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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
Subject:	Implementation of the EU Forest Strategy for 2030 - <i>Information from the Commission</i>

Delegations will find in the Annex a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject which will be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council meeting ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 20 November 2023.

NOTE TO THE AGRIFISH COUNCIL – 20 NOVEMBER 2023

The new EU Forest Strategy for 2030 (COM(2021)572 final) was adopted on 16 July 2021.

It is anchored in the European Green Deal and the EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy and it recognises the central and multi-functional role of forests, and the contribution of foresters and the entire forest-based value chain for achieving by 2050 a sustainable and climate-neutral economy while ensuring that all of ecosystems are restored, resilient, and adequately protected.

The new EU Forest Strategy objectives are:

- Supporting the **socio-economic functions of forests** for **thriving rural areas** and boosting forest-based bio-economy within sustainability boundaries
- **Protecting, restoring and enlarging EU's forests** to combat climate change, reverse biodiversity loss and ensure resilient and multifunctional forest ecosystems
- Laying down a roadmap for planting at least 3 billion additional trees by 2030
- Setting out Strategic forest monitoring, reporting and data collection
- Enhancing **research and innovation** agenda to improve our knowledge on forests
- Updating the EU forest **governance**, in a more inclusive and coherent framework
- Stepping up implementation and enforcement of existing EU acquis

In its Council Conclusions on the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030¹, the Commission is invited to annually report to the Council on the implementation of the Strategy and the recommendations included in the Conclusions.

¹ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-13537-2021-INIT/en/pdf>