

The future of EU forests – A new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans

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European forests are vital for preserving native wildlife and for fighting against climate change. Currently, the EU lacks some knowledge about its forests that would help to restore and protect them.

The EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans proposal aims to develop “an EU-wide forest observation framework” (European Commission) providing open access to the condition and management of the EU's forests.

The framework will use remote sensing technologies and geospatial data together with monitoring on the ground. The monitoring will focus on parameters connected to EU policy priorities, such as climate change, biodiversity, health, invasive alien species and forest management. In addition to monitoring the EU's progress towards its goals, the collected data would enable better forest management and take timely action in case of forest disturbances and disasters.

The legislative proposal could also introduce strategic plans for forests, developed by competent national authorities, and lay out Member States' strategic vision for their forests and the forest-based sector for the upcoming decades. The proposal is expected before the end of 2023.

Join this Euractiv Virtual Conference to discuss the proposed new EU Framework for Forest Monitoring and Strategic Plans. Some questions to be discussed include:

- Does the proposal do enough to protect the EU's forests, and to fight climate change?
- What are the key strengths and weaknesses of this proposal?
- Will the proposal help to identify primary forests?
- What is the impact on foresters and Member States with large forestry industries?

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10:40 – 10:45	Closing statements