EU Forest Strategy – implications for forest utilization at operational level in Poland

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A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector
Guiding principle

Sustainable forest management and the multifunctional role of forests, delivering **multiple goods** and services in a **balanced** way and ensuring forest protection;

Resource efficiency, optimising the contribution of forests and the forest sector to rural development, growth and job creation

Global forest responsibility, promoting sustainable production and consumption of forest products
cascade principle

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wood

wood-based products

extending their service life

re-use

recycling

bio-energy and disposal

defined pathways
defined use time
defined materials, ingredients and additives according C2C

return ashes as nutrients to forest
Aeraes of priority

Supporting our rural and urban communities

Fostering the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU’s Forest-based Industries, bio-energy and the wider green economy

Forests in a changing climate

Protecting forests and enhancing ecosystem services
What forests do we have and how are they changing?
New and innovative forestry and added-value products
Working together to coherently manage and better understand our forests
Forests from a global perspective
Supporting our rural and urban communities

prioritise investments in:

modernising forestry technologies;

optimising the sector’s contribution to the bio-economy;

improving the resilience, environmental value and mitigation potential of forest ecosystems achieving nature and biodiversity objectives;
adapting to climate change;
conserving genetic resources;
forest protection and information;
creating new woodland and and agro-forestry systems
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Forests in a changing climate

Understanding the full environmental impact

Life cycle assessment shows wood is a good choice

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Innovating for Sustainable Growth: A Bioeconomy for Europe
The aims

The Bioeconomy Strategy and its Action Plan aim to pave the way to a more innovative, resource efficient and competitive society that reconciles food security with the sustainable use of renewable resources for industrial purposes, while ensuring environmental protection.
2. Increase the share of multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral research and innovation in order to address the complexity and inter-connectedness of societal challenges by improving the existing knowledge-base and **developing new technologies**. Provide scientific advice for informed policy decisions on benefits and trade-offs of bioeconomy solutions.

9. Provide the knowledge-base for sustainable intensification of primary production. Improve the understanding of current, potential and future availability and demand of biomass (including agricultural and forestry residues and waste) across sectors, taking into account added value, sustainability, soil fertility and climate mitigation potential. Make these findings available for the development and review of relevant policies. **Support the future development of an agreed methodology for the calculation of environmental footprints, e.g. using life cycle assessments (LCAs).**
Conclusions

Forest Policy of the European Union points to the need for greater recognition of the paradigm of sustainable development in the functioning of the forestry and timber sector.

Encouraged to work on a comprehensive assessment of machinery and technologies used in forestry from the point of view of employment and the impact on the natural and social environment at join - Forestry and FBI

Note: The FBI at this context means – Forest Based Industry
Effects in Poland

Certification of forest operation is a permanent part of forestry

Put into effect new method of contracting services

We have started works on the inclusion of forestry into emissions trading

...and challenges

Scientific base for choosing the BAT

Lack of LCA analysis for different technology of harvesting

Poor base for describing multifunctional utilization of forest and balance between functions - within the area of quantification effects

We are still financially depending only from wood

Sustainable procurement
Thank you for your patience

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Philosophy of Forestry 307

Walt?

Steve?

Anyone?