markets for bio-based fertilising products and low-carbon products, examine options to define bio-based (organic) fertilisers and low-carbon mineral fertilisers, explore blending requirements and labelling mechanisms, review regulatory bottlenecks in the Waste Framework Directive, the Fertilising Products Regulation, the Animal By-Products Regulation and the Circular Economy Act.
- 18. Adopt carbon farming certification methodologies that favour projects based on efficient fertiliser use and uptake of bio-based and low-carbon fertilisers through extended scope and additionality.

PROTEIN PLAN (July 2026)

LIVESTOCK STRATEGY (July 2026)

Integrating a bioeconomy perspective is key for unlocking the full potential of EU protein sources

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION of PRIMARY BIOMASS



AGRICULTURAL BIOMASS

CAP CONDITIONALITY 2023-2027

- **Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs)**,
e.g. Directives on Water Framework, Nitrates, Animal Welfare, Sustainable Use of Pesticides, Natura (Habitat and Birds)
- **Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs)**

PROPOSAL 2028-2034: FARM STEWARDSHIP

- **Statutory Management Requirements (SMRs)**
- **Protective practices:**
 - a) *Protection of carbon-rich soils, landscape features and permanent grasslands on agricultural area;*
 - b) *Protection of soil against erosion, preservation of the soil potential, maintenance of soil organic matter including soil rotation or diversification, and protection against burning of stubble on arable land;*
 - c) *Protection of water courses and ground water against pollution and runoff*



FOREST BIOMASS

CAP and SFM 2023-2027

- **Environmental and climate related management commitments (Art 70):** subject to relevant SMRs (e.g. Natura 2000)
- **Investments (Art 73):** *conditional on forest management plan in accordance with Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) as defined by Forest Europe*

PROPOSAL 2028-2034: continuity in Art 10 and 13

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT of SFM

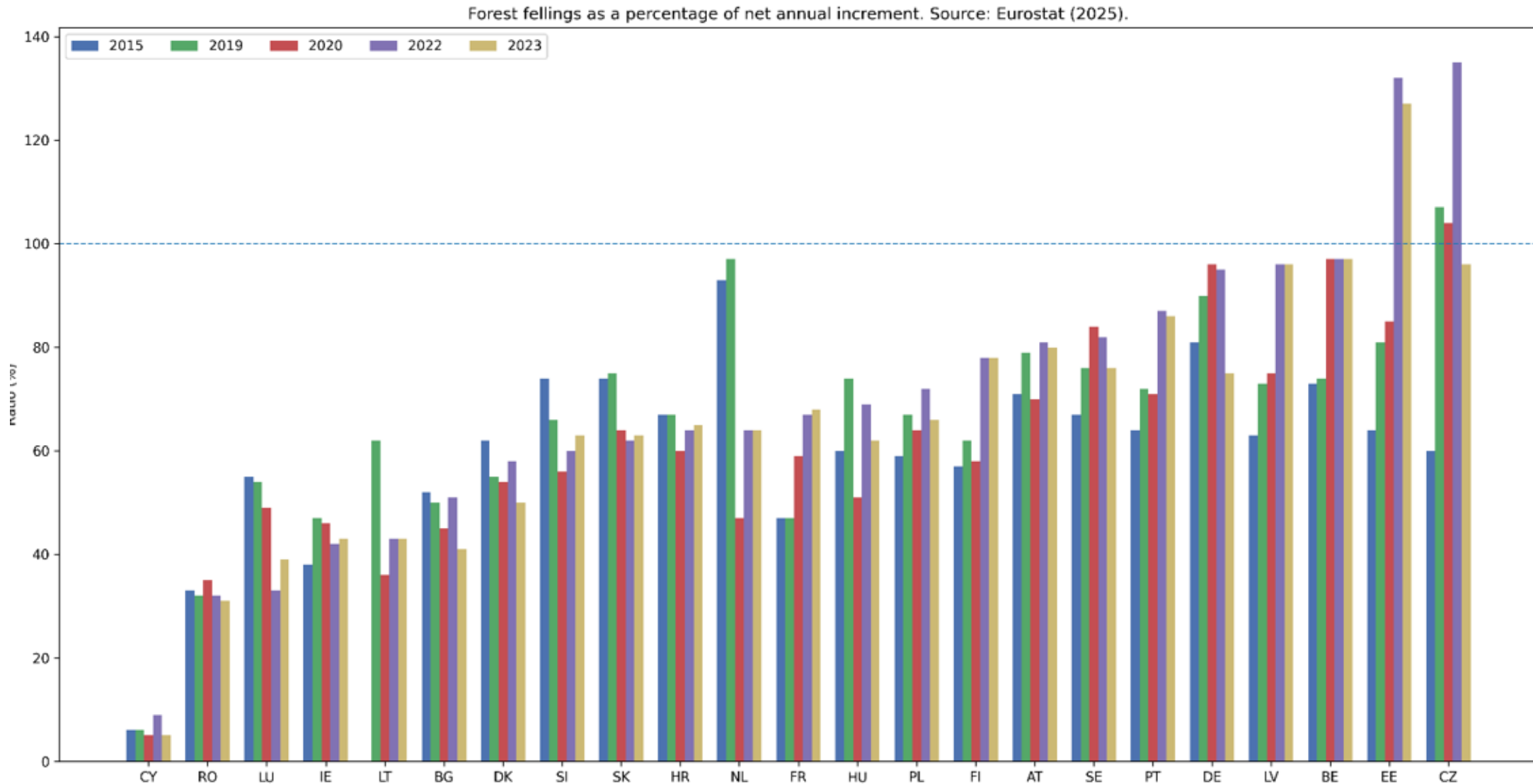
EU Bioeconomy Strategy: "...build consensus through voluntary, bottom-up approaches, including a voluntary benchmarking system for on-farm sustainability assessments and cooperation with Member States and partners such as Forest Europe, FAO and IFAD to strengthen sustainable forest management in a way that recognises regional diversity and long-standing practices. Consensus building will be supported through continued cooperation with Member States, researchers, and stakeholders, including through the pan-European Forest Europe process."

Forest Europe Ministerial Declaration 2026: "develop a roadmap, building on past and ongoing work, to ensure the regular and evidence-based review of the C&I for SFM and present, as appropriate, modification proposals, in order to strengthen their relevance, comparability, and high quality, including improved reporting and adaptation to evolving policy priorities and societal demands."

State of Europe's
Forests 2025



Eurostat - Supply of Forestry Biomass



Key takeaways

- Farmers and foresters are key to ensure supply of sustainable biomass
- Untapped potential in particular in rural areas
- Replace fossil based products
- Valorise residues/side streams
- CAP an important tool to support the sector
- Sustainability criterias are established
- Supply of biomass – and more can be produced
- Examples: fellings below increment, active forest management etc

