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on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 11 December 2019 on ‘The European Green Deal’ (COM(2019)0640),*

Or. en

Amendment 2

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Motion for a resolution

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- *having regard to the EU biodiversity strategy,*

Or. en

Amendment 3

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Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the EU’s internal and international commitments to, for example, the European Green Deal, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Kyoto Protocol, the Paris Agreement and the creation of a zero-emission society, will be impossible to achieve without the climate benefits and other ecosystem

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services provided by forests *and the forest-based sector*;

services provided by forests;

Or. en

Amendment 4

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Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union makes no reference to a common EU forest policy, *and responsibility for forests lies with the Member States*, but whereas the EU has a long history of contributing, through *its policies, to sustainable forest management (SFM) and the Member States' decisions* on forests;

Amendment

B. whereas the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union makes no reference to a common EU forest policy, but whereas the EU has a long history of contributing, through *different legislations as, but not limited to, the Birds and Habitats Directives, the Common Agriculture Policy, the LULUCF regulation, the Renewable Energy Directive, the TIMBER and FLEGT regulations, actually regulates many aspect touching* on forests;

Or. en

Amendment 5

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Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas *forests and the entire forest-based value chain are fundamental to the further development of the circular bioeconomy as they provide jobs, ensure economic welfare in rural and urban areas, deliver climate change mitigation and adaptation services, offer health-related benefits, and protect the biodiversity and prospects of mountainous and rural*

Amendment

C. whereas *the forest-based value chain provides jobs, ensures economic welfare in rural and urban areas and is key to prospects of mountainous and rural areas, and whereas forests deliver climate change mitigation and adaptation services, offer health-related benefits, and harbour biodiversity and protected species*;

areas;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Recital C a (new)

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Amendment

C a. whereas climate scientists agree that simultaneously reducing combustion emission and decreasing atmospheric carbon dioxide through forest growth is central to achieve the goals of reducing global carbon dioxide emissions by 45% 2010 levels by 2030, as advised by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its special report “Global warming of 1,5°C” from 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 7

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Recital C b (new)

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Amendment

C b. whereas growing existing forests to their biological carbon sequestration potential optimizes carbon dioxide removal while limiting climate change and protecting biodiversity, soil, air, land, and water; Whereas forests store more carbon dioxide per acre per year the older they get, especially after maturity at 50 years; whereas forest store about 2.5 times more carbon in soils than in tree biomass^{1a};

^{1a} Bruno De Vos et al., Benchmark values for forest soil carbon stocks in Europe: Results from a large scale forest soil survey, Geoderma, Volumes 251–252, August 2015, Pages 33-46

Or. en

Amendment 8
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
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Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C c. whereas managed plantations that are harvested periodically store far less carbon because trees are maintained at a young age and size^{2a} ; Whereas plantations are often monocultures, and sequester less carbon more slowly than intact forests with greater tree species diversity, mostly composed of European endemic species, and higher rates of biological carbon sequestration^{2b} ;

^{2a} Harmon et al (1990): Effects on carbon storage of conversion of old-growth forests to young forests, Science. 1990 Feb 9;247(4943):699-702. John Sterman et al. (2018): Does replacing coal with wood lower CO2 emissions? Dynamic lifecycle analysis of wood bioenergy, Environmental Research Letters, <http://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/aaa512/meta>

^{2b} Liu, Y., M. Kumar, G.G. Katul, and A. Porporato (2018): Reduced resilience as a potential early warning signal of forest mortality. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, August 5-10, 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Amendment 9
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Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C d. whereas currently underway coal-to-biomass projects in the EU would release 67 MT of CO₂ per year and require approximately 2,700km² of forest to be cut down every year while producing only 64 TWh of electricity, which is less than 2% of the EU's electricity production;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
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Motion for a resolution
Recital C e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C e. whereas use of wood as biomass for energy production creates higher emissions of CO₂ per unit of energy than coal, because of a lower energy density, bigger emissions originating from the supply chain and less efficient conversion of combustion heat to electricity; whereas wood biomass is more efficiently used to produce heat than energy;

Or. en

Amendment 11
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Recital C f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C f. whereas the average life cycles recognised for wood products are 50 years for construction, 8 years for wood panels, and a year for energy, heat or paper; whereas it takes on average 40 years for a new tree to sequester the equivalent of carbon dioxide released in the atmosphere by the wood products issue from a harvested tree; Whereas climate scientists estimate it is necessary to curb climate change in the next 12 years in order to remain under 2°C of global warming;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C g. whereas in its Global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services from 2019, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services concludes that 25% of species, both animal and vegetal are threatened and that one million species face extinction;

Or. en

Amendment 13
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Recital C h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C h. whereas large trees and intact, older forests provide essential habitat that is missing from younger, managed forests; whereas in 2017, only 26 % of forest species and 15 % of the forest habitats were found to be in favourable conservation status, and were not showing any trend towards bettering;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Recital C i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C i. whereas climate change is altering the growth capacity of forests, and increasing the frequency and seriousness of drought, floods and fires and fosters the development of new pests and disease which affect EU forests; whereas intact ecosystems have greater capability to overcome environmental stressors, including changes to climate, than degraded ones as they have inherent properties that enable them to maximize their adaptive capacity^{3a};

^{3a} ***James E. Watson et al (2018): The exceptional value of intact forest ecosystems. In Nature Ecology & Evolution***

Or. en

Amendment 15
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on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C j. whereas types of cutting have different impacts on forests' carbon dioxide storage capacities, soil quality and conservation status, clear-cutting of large areas being the most damaging method, since it removes much of the organic matter and roots from the soil, causes the release of soil carbon and significantly damages the complex structure of the forest and its dependent ecosystems;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C k. whereas data available on forests at EU level is incomplete and of varying quality, hampering the capacity of coordination at EU level concerning forest management;

Or. en

Amendment 17
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Recital C l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C 1. whereas illegal logging is ongoing also in the EU^{4a};

^{4a} *examples Romania, Sweden, Poland
https://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/pdf/Briefing%20note%20May-June%202019_Final.pdf and
https://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/pdf/Briefing_Note_April_-_May_2018_Public_version.pdf*

Or. en

Amendment 18

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on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The past – revisiting recent implementation successes and challenges

State of play of the EU's forests and implementation of the EU Forest Strategy

Or. en

Amendment 19

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Recognises that the eight plus one priority areas of the strategy have been implemented with relatively few impediments, with the exception of

deleted

ongoing challenges in the areas of ‘What forests do we have and how are they changing?’ and ‘Fostering coordination and communication’;

Or. en

Amendment 20
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. *Notes that many challenges are still present concerning the eight areas of the strategy, and that some are growing;*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 b. *Highlights that in 2017, only 26 % of forest species and 15 % of the forest habitats were found to be in favourable conservation status in the Union, and were not showing any trend towards bettering;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 c. *Notes that the EU Forestry strategy and diverse EU legislative tools, notably the Renewable Energy Directive, did encourage the development in the EU of the use of wood as biomass for energy production, but that this development is not done in a sustainable way; Stresses that the scientific consensus on the impacts on climate change of the use of wood as biomass as evolved since 2013;*

Or. en

Amendment 23

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Highlights the fact that *a* definition of *SFM* was agreed as part of the pan-European FOREST EUROPE process; notes that the definition has been incorporated into national legislation and voluntary systems, such as forest certifications, in place in the Member States;

Amendment

3. Highlights the fact that *the* definition of *Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) which* was agreed as part of the pan-European FOREST EUROPE process *is too vague and do not prevent as such problematic forest management in the EU*; notes that the definition has been incorporated into national legislation and voluntary systems, such as forest certifications, in place in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 24

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Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Stresses that the promotion of SFM in the EU, as part of the EU Forest Strategy and the rural development measures implemented under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), has had a positive impact on the biodiversity of forests in the EU and has enhanced the climate benefits offered by the forest-based sector;*** notes, *however*, that there is *still* a need to strengthen SFM in a balanced manner in order to ensure that forests are better able to adapt to changing climate conditions and to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disturbances;

Amendment

4. Notes that there is a need to strengthen SFM in a balanced manner in order to ensure that forests' ***ecological status improves and that they*** are better able to adapt to changing climate conditions, and to reduce the risks and impacts of natural disturbances;

Or. en

Amendment 25

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4 a. Notes that, although improvements were made through the setting up of the Forest Information System of Europe, the available data on EU forests, and in particular on their ecological status is incomplete, difficult to aggregate and not backed by remote sensing;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

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Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

The present – state of play of the EU's forests

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 27

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Emphasises that the EU's forests are multifunctional and characterised by great diversity, including differences in ownership patterns, size, structure, biodiversity, resilience and challenges; points out, in addition, that forests offer society a wide variety of ecosystem services including raw materials, improved air quality, clean water, erosion control, and protection from droughts, floods and avalanches;

5. Emphasises that the EU's forests are multifunctional and characterised by great diversity, including differences in ownership patterns, size, structure, biodiversity, resilience and challenges; points out, in addition, that forests offer society a wide variety of ecosystem services including ***habitats for endangered species, carbon sequestration***, raw materials, improved air quality, clean water, erosion control, and protection from droughts, floods and avalanches;

Or. en

Amendment 28

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on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Recognises that long-term investments in ***SFM*** ensure that forests remain not only economically viable, but also contribute to achieving the many goals of the EU, including the successful implementation of the European Green

7. Recognises that long-term investments in ***a reinforced SFM which places equal focus on the social, environmental and economic benefits of the forest, could*** ensure that forests remain not only economically viable, but also

Deal and the transition to a circular bioeconomy;

contribute to achieving the many goals of the EU, including the successful implementation of the European Green Deal and the transition to a circular bioeconomy;

Or. en

Amendment 29

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Acknowledges the crucial climate benefits of forests **and the forest-based sector**; highlights the need to increase CO₂ sequestration in forests, carbon storage in wood-based products and the substitution of fossil-based materials **and energy**;

Amendment

8. Acknowledges the crucial climate benefits of forests; highlights the need to increase CO₂ sequestration in forests, carbon storage in wood-based products and the substitution of fossil-based materials; ***Notes that leftovers at the end of the wood value chain can be favourably used as biomass in order to substitute it to fossil-based heat, but that timber should be kept for uses with a longer life cycle in order to increase the global carbon dioxide storage***;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Regrets the fact that although forests in the EU are managed according to the commonly agreed principle of SFM and forest cover in the EU has been increasing over the past decades, a different approach to SFM has been***

Amendment

9. ***Highlights the*** different approach to SFM developed in the context of the recently agreed regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and amending

developed in the context of the recently agreed regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and amending Regulation 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector;

Regulation 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the recent publication of the Commission's European Green Deal and looks forward to the upcoming post-2020 EU Forest Strategy;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the recent publication of the Commission's European Green Deal and looks forward to the upcoming post-2020 EU Forest Strategy, *under the umbrella of the Biodiversity Strategy*;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Commission's 2020 Work Programme and especially the acknowledgment of the new EU Forest Strategy's contribution to the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; stresses, in this regard, that in future, forests should not be considered as the only type of CO₂ sink as that would give other sectors less of an

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Commission's 2020 Work Programme and especially the acknowledgment of the new EU Forest Strategy's contribution to the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change; stresses, in this regard, that in future, forests should not be considered as the only type of CO₂ sink as that would give other sectors less of an

incentive to minimise their emissions;
highlights, in addition, the importance of
transitioning from a fossil-based society;

incentive to minimise their emissions;
highlights, in addition, the importance of
transitioning from a fossil-based society;
***Highlights that the new EU Forest
Strategy should also contribute to the 15th
Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the
Convention on Biological Diversity;***

Or. en

Amendment 33

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Emphasises the crucial role of forests, the forest-based sector and the bioeconomy in achieving the goals of the European Green Deal; stresses that achieving the EU's ***environmental and climate goals*** will never be possible without ***multifunctional, healthy and sustainably managed forests and viable industries***; encourages, in addition, actions to increase forest cover;

Amendment

12. Emphasises the crucial role of forests, the forest-based sector and the bioeconomy in achieving the goals of the European Green Deal; stresses that achieving the EU's ***goals for environment, climate and biodiversity*** will never be possible without healthy forests; encourages, in addition, actions to increase forest cover, ***where the trees being planted are appropriate for local conditions, and the planting and subsequent new forest does not have negative impacts on existing biodiversity***;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses that an ambitious, ***independent and self-standing*** EU Forest Strategy is needed for the post-2020 period

Amendment

13. Stresses that an ambitious EU Forest Strategy is needed for the post-2020 period ***in order, notably, to face the***

which is not subordinate to any other sectoral strategy; calls for a new EU Forest Strategy that builds on the holistic approach to SFM, taking into account all of the economic, social and environmental aspects of the forest-based value chain; stresses that a coordinated *and* coherent approach to forests, the forest-based sector and the multiple services they provide needs to be developed, given the growing number of national and EU policies directly or indirectly affecting forests and their management in the EU;

biodiversity and climate crisis; stresses that a coordinated, coherent *and better integrated with the relevant EU legislations*, approach to forests, the forest-based sector and the multiple services they provide needs to be developed, given the growing number of national and EU policies directly or indirectly affecting forests and their management in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the importance of evidence-based decision-making with regard to EU policies relating to forests, the forest-based sector and its value-chain; calls for *all forest-related aspects of European Green Deal measures to be consistent with* the post-2020 EU Forest Strategy, particularly with a view to ensuring that SFM has a positive impact on society;

Amendment

15. Stresses the importance of evidence-based decision-making with regard to EU policies relating to forests, the forest-based sector and its value-chain; calls for the post-2020 EU Forest Strategy *to be consistent with the European Green Deal*, particularly with a view to ensuring that SFM has a positive impact on society;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Highlights the need to take into consideration the links between the forest-based sector and other sectors as well as the importance of digitalisation and investing in research and innovation; stresses the ***crucial role of wood-based materials in substituting fossil-based alternatives in industries such as the construction industry, the textile industry, the chemical industry and the packaging industry;***

Amendment

16. Highlights the need to take into consideration the links between the forest-based sector and other sectors as well as the importance of digitalisation and investing in research and innovation; stresses the ***need to prioritise the most efficient use of wood following the ‘cascading principle’ starting from using it for most value adding applications, i.e. for construction and furniture purposes, and the continued need for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products that can play as a substitute in the textile industry, the chemical industry and the packaging industry;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Calls on the Commission to review the accounting rules for bioenergy as a part of a review of the Renewable Energy Directive; stresses the need to prioritise timber for uses with a long life cycle, as construction and furniture; notes with concern that at EU level, reported data indicate that energy accounts for 48% of total use of woody biomass; highlights the urgency to stop using EU funds to support bioenergy production from wood, except if the biomass comes in a large majority from leftovers at the end of the wood value chain;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses that due to climate change, natural disturbances such as droughts, floods, storms, pest infestations, erosion and fires will occur more frequently, causing damage to forests in the EU; emphasises, in this context, the need to better prevent such events by making forests more resilient, for example through **research and innovation** and by offering better support mechanisms for affected areas and properties so they can be restored;

Amendment

17. Stresses that due to climate change, natural disturbances such as droughts, floods, storms, pest infestations, erosion and fires will occur more frequently, causing damage to forests in the EU; emphasises, in this context, the need to better prevent such events by making forests more resilient, for example through **dynamic climate adaptation, a more nature-close management** and by offering better support mechanisms for affected areas and properties so they can be restored; **notes that mono-essence plantations are less resilient to pests and diseases as well as to drought and fires and should thus not be supported by EU funds;**

Or. en

Amendment 39

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recognises the role of biodiversity in ensuring that forest ecosystems remain healthy and resilient; highlights the importance of the Natura 2000 sites; notes, however, that sufficient financial resources are needed to manage such areas;

Amendment

18. Recognises the role of biodiversity in ensuring that forest ecosystems remain healthy and resilient; highlights the importance of the Natura 2000 sites; notes, however, that sufficient financial resources are needed to manage such areas **and to achieve enforcement;**

Amendment 40
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. 18 a. Stresses that protection, reforestation and afforestation, with location and environment appropriate tree species, should be the focus of any future EU Forest strategy; highlights that EU targets are needed to achieve the restoration of degraded forests so as to recover their full ecological functionalities; notes that close-to-nature management practices are the best able to achieve these goals; calls on the European Commission to mobilize funds additional to the budget allocated to the CAP to achieve these goals;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Calls on the Commission to address SFM's shortcomings when developing EU criteria with concrete benchmarks and thresholds, for example on the amount of deadwood, amount of forests in Natura 2000 networks with a management plan and use of low impact silviculture;

Amendment 42
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 c. Stresses the need to protect old growth forests in the EU; Notes that there is no EU definition of old growth forests and calls on the Commission to introduce such a definition in the future EU Forest Strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 d. Calls on the Commission to propose an overarching legislation on the ecological status of the EU ecosystems, including all forests, and to set up a target of 30% of EU protected forest with a favourable ecological status in 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Stresses the crucial importance of the CAP and forestry measures in implementing the EU Forest Strategy; encourages the continuity of forestry measures under the 2021-2027 CAP; highlights the need for other easily accessible, well-coordinated and relevant EU funding mechanisms;

Amendment

21. Stresses the crucial importance of the CAP and forestry measures in implementing the EU Forest Strategy **but notes the low number of member states making use of these measures**; encourages the continuity of forestry measures under the 2021-2027 CAP, **with a particular focus on supporting the transition to more sustainable practices fostering biodiversity like continuous cover and close-to-nature management practices**; highlights the need for other easily accessible, well-coordinated and relevant EU funding mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Highlights the value and the potential of newly established and traditional extensive agroforestry systems for agricultural production, diversification, including for the purpose of bioeconomy, carbon sequestration, prevention of desertification and potential to decrease pressure on forest ecosystems; regrets that the Common Agricultural Policy did not allow for the maintenance of existing agroforestry systems; notes with concern the current large-scale die-off of iconic Mediterranean high-nature value agroforestry system and urgently calls for change of the rules in order to facilitate regeneration and restoration of existing agroforestry systems, and establishment of new ones; calls on the

Commission to coordinate the EU Forest Strategy with the Farm to Fork Strategy in order to achieve these goals;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Highlights the fact that global deforestation and forest degradation are serious problems; points out that policy initiatives should be developed to tackle issues outside the EU, with a focus on the tropics and the drivers of unsustainable practices in forests from outside the sector; stresses the need to **foster the implementation of** the EU Timber Regulation and the FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) action plan in order to **prevent** the entry of illegally sourced wood into the EU market;

Amendment

23. Highlights the fact that global deforestation and forest degradation are serious problems; points out that policy initiatives should be developed to tackle issues outside the EU, with a focus on the tropics and the drivers of unsustainable practices in forests from outside the sector; stresses the need to **review** the EU Timber Regulation and the FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) action plan in order to **allow a better prevention of** the entry of illegally sourced wood into the EU market; **calls on the Commission to propose a new transversal legislation on mandatory due diligence requirements to ensure that global supply chains and financial flows only support legal, sustainable and deforestation-free production and do not result in human rights violation;**

Or. en

Amendment 47

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. *Expresses concern regarding illegal logging in the EU, recognises that almost all primary old growth forest has been lost; recognises that not only are forests at threat, but that there has been violence towards forest rangers in connection with illegal logging; urges the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action on these issues through close monitoring and through the enforcement of existing EU laws and introduction of new measures to prevent illegal logging, to hold those responsible to account, and to end the oppression of rangers and other nature defenders;*

Or. en

Amendment 48

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 b. *Highlights the need for training and information sharing to support the transition to a sustainable forest management; calls on the Commission to support vocational training of forests workers and managers, as well as efficient and extensive advisory services;*

Or. en

Amendment 49

Anna Deparnay-Grunenberg

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Stresses the need to develop an EU-wide Forest Information System for Europe under the shared responsibility of all of the relevant Commission Directorates-General; stresses the ***importance of science-based, balanced information with socio-economic indicators for the development of any forest-related EU policy***;

Amendment

24. Stresses the need to develop an EU-wide Forest Information System for Europe under the shared responsibility of all of the relevant Commission Directorates-General; stresses the ***need for Member States to provide detailed and consistent reported data under FISE; stresses the need for accurate, easy to aggregate data on EU forests, backed by remote sensing technologies; highlights the need for an accurate mapping of EU old-growth and untouched forests***;

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25. Calls on the Commission's Standing Forestry Committee to give the Member States a central role in the preparation and implementation of the post-2020 EU Forest Strategy; ***stresses the importance of the parallel involvement of relevant stakeholders in the Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry and Cork***; urges the Commission to involve Parliament in the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy on an annual basis;

Amendment

25. Calls on the Commission's Standing Forestry Committee to give the Member States ***and relevant stakeholders represented in the Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry and Cork and in the CGBN sub-working group on Nature and Forest*** a central role in the preparation and implementation of the post-2020 EU Forest Strategy; urges the Commission to involve Parliament in the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy on an annual basis;

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