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**Commission statement**

EU forests and sustainable forest management are crucial for the European Green Deal. While the Treaties do not explicitly mention ‘forest policy’, the EU has a range of competences that may relate to forests such as climate, environment, rural development, and disaster prevention. The EU has already exercised these competences, and forests are covered by a number of legal texts. Within these areas of shared EU competences, forests and forestry do not fall within the exclusive competence of Member States. The choice of the correct legal basis must be made on a case-by-case basis and be founded on objective factors, including, in particular, the aim and content of the measure. Legal instruments need to pass the test of subsidiarity.

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