

# Towards a New EU Forest Strategy



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# 1998 Council Resolution on an EU Forestry Strategy



## ***First steps:***

*Resolution of the European Parliament calling for the Commission to put forward a proposal for such a strategy*

*Communication from the Commission on a Forestry Strategy (1998)*

## ***Council Resolution:***

*Highlights the **challenges** facing the EU forests, the policy and legal framework for forests and forestry in the EU as well as Identifies **common objectives and guiding principles** for the roles of the EU and the Member States in forest policy*

# Forestry Strategy and Forest Action Plan



*1998: EU Forestry Strategy*

*2005: Implementation of the EU Forestry Strategy*

*2006: Forest Action Plan (2006-2011)*

*2011: Launch of the review of the EU Forestry Strategy*

**New Forest Strategy scheduled for first quarter of 2013**





**Workshops with Member States and Stakeholders**

**Working Group under the Standing Forestry Committee**

**Ex-post evaluation of the Forest Action Plan**



# STRUCTURE OF THE WORKING GROUP



Co-chaired by the Commission and a co-chair appointed by the Working Group (Mr. Heikki Granholm, from Finland)

Members:

-22 Member States

-6 stakeholders appointed by the Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork: public and private owners, industry, foresters, NGOs and research

-Commission services (AGRI, ENV, CLIMA, ENTR, ENER, JRC, ESTAT, RTD)

Very good contributions, involvement and commitment on behalf of WG members

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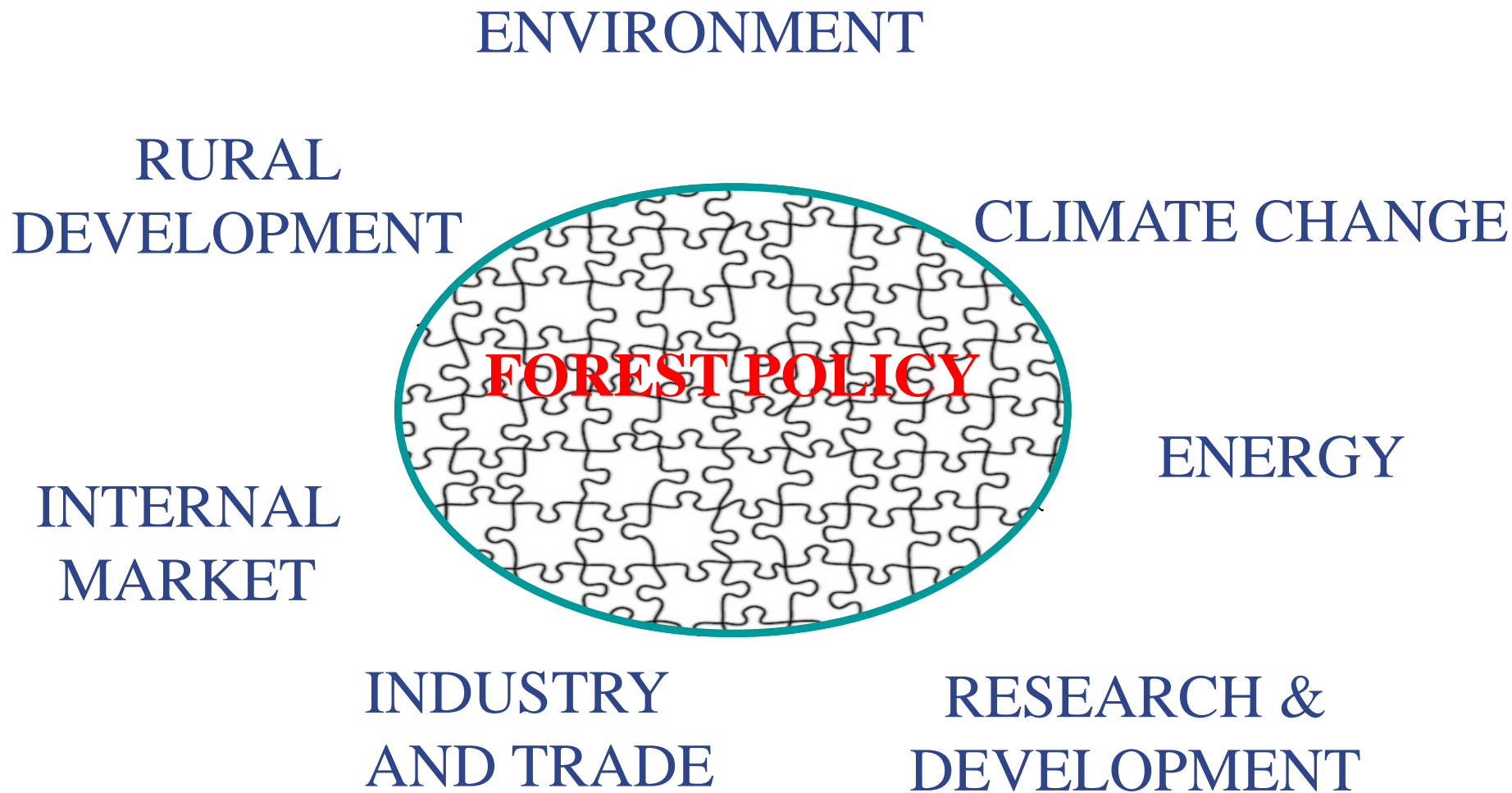


**Success** of the current strategy? Split views

- Coherence with other policies influencing and affecting forests not always achieved.
- Need to communicate outside the sector
- Although no Forest Policy in the Treaty, in several EU policies forests are important elements, which leads to a fragmented forest policy.

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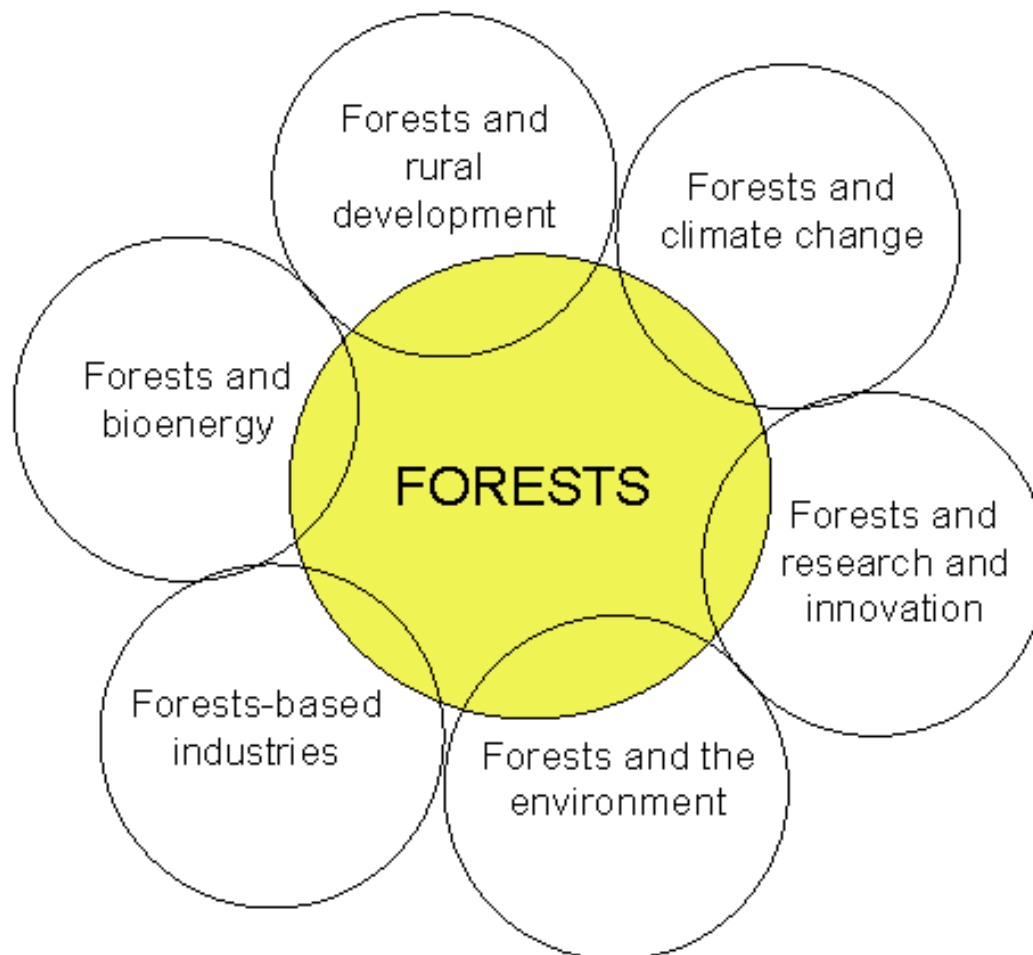
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## Scope of the Forest Strategy

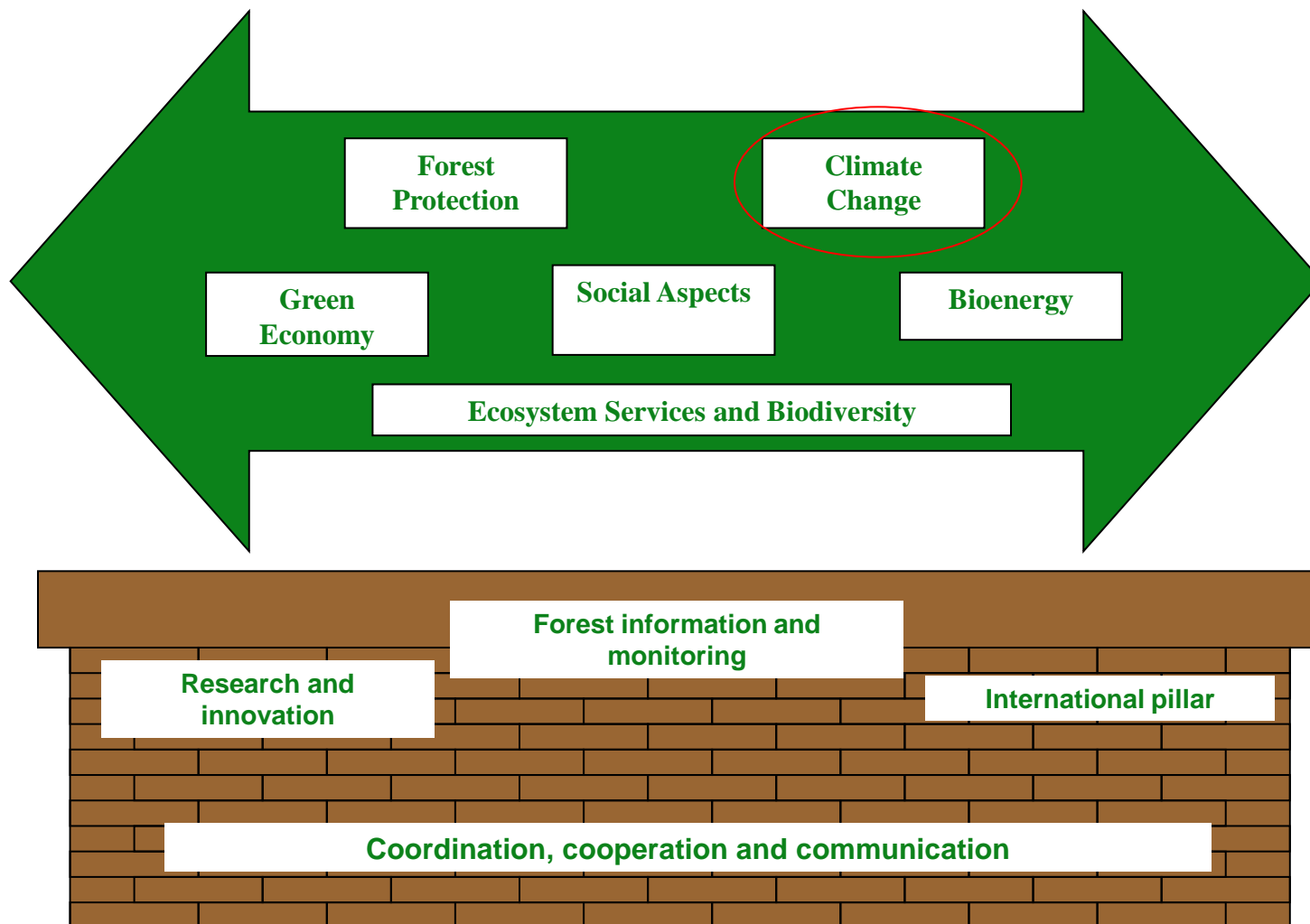




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## Ten key themes/topics emerging.....



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## EU Forest Strategy.....

- a holistic forest strategy
- a vehicle for coordination, interaction, collaboration and proactive development of policies related to and affecting forests and forestry
- providing good opportunities for developing synergies with other policy areas
- with a strategic approach (“vision”), establishing priorities, and with a headline target

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## **Focussing on how forests/forestry can contribute to Europe 2020.....**

Contributing to smart and sustainable growth, to rural development and quality of life, and to improving and protecting the environment

## **Linking to MS national forest policies.....**

MS can consider EU Forest Strategy when implementing other EU policies related to forests, e.g. national forest plans and programmes

**Forest Action Plan** to be developed at a later stage to implement the strategy

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