

# TOWARDS AN EU POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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# SFM & multi-purpose forestry<sup>1</sup> - basis for the whole range of ecosystem services

<sup>1</sup>Helsinki Resolution 1 (1992)

## WHAT ARE THE MULTIPLE BENEFITS OF FORESTS?

### Economic Value

- ✦ Acting as a cornerstone of Europe's bioeconomy by producing over 1/3 of the EU's timber harvest
- ✦ Creating and maintaining economic prosperity and jobs
- ✦ Serving as reliable partners for research and innovation in the forest-based sector
- ✦ Providing necessary conditions for Europe to move towards a bio-based green economy

### Environmental Value

- ✦ Acting as forerunners in the use and development of ecologically sound silvicultural methods for the sustainable management of forests
- ✦ Maintaining a home for biodiversity and protecting endangered species
- ✦ Providing carbon sinks and carbon-neutral raw materials
- ✦ Supporting fundamental natural processes such as water and nutrient cycles and soil protection
- ✦ Maintaining forest infrastructures to make them resilient to diseases, flooding, erosion, and fire hazards

### Social Value

- ✦ Offering ecosystem services and other non-material benefits
- ✦ Provisioning clean air and water supplies
- ✦ Creating and maintaining recreational areas open to the general public for outdoor activities
- ✦ Maintaining scenic and natural heritage areas of cultural value
- ✦ Provisioning wild food and game



# Management of state forests - management of interests over interests



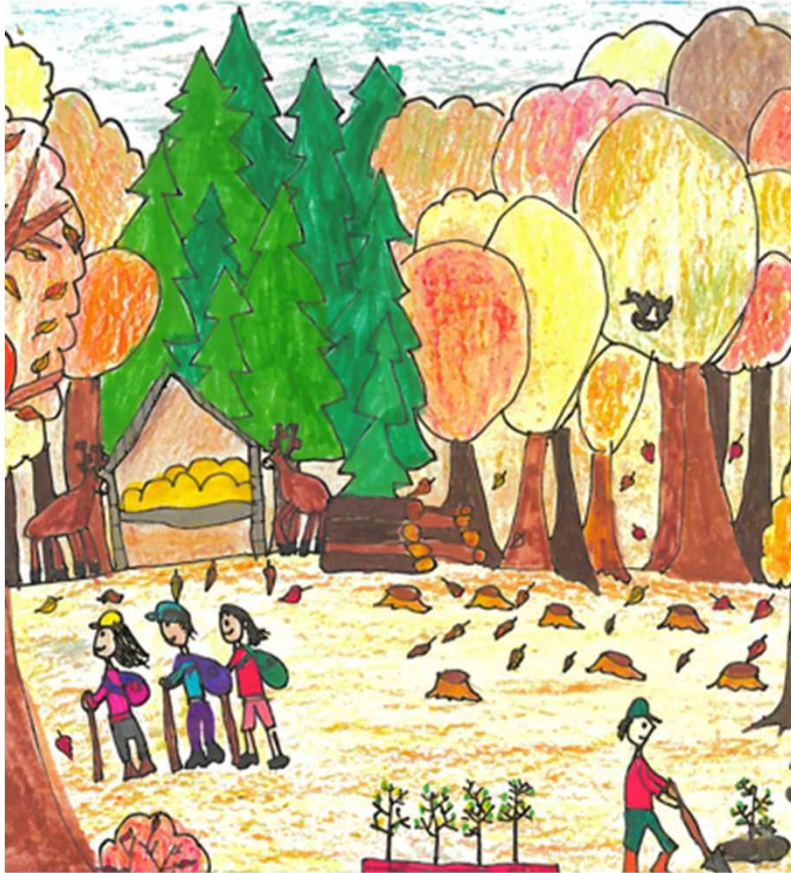
# State forests' ecosystem services



Does the EU framework promote ES sufficiently?



# Where to go?



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- One framework instead of fragmented approaches
- Robust & ambitious but realistic & feasible
- Inclusive: whole value chain
- Solid financial basis



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Source: Forest Drawing Competition, EC DG AGRI, 2013



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