



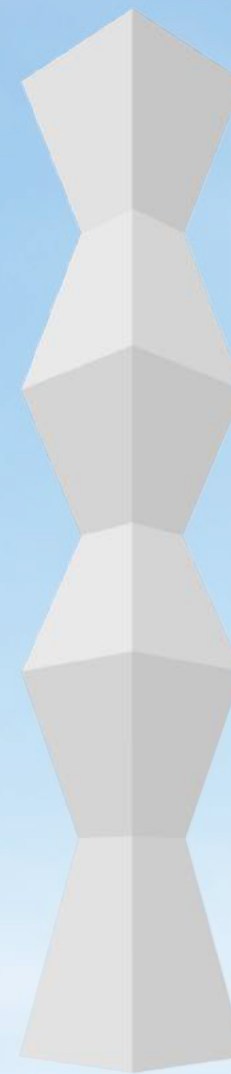
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**Ongoing work on the Council
Conclusions on the mid-term
review of the EU Forest Strategy**

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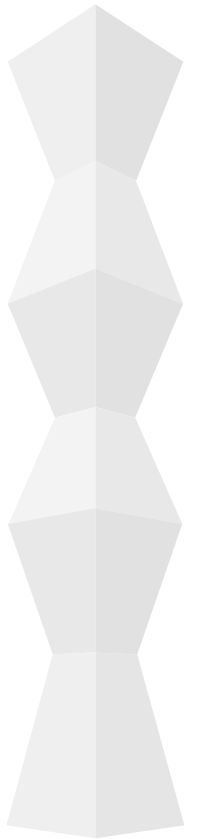
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MAIN PRIORITY ON FORESTRY

- ❖ Adaptation to climate change and society changes of the forestry sector and stopping the soil degradation

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Adoption of Council Conclusions on the Mid-term Review of EU Forest Strategy
- ❖ Supporting the continuation of negotiations to reach a legally binding agreement on forests within the FOREST EUROPE process.
- ❖ Preparation of the EU position for the UNFF 14th session



**SECTORAL
PRIORITIES**

Possible structure of Council Conclusions

- The analysis of the main achievements in the implementation of EU Forest Strategy up to 2018
- The improvements needed and the priorities for 2019-2020
- The future of the EU Forest Strategy beyond 2020



Key points of Council Conclusions Romanian Presidency position

- The forest policy is on the member states competence
- EU Forest Strategy should serve as a framework for coordination at EU level, in order to ensure the coherence among forest related policies and that all forests in the EU are managed according to the Sustainable Forest Management.





Key points of Council Conclusions Romanian Presidency position

- significant progress in carrying out the actions included in the implementation plan of EU Forest Strategy have been made;
- further work is needed and more cooperation and implication are required to implement the actions and reach the 2020 objectives.



Key points of Council Conclusions Romanian Presidency position

- Common Agricultural Policy must remain an important support to the Sustainable Forest Management and forest sector in rural areas;
- Continue work is needed to reducing the administrative burden for forestry measures, and to granting state aid for forest owners;
- We need ensure that the forestry sector is effectively involved in the development and implementation of the strategies, actions and policies related to biodiversity and nature conservation





Future of EU Forest Strategy beyond 2020 Romanian Presidency position

- PRES RO strongly supports the need for a strong co-ordination and a harmonised framework for forest related EU policies and sustainable forest management;
- EU Forest Strategy shall be built on the forests contribution to the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, to meeting the Paris Agreement objectives, taking into account the UN Strategic Plan for Forests and the Global Forest Goals



Future of EU Forest Strategy beyond 2020

Romanian Presidency position

- It is vital to strengthen the role of the EU Forestry Strategy as a reference framework to different EU forestry related areas, such as agriculture, climate, energy, bioeconomy, biodiversity and research.
- Enhancing the role of Forest Management Planning in achieving biodiversity targets and supporting the provision of ecosystem service;
- Exploring the ways for introducing payments for ecosystems services;






Future of EU Forest Strategy beyond 2020 Romanian Presidency position

- Enhancing financial and administrative support for forest sector to tackle increased negative impacts of storms, forest fires, diseases and other natural calamities;
- Increasing the cooperation, coordination and communication;





Council Conclusions on the mid-term review of EU Forest Strategy should give a clear political signal on the importance of forests for the future structures that will be established after the EU-level elections in May 2019.



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MAIN TOPICS

- ❖ Presentation of forests and forestry in Romania
- ❖ EU Forest Strategy and Legally Binding Agreement on Forests: frameworks for Sustainable Forest Management in the Pan-European region
- ❖ Natural Old-Growth Forests protection and biodiversity conservation – pillar of Sustainable Forest Management



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Sibiu, Romania, featuring a prominent church with a tall, ornate spire and a square in the foreground. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the background shows rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

Thank you!

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