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I'm answering this questionnaire as	a representative of my organization
Type of organization	None of the above
I work for (fill in e.g. local municipality, funding provider, research agency, NGO, ...)	State Forest Association
On which geographical level is your organization active?	European
1. Offer consumers functional products and comfortable living	2. Advancing Engineered Wood Products and Composite Materials 4. Developing new modular building systems
2. Solving challenges related to Substances of Concern (e.g. for REACH)	9. Developing and validating new analytical methods for the forest-based industries and their products
3. Securing skilled professionals for purposeful, safe jobs	10. Adapting training and learning pathways to the needs of the future forest bioeconomy

4. Provide renewable energy for processes and society	14. Producing advanced low-carbon transport fuels from biomass side streams
6. Achieve negative GHG emissions	20. Quantifying and maximising carbon storage in wood products and construction
7. Boost resource efficiency	22. Optimising biomass use by mastering its natural variations
8. Substitute fossil-based with forest-based first-of-a-kind products	23. Improving raw material efficiency in wood-based manufacturing
10. Ensuring healthy and productive ecosystems	25. Developing innovative biorefinery concepts for novel bio-based compounds
11. More efficient wood mobilisation	31. Strengthening functional biodiversity to enhance forest management productivity
12. Develop non-wood ecosystem services and forest governance	32. Strengthening ecosystem resilience and fostering climate-smart forestry
Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)	33. Safeguarding and enhancing forest contributions to water supply and water quality
Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)	34. Innovating approaches to reduce and manage wildfire risks in forest landscapes
	35. Enhancing landscape-scale forest data and assessment to support integrated decisions
	36. Improving seedlings and planting material for better resilience and productivity
	41. Mobilisation and valorisation of low-value biomass from the forest and beyond
	42. Expanding business opportunities for non-wood forest products
	43. Unlocking additional value from non-wood ecosystem services
Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)	Not just adapting to new wood species, but actively transforming the sector to better utilize hardwood. Promote flexibility in the value chain.
Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)	Adapting the education to meet the technological advancements of the sector is only half the puzzle. As the sector becomes more automated and technology/ AI driven, the skillset needed will overlap more and more with other sectors that undergo the same transformation. It is the forest sector's challenge to not only develop the needed skills, but also incentivize the skilled workers

to remain working in this sector. This can only be realized by building a strong enough value chain that we can afford competitive wages.

Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)

Indeed the three factors, sequestration, substitution and storage, must be considered. But it is important to realize that the sink (sequestration) is not a reliable tool to off-set carbon emissions with. We have a certain understanding of the dynamics, but that is not yet enough to predict the future capacity. R&D should focus more on the storage and substitution part, rather than rely too heavily on sequestration.

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Mitigating wildfires extends past thinning, burns and firebreaks. It starts with good understanding of which species to use, how to retain groundwater and thus moisture in the vegetation. Biochar can be added to container seedlings to retain moisture for example. And a big part of the fight is to create revenue and incentivize active management in these historically unproductive areas that are subject to land abandonment. This requires strong local, decentralized value chains, with short transport distances to the biorefineries/sawmills/pulp mills/power plants.

Comments on the above paragraph (propose improvement of the text or the title)

And like stated earlier, an integrated bioeconomy strategy is crucial to incentivize active management and fund the necessary measures. With climate change the pressure on the forests will keep increasing and the costs continue to rise. Not sustainable to just cover this with (EU) subsidies.

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We would suggest using non-harmonized in the second sentence.

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