FOREST PARTNERSHIP

Launch Event

DAY 1 | PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS DAY

13 October 2026

Helsinki Congress Paasitorni

FOREST Partnership

09:00–09:35

Opening & Purpose

HOST WELCOME

Sari Essayah — Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Pekka Pesonen — Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

OPENING WORDS (ONLINE)

Henri Delanghe — Head of Research and Innovation Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Roland Brandenburg — Coordinator, ERA-LEARN

PURPOSES OF THE DAY

Mika Kallio — Coordinator, FOREST Partnership

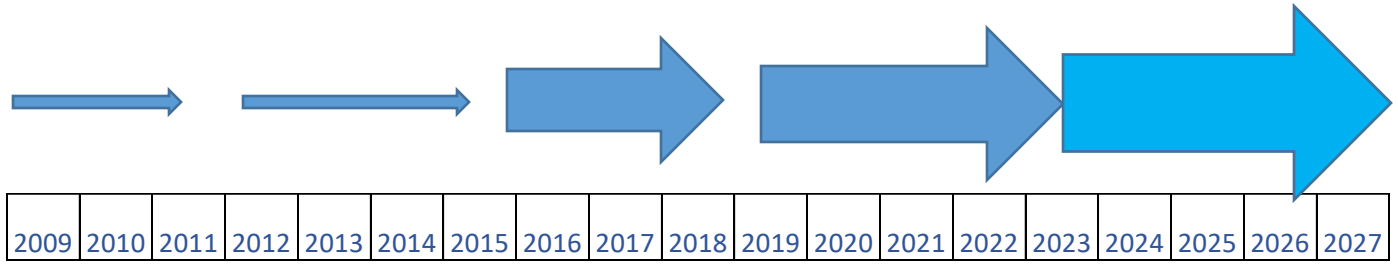
ERA-LEARN support for Co-Funded European Partnerships

Roland Brandenburg, ERA-LEARN

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ERA-LEARN: service provider & facilitator

- consortium of funding organisations and analysts
- providing support & guidance to the community since 2009
- current phase July 2023 - June 2027
- supporting the European Partnerships under Horizon Europe





ERA-LEARN reaches out to all stakeholders:

- Policy level
- Networks
- Funding organisations
- Researchers

Central information hub: the ERA-LEARN portal



Find information on European Partnerships!
https://www.era-learn.eu

- **Partnerships in a nutshell**
  - Types & portfolio, selection criteria
  - FP10
- **Explore Partnerships**
  - networks
  - calls
- **Support for Partnerships**
  - Governance & financial administration
  - Joint calls
  - Additional activities
- **Documents**
  - guiding material
  - reports
  - event documents
- **News & events**
- **Help Center**

Tools especially valuable for co-funded European Partnerships

Ref. preparation, implementation, governance, call management, financial management, additional activities…

- ERA-LEARN Partnership Database
- Joint Calls Database / Calendar
- Call Management Manual + Templates
- Model Consortium Agreement for Co-funded Partnerships
- Project Data Collection Templates
- RIPE Toolkit
- Monitoring & Impact Assessment Guidelines/Tools
- Good-Practice-/Guidance-collection
- Help Center
- Trainings, Workshops and Events (incl. Proceedings, ppt and Q&A)
- Newsletter / LinkedIn

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Partnership network database: all types of Partnerships

- all Partnerships from all framework programmes
- timeline with predecessors
- filter by type, country, ..
- participations of individual organisations
- call calendar: joint calls launched by Partnerships

Search table ...

NAME	START DATE	END DATE	FUNDING FRAMEWORK	PARTNERSHIP FORMAT	COUNTRIES	COORDINATOR
Agriculture of Data Agriculture of data	01/10/2025	30/09/2032	Horizon Europe	Co-funded Partnership	23	Pending
AGROECOLOGY Accelerating farming systems transition: Agroecology living labs and research infrastructures	01/01/2024	31/12/2030	Horizon Europe	Co-funded Partnership	26	PTJ/FZJ
BE READY NOW BE READY NOW - EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS	01/01/2026	31/12/2032	Horizon Europe	Co-funded Partnership	27	ANRS
Biodiversa-plus The European Biodiversity	01/10/2021	30/09/2028	Horizon Europe	Co-funded Partnership	38	FRB

Filter Partnerships

Countries participating

Select countries

Organisation participating

Select organisation

Internationalisation

- Show participation of associated countries
- Show participation of third countries

Partnership format

Co-funded Partnership

Joint Calls Calendar

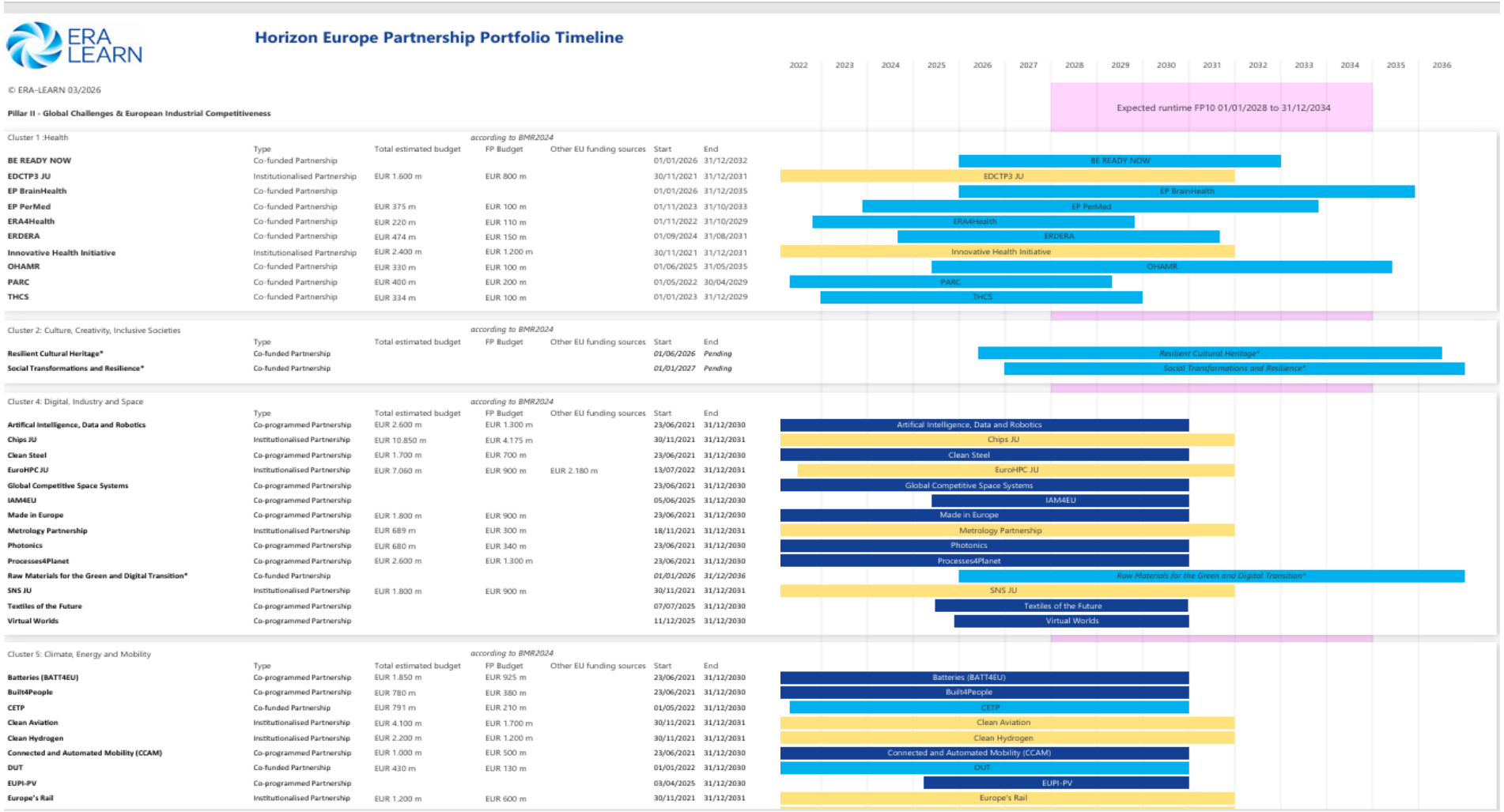
Please note: The database of joint calls and funded projects is depending on data received by the networks.
Please contact us to display your calls: office(at)era-learn.eu, or **submit your own call**

Pre-proposal submission *Full-proposal submission* *Open for proposal* *Evaluation period*

Previous 3 months / Today / Next 3 months

Joint Call title	2026 Aug	2026 Sep	2026 Oct	2026 Nov	2026 Dec	2027 Jan	2027 Feb	2027 Mar	2027 Apr	2027 May	2027 Jun	2027 Jul
AGROECOLOGY Fostering plant and animal genetic diversity and empowering ...												
Agriculture of Data EU-wide data-driven solutions to real problems												
BE READY NOW Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2026												
Batteries (BATT4EU) BATT4U Call 03-2026 (Batteries and Energy)												
Biodiversa-plus Novel ecosystems: biodiversity, socio-ecological consequence...												
CETP CETP Joint Call 2026												
Circular Bio-based Europe CBE JU 2026												
DUT DUT Call 2026												
ERA4Health Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity												
ERA4Health Trials4Health: "Multi-country Investigator-Initiated Clinica...												

Horizon Europe Partnerships: timeline



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Horizon Europe Partnership Portfolio Timeline

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Pillar II - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness

Expected runtime FP10 01/01/2028 to 31/12/2034

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036

Cluster 1 :Health — *according to BMR2024*

	Type	Total estimated budget	FP Budget	Other EU funding sources	Start	End
BE READY NOW	Co-funded Partnership				01/01/2026	31/12/2032
EDCTP3 JU	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 1.600 m	EUR 800 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
EP BrainHealth	Co-funded Partnership				01/01/2026	31/12/2035
EP PerMed	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 375 m	EUR 100 m		01/11/2023	31/10/2033
ERA4Health	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 220 m	EUR 110 m		01/11/2022	31/10/2029
ERDERA	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 474 m	EUR 150 m		01/09/2024	31/08/2031
Innovative Health Initiative	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 2.400 m	EUR 1.200 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
OHAMR	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 330 m	EUR 100 m		01/06/2025	31/05/2035
PARC	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 400 m	EUR 200 m		01/05/2022	30/04/2029
THCS	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 334 m	EUR 100 m		01/01/2023	31/12/2029

Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity, Inclusive Societies — *according to BMR2024*

	Type	Total estimated budget	FP Budget	Other EU funding sources	Start	End
Resilient Cultural Heritage*	Co-funded Partnership				*01/06/2026*	*Pending*
Social Transformations and Resilience*	Co-funded Partnership				*01/01/2027*	*Pending*

Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space — *according to BMR2024*

	Type	Total estimated budget	FP Budget	Other EU funding sources	Start	End
Artifical Intelligence, Data and Robotics	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 2.600 m	EUR 1.300 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
Chips JU	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 10.850 m	EUR 4.175 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
Clean Steel	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 1.700 m	EUR 700 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
EuroHPC JU	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 7.060 m	EUR 900 m	EUR 2.180 m	13/07/2022	31/12/2031
Global Competitive Space Systems	Co-programmed Partnership				23/06/2021	31/12/2030
IAM4EU	Co-programmed Partnership				05/06/2025	31/12/2030
Made in Europe	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 1.800 m	EUR 900 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
Metrology Partnership	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 689 m	EUR 300 m		18/11/2021	31/12/2031
Photonics	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 680 m	EUR 340 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
Processes4Planet	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 2.600 m	EUR 1.300 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition*	Co-funded Partnership				*01/01/2026*	*31/12/2036*
SNS JU	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 1.800 m	EUR 900 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
Textiles of the Future	Co-programmed Partnership				07/07/2025	31/12/2030
Virtual Worlds	Co-programmed Partnership				11/12/2025	31/12/2030

Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility — *according to BMR2024*

	Type	Total estimated budget	FP Budget	Other EU funding sources	Start	End
Batteries (BATT4EU)	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 1.850 m	EUR 925 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
Built4People	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 780 m	EUR 380 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
CETP	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 791 m	EUR 210 m		01/05/2022	31/12/2030
Clean Aviation	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 4.100 m	EUR 1.700 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
Clean Hydrogen	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 2.200 m	EUR 1.200 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031
Connected and Automated Mobility (CCAM)	Co-programmed Partnership	EUR 1.000 m	EUR 500 m		23/06/2021	31/12/2030
DUT	Co-funded Partnership	EUR 430 m	EUR 130 m		01/01/2022	31/12/2030
EUPI-PV	Co-programmed Partnership				03/04/2025	31/12/2030
Europe's Rail	Institutionalised Partnership	EUR 1.200 m	EUR 600 m		30/11/2021	31/12/2031

2026_03_24_Horizon Europe Partnership Portfolio Timeline

Supporting the practical implementation of Partnerships



Documents, facts & figures

- Guiding material
  - Co-funded Partnerships for Newcomers
- Country reports
- Activity reports
- Policy briefs
- external documents



ERA-LEARN: interaction with community

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- **Workshops/trainings/webinars on specific issues (co-organised with DG RTD)**
  - Webinar on Data Transfer for Eur.Partnerships (20 Jun 2025)
  - Workshop on Phasing-out Strategies (25 Sep 2025, 11 Feb 2026)
  - Training: Implementing co-funded PS (29-30 Sep 2025)
  - Looking ahead: Eur. Partnerships and Pathways to Sustainability (26 Feb 2026)
  - Implementing co-funded Partnerships: a webinar for newcomers (10 Sep 2026)

- **annual large events (co-organized with DG RTD)**
  - Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (15-16 Nov 2022)
  - Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (5-6 Dec 2023)
  - Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (4-5 Dec 2024)
  - Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (3 Dec 2025)
  - **Networking Event for Eur. Partnerships (18 Nov 2026)**





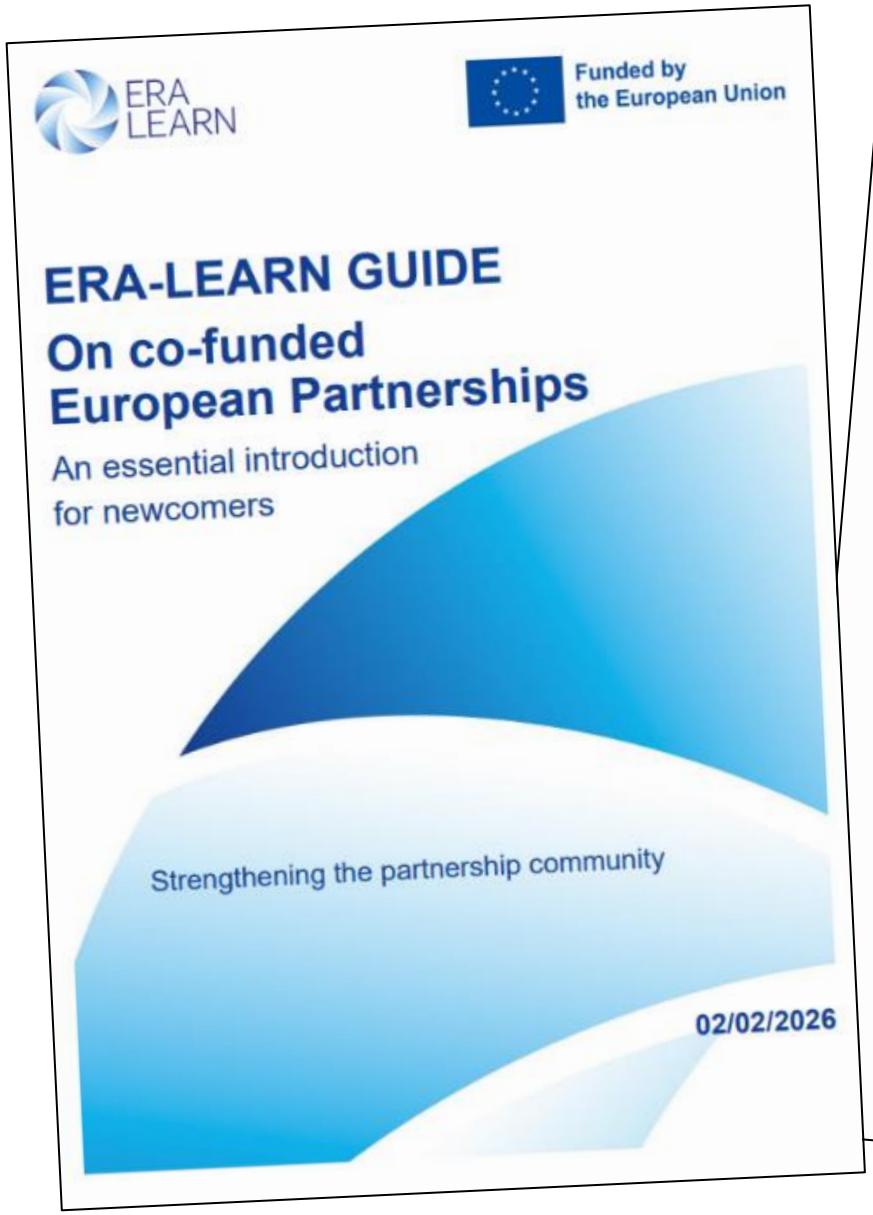
Co-funded Partnerships in Horizon Europe

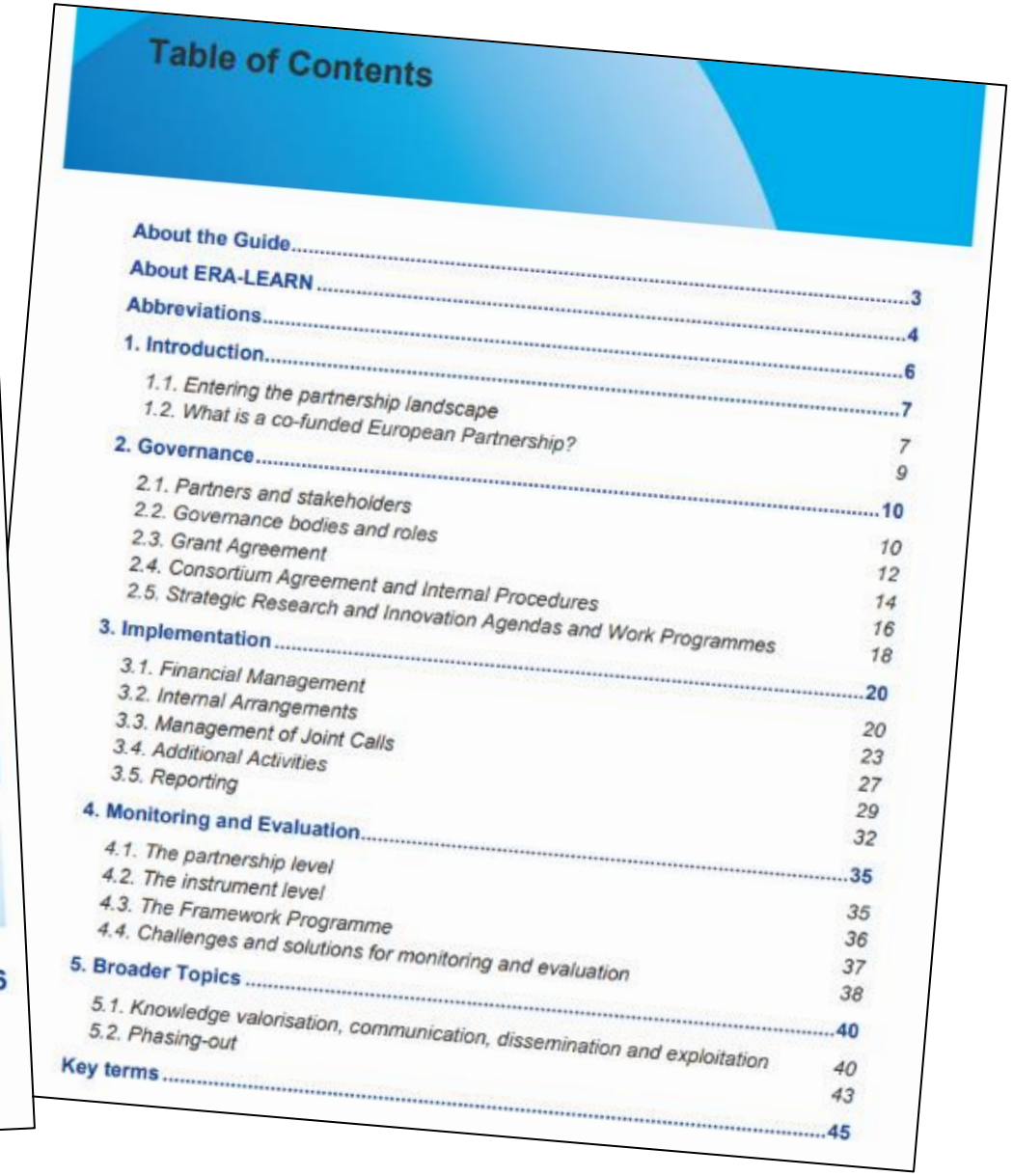
- Co-funded Partnerships implement a **joint work programme** agreed between the EC and the consortium which defines the planned activities
- Co-funded Partnerships receive **EU co-funding at a funding rate defined in the Grant Agreement** (typically 30%)
- the EU contribution is **generated by eligible costs** applying the **same cost categories as any other Horizon Europe action**
- Co-funded Partnerships **usually** implement **two types of activities** which generate eligible costs:
    - **calls for proposals** (with Financial Support to Third Parties)
    - **additional activities** (any activity that is distinct from the financial support to third parties ("joint calls"); with personnel costs, other costs etc.)
- **eligible costs have to be actually reported costs; estimated costs are not eligible.**
- EU co-funding is transferred from the EC to the coordinator, and then **distributed among the consortium members**
- the **distribution** of the EU contribution is **defined in the Consortium Agreement**

Co-funded Partnerships: internal arrangements for the practical implementation

- in the **Consortium Agreement** the consortium may define an **internal flexibility of funding rates** which deviates from the strict Horizon Europe funding rate and distribution, **depending on their respective needs**
- **Why: different types of activities** may benefit from different **funding rates**
    - coordination activities or activities carried out for the benefit of the whole partnership could receive a **higher funding rate** to cover e.g. personnel costs or higher costs of core partners
    - selection lists of joint calls could benefit from **a flexible distribution of EU co-funding to balance the requested funding and available national funding** to avoid gaps in the selection list; parts of the EU financial contribution could be used to **fill such gaps**
- **How:**
    - **higher (>30%) internal funding rates** e.g. for coordination and other project activities (e.g. increased workload provided by the call secretariat or task leaders for the benefit of the whole consortium)
    - **lower (<30%) internal funding rates** for the funding of trans-national research projects (cost category D1). This requires increased national contributions to still receive the EC contribution foreseen in the GA

ERA-LEARN Guide on co-funded European Partnerships (publ. 2/2026)





Joint Transnational Calls

Joint calls are a central activity for all co-funded partnerships. Conditions set out in the Grant Agreement (GA) should be met to ensure eligibility for EU co-funding.

Main call management rules:

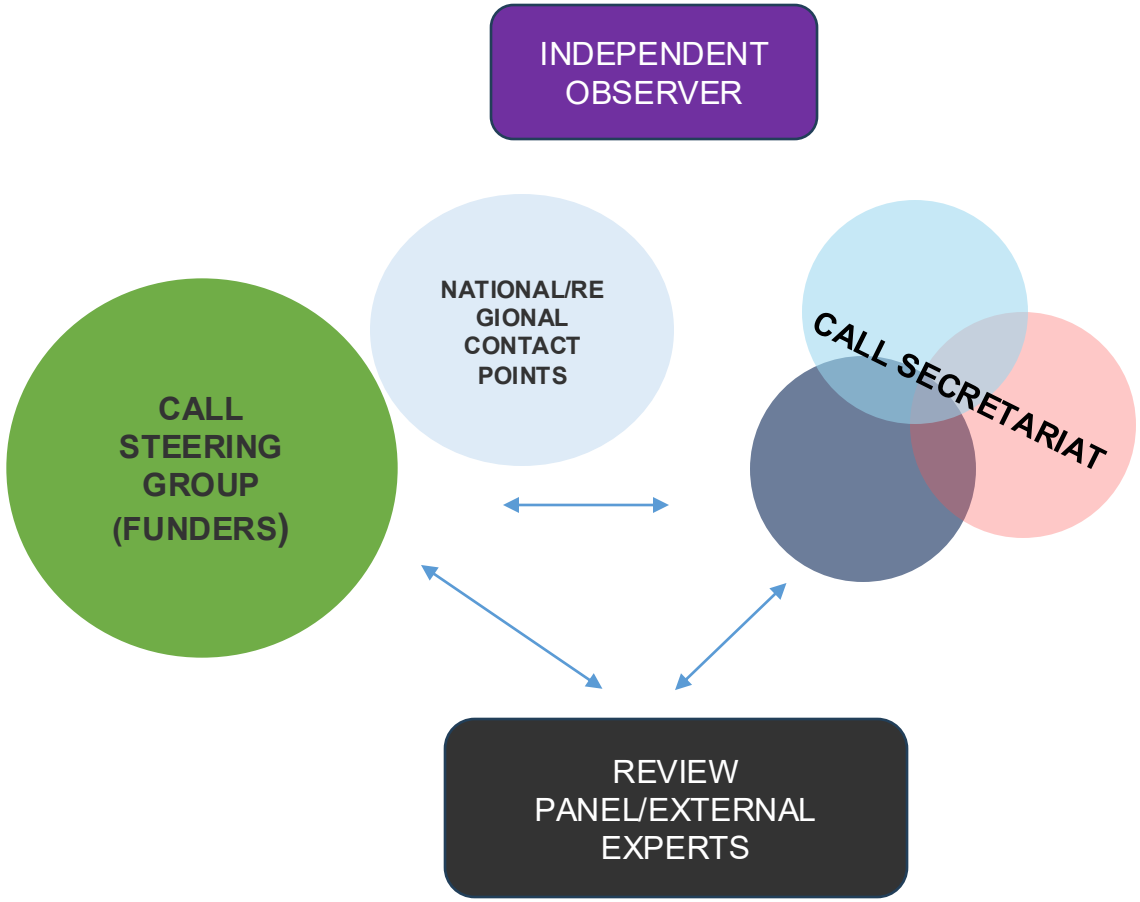
1. The call is published on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.
2. A firewall has to be in place if beneficiaries are also final recipients of EU funding.
3. Standard Horizon Europe award criteria must be applied for the evaluation.
4. Selection has to follow a two-step procedure.
5. Projects should be transnational, whether mono or multi-beneficiary.
6. An independent expert prepares an observer's report.
7. The selection must be based on the ranking list or multiple lists for different topics.

Call application, evaluation and selection process

2 step procedure!



Call preparation and governance



- **DOCUMENTS & TOOLS:**

- ❑ Call documentation (including description of the topic, general requirements and criteria, national/regional eligibility requirements, guidelines for applicants, information on management of funded projects)
- ❑ Procedures of the call
- ❑ Guidelines for reviewers
- ❑ Memorandum of Understanding
- ❑ Submission and evaluation system
- ❑ Partner search tools

Maximising the Outcomes of the Call

- Proposal Submission
- Align national budget allocations with the capacity and demand of the research community to minimise over-subscription
- Introduce mechanisms to address under-subscription after the pre-proposal stage, for example by allowing applicants from under-subscribed countries or regions to join consortia invited to submit full proposals
- Encourage funding agencies facing oversubscription to increase available budgets both after the pre-proposal stage and after the final ranking list of projects recommended for funding

- Call Financial Management
- Ensure that top-up funding is distributed using a balanced approach that combines juste retour principles with gap-filling

- Proposal Selection
- Incorporate selection criteria that encourage participation from countries and regions with available funding, including Widening countries where relevant
- Consider budget negotiations with consortia of funded projects

Additional activities

Additional activities are activities undertaken by the partnership beyond the implementation of joint calls, aimed at supporting the achievement of its strategic objectives and generating added value at European level

Examples:

- networking and community-building;
- workshops, conferences and seminars;
- training and capacity-building;
- knowledge dissemination and uptake;
- policy support and coordination;
- development of standards, methodologies or tools;
- monitoring and evaluation;
- cooperation with other European Partnerships and EU initiatives.

Lessons learned

- all beneficiaries must be **familiar with Horizon Europe reporting rules** (e.g. time sheets for personnel costs, …) , especially newcomers!
- all costs must be **eligible and correctly reported** in the EU portal
- any internal rules should be as **simple as possible** and **clearly described** in the Consortium Agreement
- any internal rules should fit the **scope and activities** of the particular Partnership
- costs reported under category D1 are the **total amounts transferred** to the selected transnational projects
- a **mixed funding mode** is recommended for joint calls to cover funding gaps - avoid agencies running out of money and blocking the ranking list, avoid a reduced EC contribution
- consortia should **monitor closely** their actual costs to see early if a detrimental situation appears
- foresee a reserve fund for **unexpected situations**

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Support & guidance:

https://www.era-learn.eu/support-for-partnerships

Guide on co-funded European Partnerships: an essential introduction for newcomers

Partnerships in a nutshell: HE partnership portfolio

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The FOREST Partnership in Practice

THE BASICS OF FOREST

Alex Giurca — EUFORE Project

Tony Quinn — FOREST Partnership

ACTIVITIES OF THE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

WP1 & WP8 — Management, Strategic Orientation and Ethics · Mika Kallio

WP2 — Horizon Scanning and SRIA Updates · Tony Quinn

WP3 — Research & Innovation Calls · Carina Lemke

WP4 — Additional Activities · Stefanie Pietsch

WP5 — Global Dimension · Georg Rappold

WP6 — Communication, Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement · Clémence Dirac

WP7 — Exploitation · Isabelle Hippolyte

FOREST Partnership

European Partnership for FOrests, forestry, and the forest-based sector: REsearch and innovation for a Sustainable Transition

The Basics of FOREST

- Alex Giurca, EUFORE Project
- Tony Quinn, FOREST Partnership

Event name: Kick-off Helsinki

Date: 15. October 2026

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European Partnership: A strategic approach to EU R&I

FOREST Partnership

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1. What do European Partnerships do? Align strategic priorities, pool investment and expertise, and address shared challenges through coordinated research and innovation.
2. Where does FOREST sit? Within Horizon Europe, under Pillar II, Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.
3. Who is in its wider family? Other European Partnerships addressing agriculture, biodiversity, water, the bioeconomy and related environmental challenges.

Horizon Europe: Pillar II

Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness

Cluster 6

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

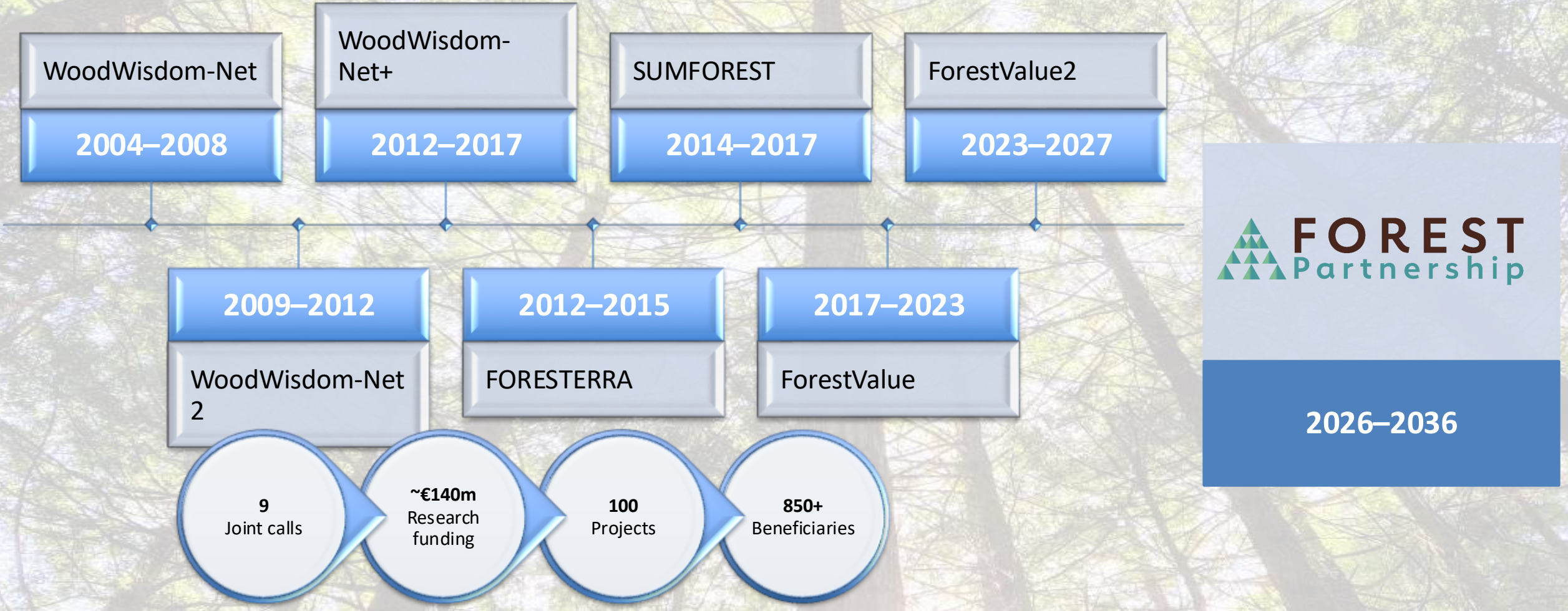
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Co-funded European Partnership 2026-2036

More than 20 years of European cooperation

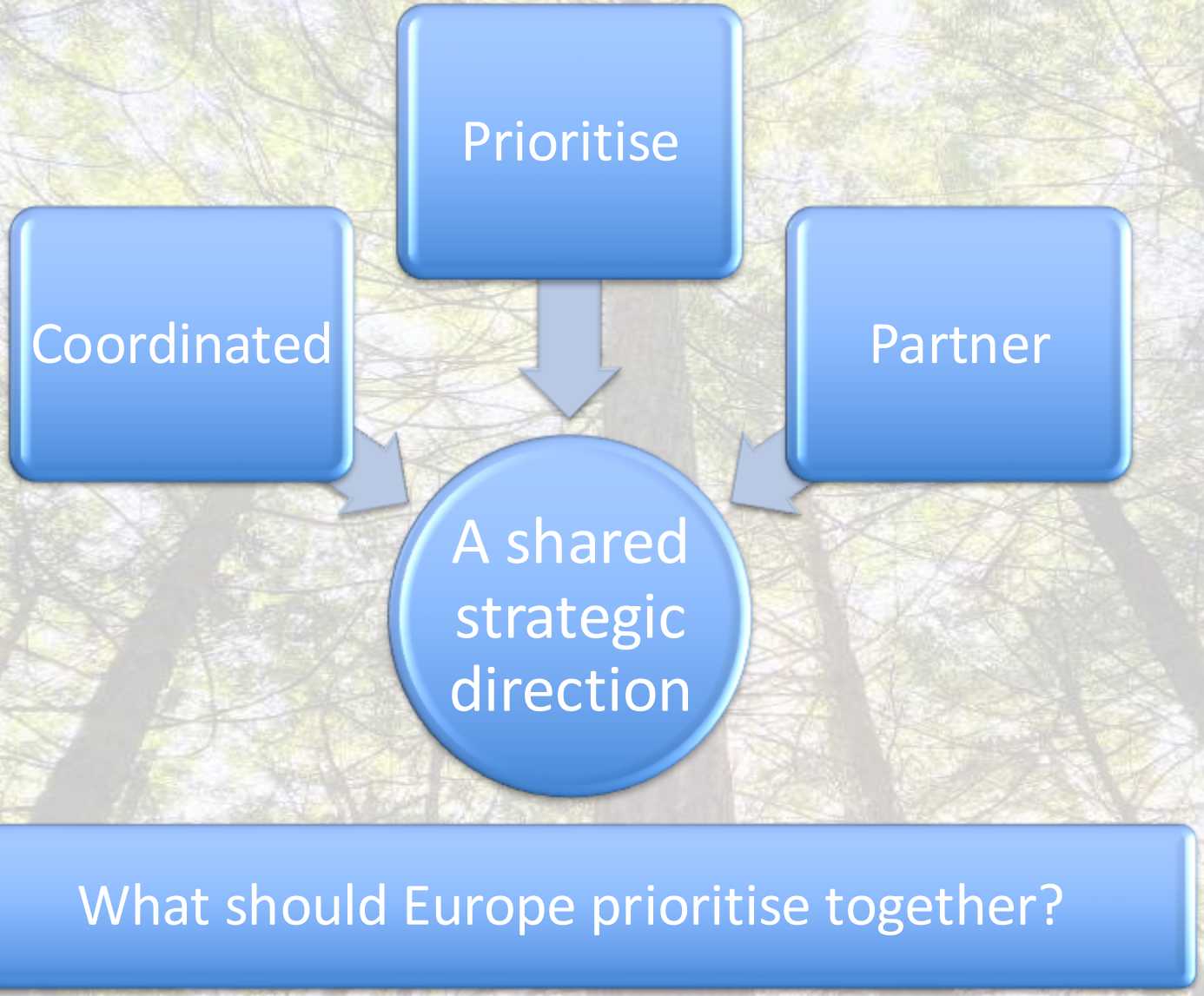
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The instruments changed. The cooperation continued.

From cooperation to Partnership



EUROPEAN FOREST RESEARCH & INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM (EUFORE)

Alex Giurca
EUFORE Coordinator

FOREST Partnership Launch Event, 13 October 2026, Helsinki

EFI

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European Forest Research and Innovation Ecosystem

EUFORE

a Stakeholder Engagement Hub

a strategic **R&I agenda —SRIA— and roadmap**

a basis for a European Partnership on Forests and Forestry

Connecting knowledge and action

Reviews of **European R&I activity, funding and governance**

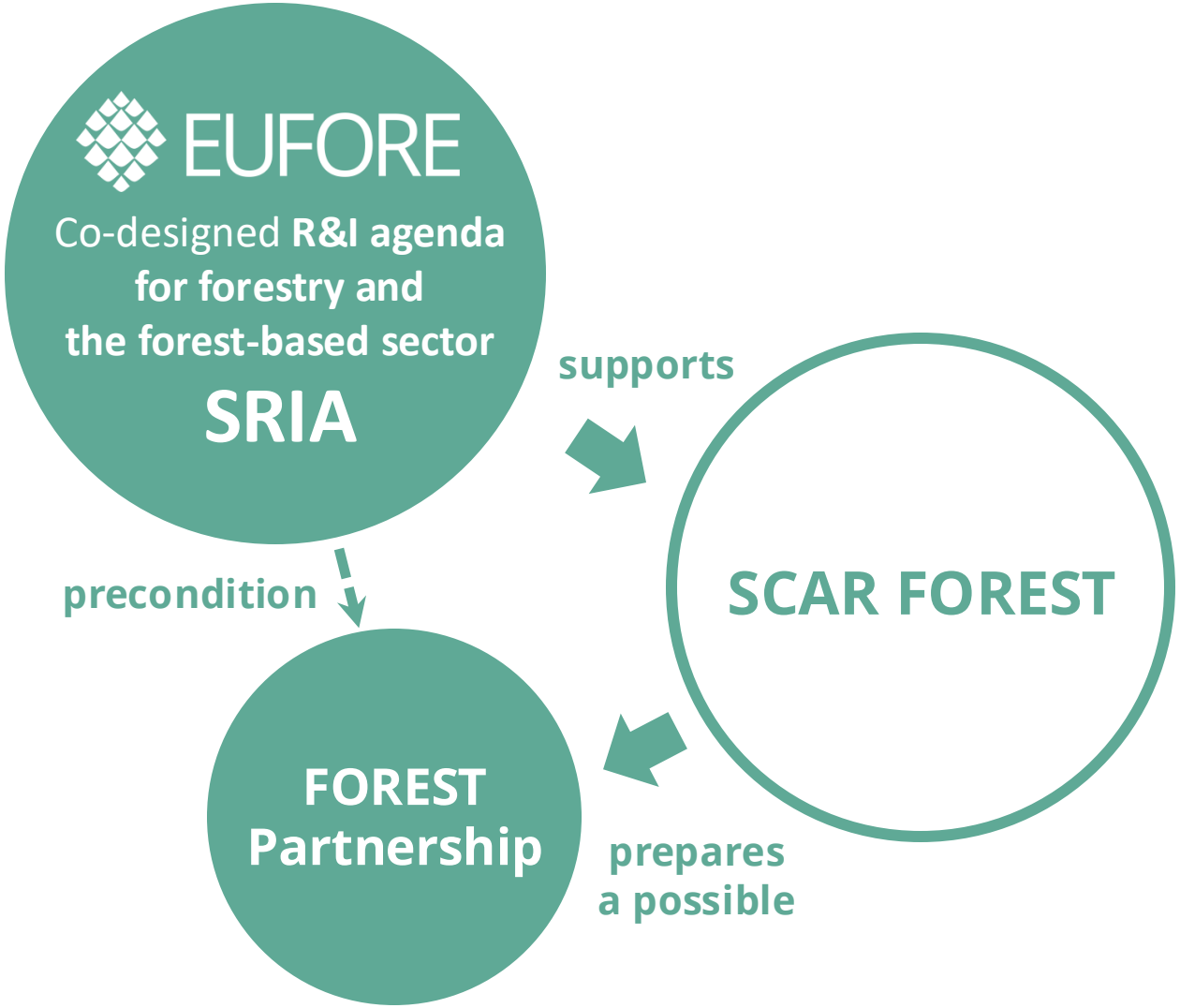
EU-wide surveys of societal expectations

Policy framework analysis

Foresight analysis of **the sector development**

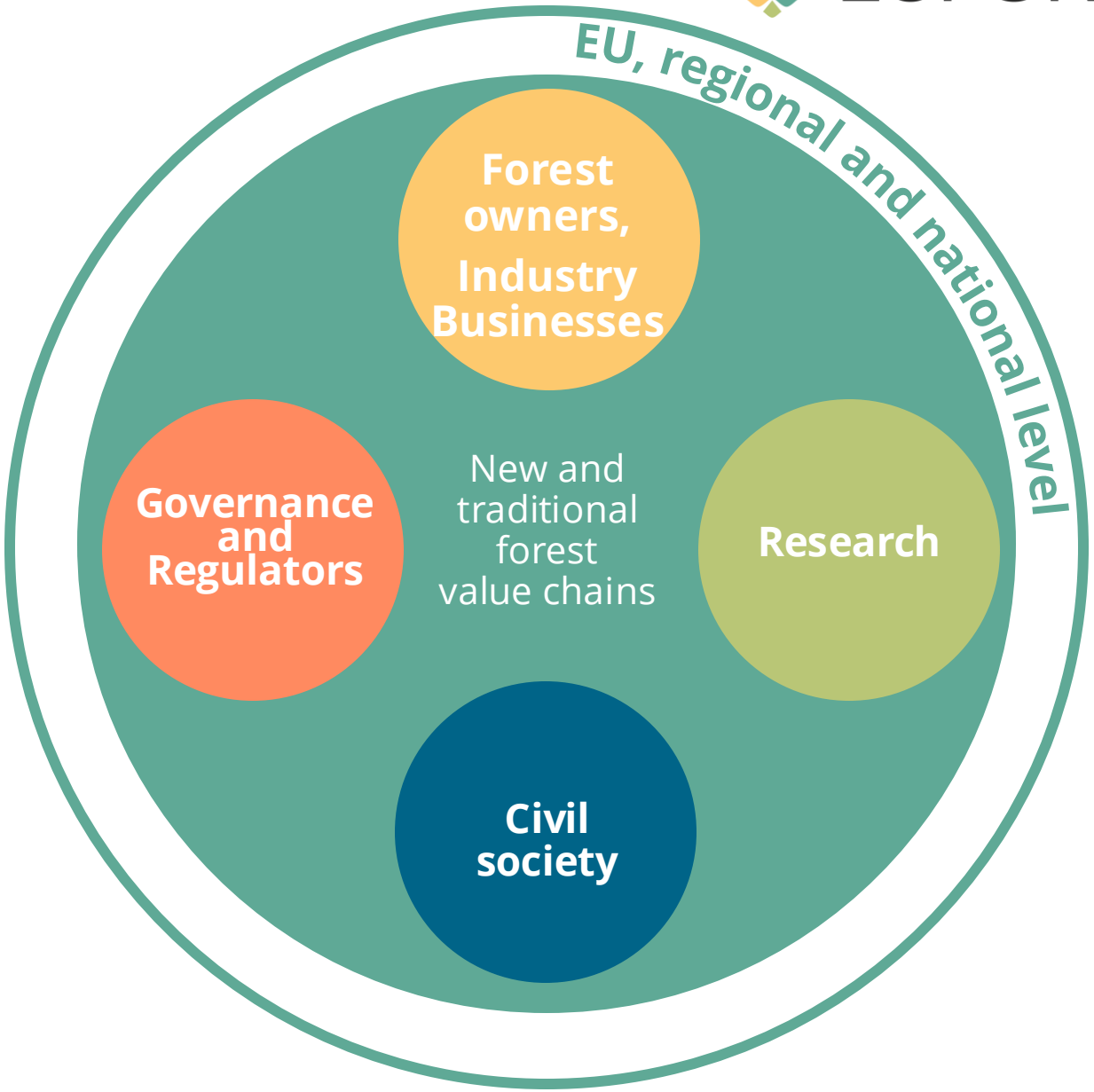
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EUFORE's contribution to the Partnership

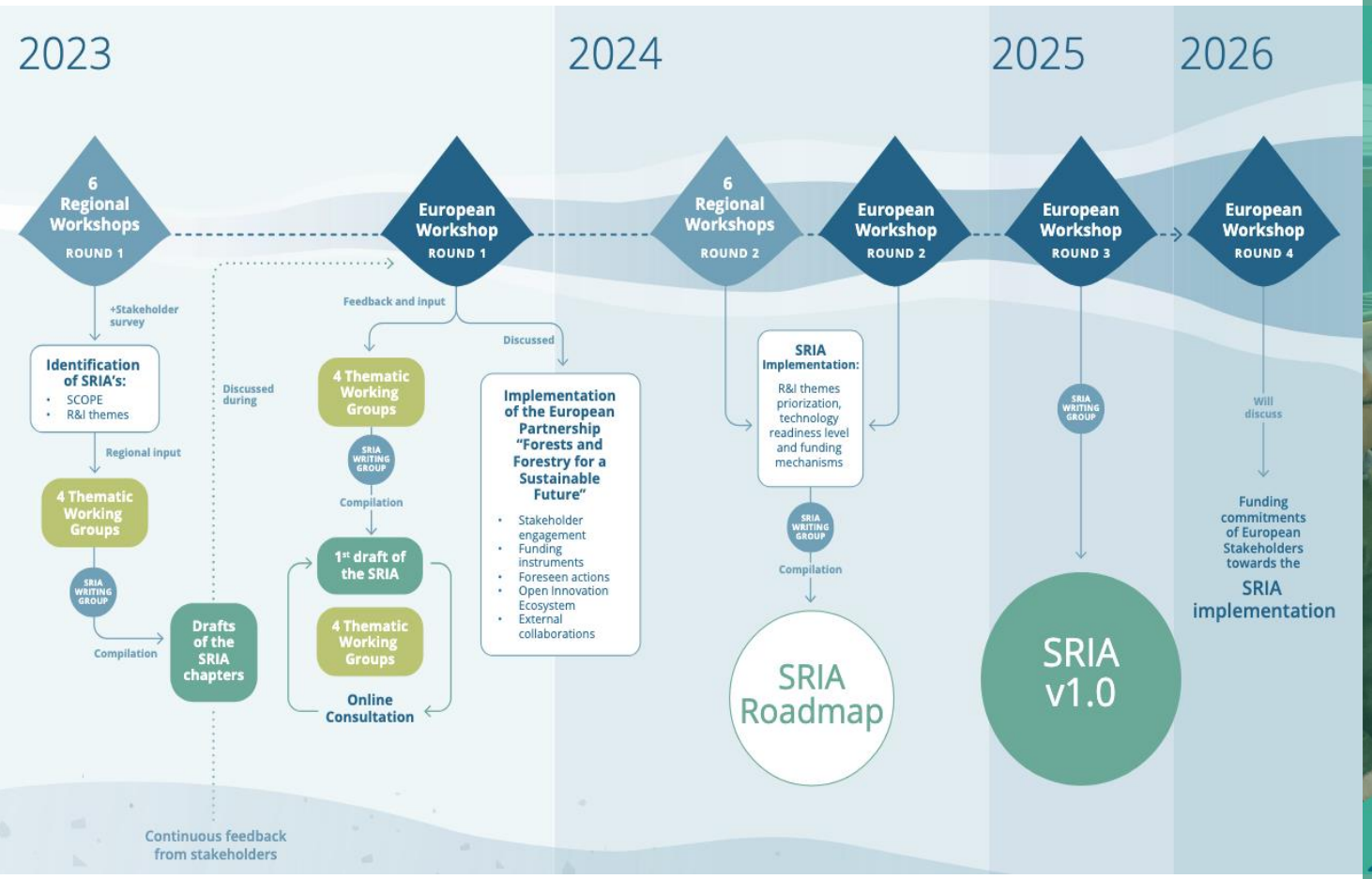


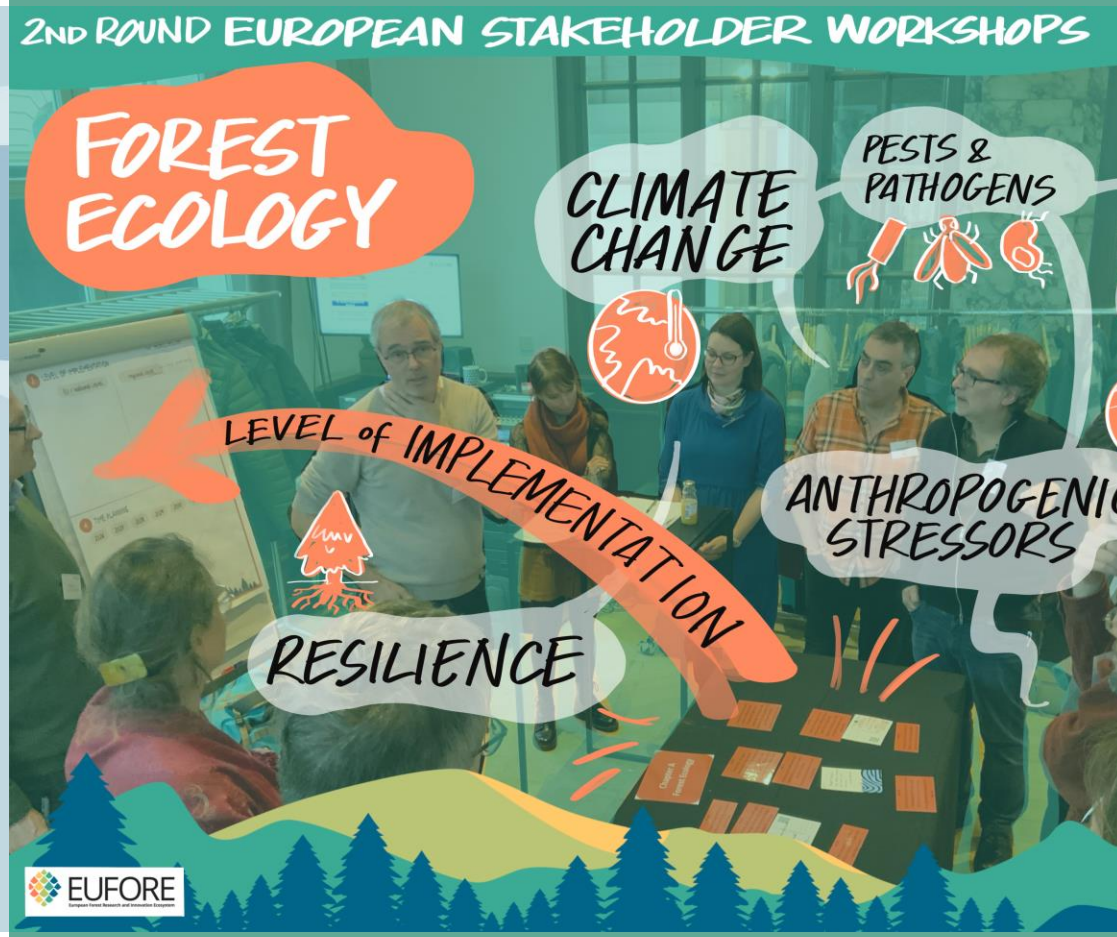
Involving stakeholders across Europe

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The co-creation process





The EUFORE Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA)

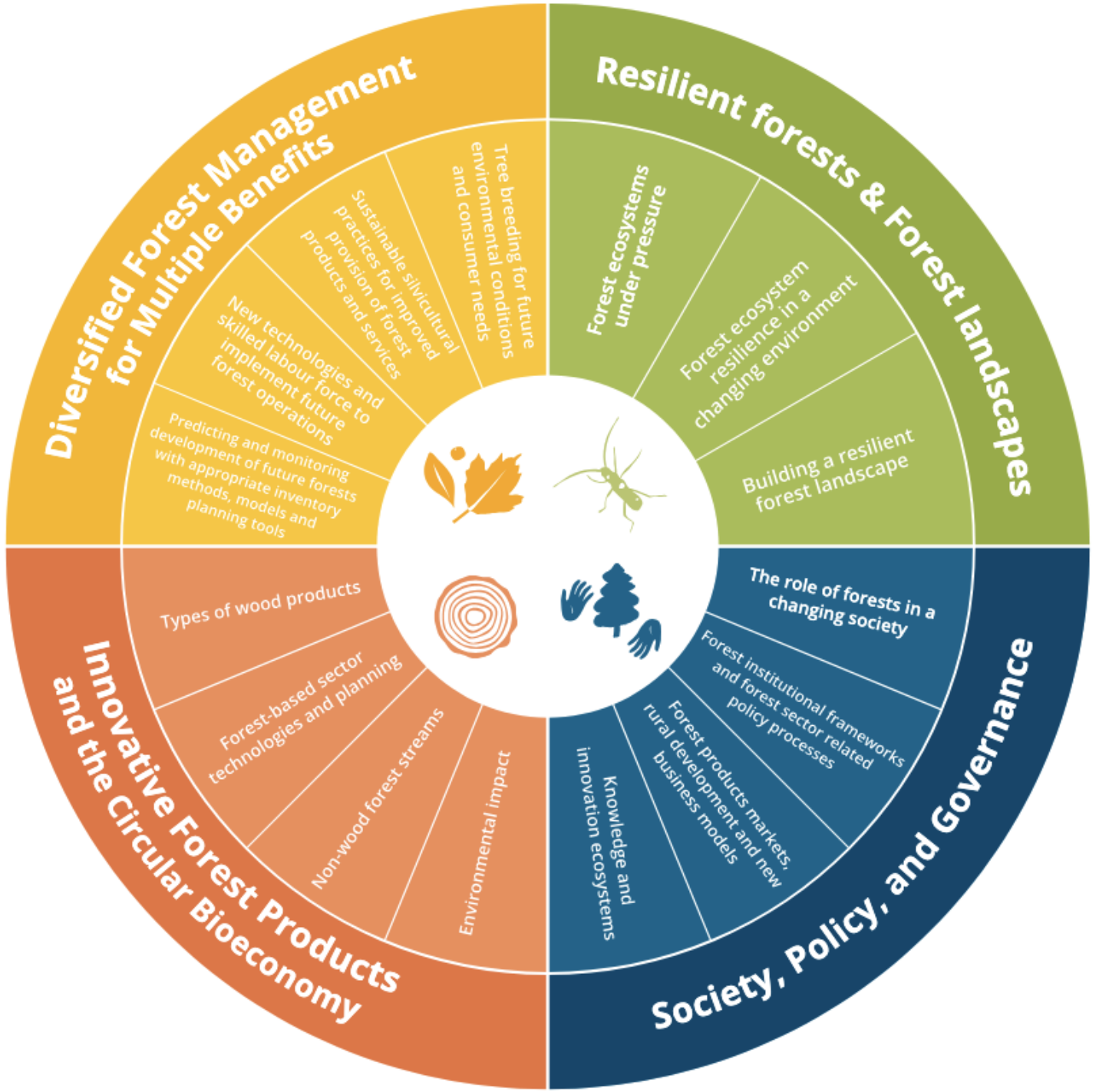
- **First of its kind:** breadth + depth of engagement
- Stakeholder survey → 6 regional workshops → 4 Thematic Working Groups → Online consultation (160+ stakeholders) → European workshops → Writing Group & alignment (SCAR/EC)
- **6** regions • **4** TWGs • **2000+** ideas • **160+** commenters
- **30 pages**





One agenda, four lenses, a strategic compass:

A) **Resilient Forests & Landscapes**
B) **Diversified Forest Management**
C) **Innovative Forest Products & Circular Bioeconomy**
D) **Society, Policy & Governance**



Theme A — Resilient forests & landscapes

A1: Forest ecosystems under pressure

A2: Forest ecosystem resilience in a changing environment

A3: Building a resilient forest landscape

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Climate Change Biodiversity

Genetic Diversity

Resilience Carbon Sequestration

Forest Reserves

Functional Diversity

Landscape

Disturbances

Monitoring Biotic/Abiotic Stress

Conservation Restoration

Degradation

Connectivity

Ecosystem Services

Mitigation Adaptation

Theme B — Diversified management for multiple benefits

B1: Tree breeding for future environmental conditions and consumer needs

B2: Sustainable silvicultural practices for improved provision of forest products and services

B3: New technologies and skilled labour force to implement future forest operations

B4: Predicting and monitoring development of future forests with appropriate inventory methods, models and planning tools

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Artificial Intelligence

Breeding

Carbon sequestration

Climate Change

Forest Genetic Resources (FGR)

Forest ownership

Machine Learning

Multi-Functionality

Natural hazards

Provision of ecosystem sevices

Remote sensing

Theme C — Innovative products & circular bioeconomy

C1: Types of wood products

C2: Forest-based sector technologies and planning

C3: Non-wood forest streams

C4: Environmental and social impact

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Fibres Construction products Chemicals
Eco-friendly packaging

High-value innovative wood products and services

Regulations
Value Chains
Industrial processes

Environmental impact

Theme D — Society, policy & governance

D1: The role of forests in a changing society

D2: Forest institutional frameworks and forest sector-related policy processes

D3: Forest products markets, rural development and new business models

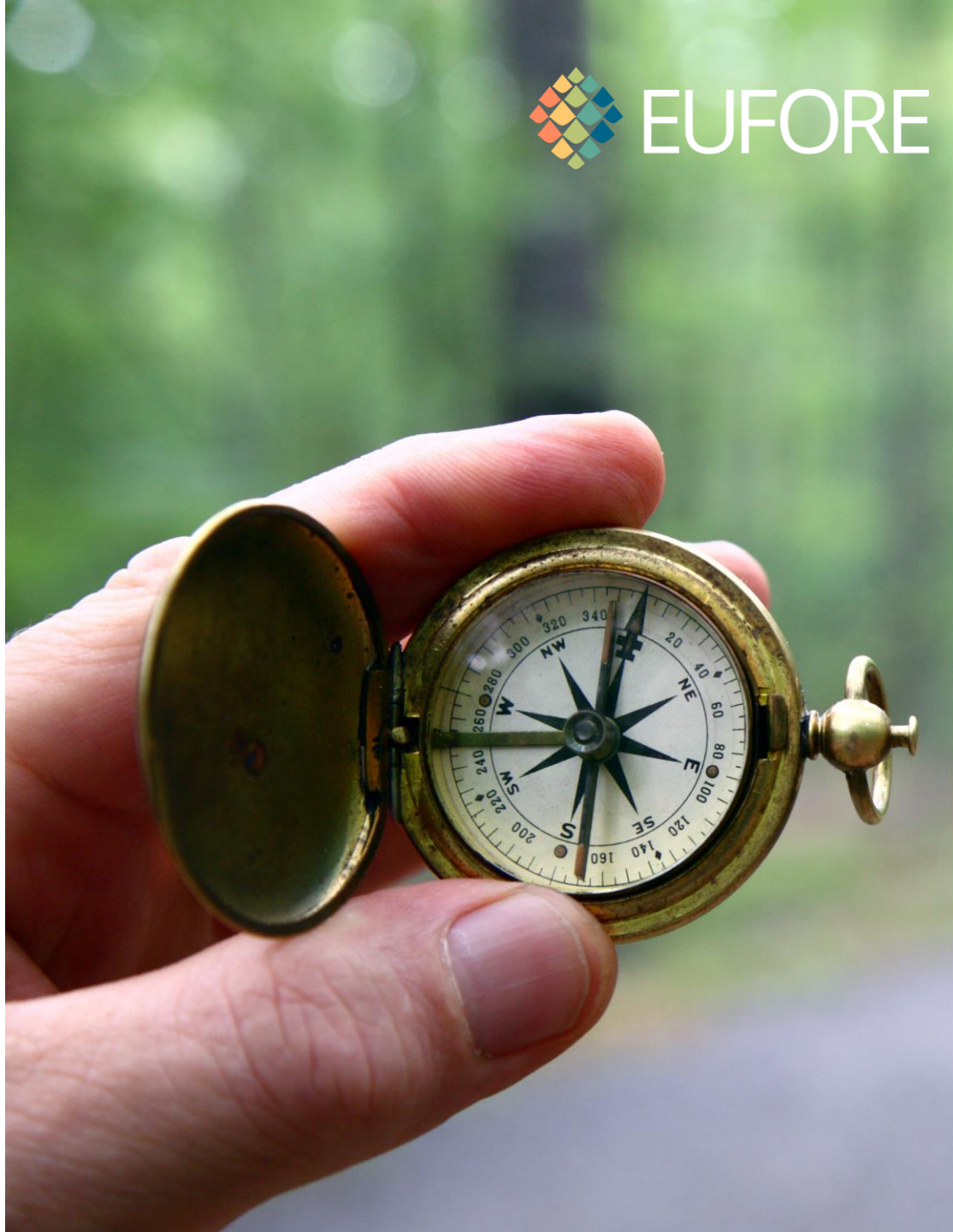
D4: Knowledge and innovation ecosystems



Own the agenda

Use it. Shape it. Implement it.

This SRIA is a strategic compass—your projects and partnerships make it real.



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European Forest Research and Innovation Ecosystem

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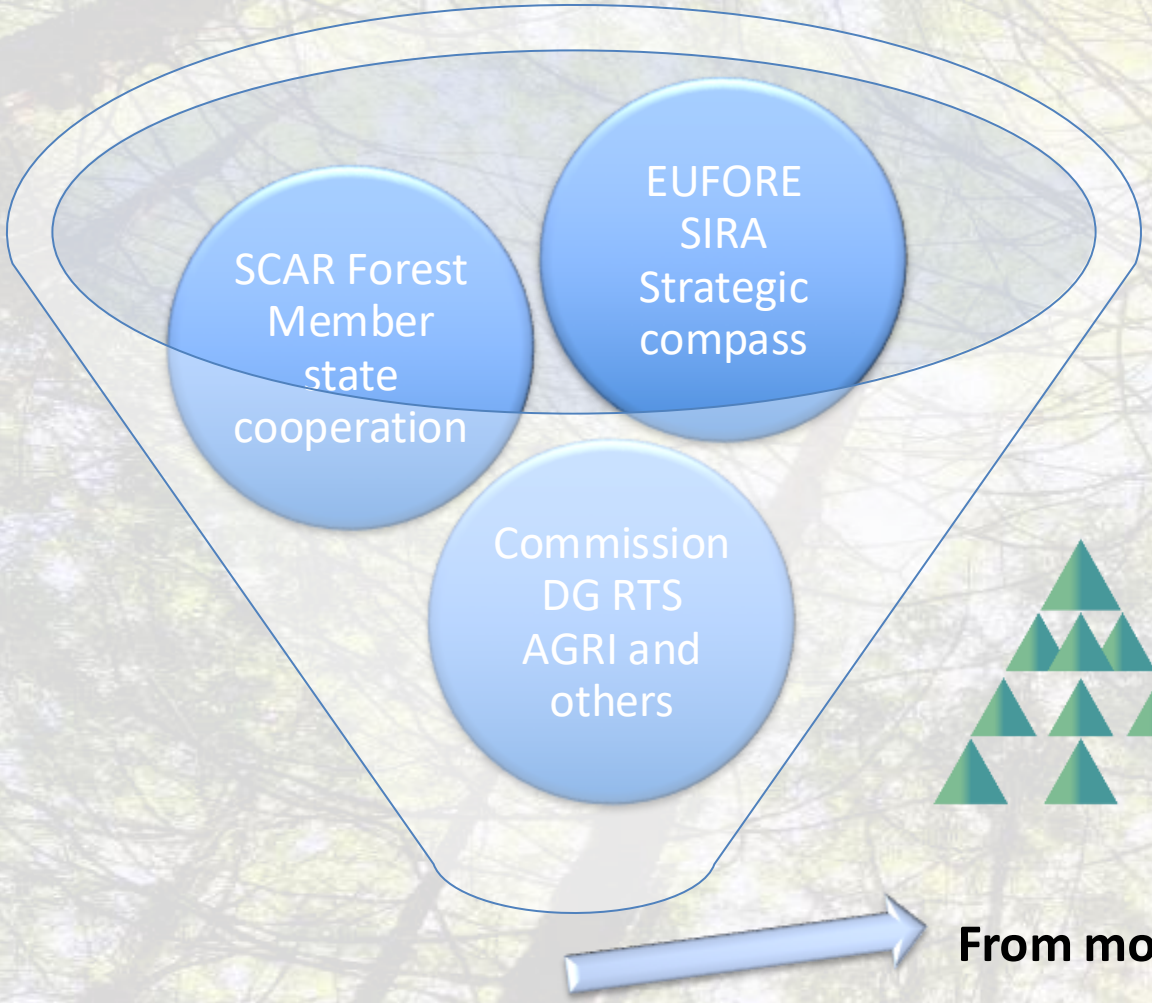
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From cooperation to Partnership



From more than 20 years of cooperation to a 10 year partnership

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Strategic Value (2026–2036)

- **Long-term stability**
- **Reduced duplication**
- **Pooled national budgets and EU Cofund**
- **Improved monitoring coherence**
- **Stronger European leadership**



How the Work Packages Interconnect

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Outward Connections WP5 (International & Policy Interface)

Links FOREST to UNFCCC, CBD, SDGs; brings global insights back into WP2

Cross-cutting WP6 (Stakeholder Engagement & Communication)

Runs across all WPs, ensuring participation, dissemination, and uptake

Value Adders WP4 (Additional Activities)

Living Labs, monitoring, infrastructures, training new scientists; provides data and testbeds to support WP2, WP3, WP7

Core Engine WP1 (Governance & Coordination)

– central hub, keeps everything aligned

Foresight & SRIA WP2 ↔ Joint Calls WP3

– foresight informs calls; calls feed results back into foresight

Legacy & Uptake WP7 (Impact, Exploitation & Communities of Practice)

Clusters results, builds communities, ensures outputs live beyond 2036

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What is FOREST?

- Horizon Europe Co-funded Partnership (2026–2036).
- 100 organisations across 28 countries.
- 7 joint calls, 200–250 projects, ~400 stakeholders.
- Builds on WoodWisdom-Net, SUMFOREST, FORESTERRA, ForestValue, EUFORE.
- Aim: resilient forests, circular bioeconomy, biodiversity, innovation.

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Activities of the FOREST Partnership

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Management, Strategic Orientation and Ethics (WP1 & WP8)

Mika Kallio (MMM, FI)

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Enabling the Partnership to deliver

These work packages (WP1 and WP8) create the conditions for meaningful results for Europe's forests and forest-based sector.

WP1

MANAGEMENT

Effective, inclusive cooperation

WP1

STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

Relevant priorities that can evolve

WP8

ETHICS

Transparency, integrity and trust

Our task is to make cooperation work - and keep the Partnership focused, open and trustworthy.

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Forest challenges and expectations differ across Europe. Our priorities must stay responsive to changing needs and evidence.

Strong cooperation. Shared priorities. Trusted knowledge.

THE FOREST COMMUNITY

- **Researchers**
- **Policymakers**
- **Forest owners**
- **Industry**
- **NGOs & others**

Stay involved. Challenge us. Share your perspectives.

Together, we can keep FOREST relevant and responsive throughout its ten-year lifetime.

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Work Package 2

Identifying Emerging Research Needs and Maintaining the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)

Lead: RCN (Norway)

Co-Lead: DAFM (Ireland)

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Work Package 2

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Generating Strategic Intelligence for the FOREST Partnership

Ensuring the Partnership remains strategically relevant by identifying emerging research needs, supporting annual Joint Calls and developing the next Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA).



Identify

Emerging research and innovation needs



Anticipate

Future challenges through horizon scanning and foresight



Maintain

An evidence-based Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA)



Support

Current Partnership decisions and future European research programming

Lead: RCN (Norway)

Co-Lead: DAFM (Ireland)

WP2 – Keeping FOREST strategically relevant

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NEAR TERM

Informing today's calls

- Stakeholder surveys and consultation
- Workshops and priority ranking
- Identification of current research needs

Outcome

Research priorities to inform WP3 and future joint calls

MEDIUM TERM

Anticipating tomorrow's challenges

- Horizon scanning and foresight
- Emerging issues, weak signals and future trends
- Identification of future knowledge gaps

Outcome

Evidence on emerging needs and the continued relevance of the SRIA

MEDIUM–LONG TERM

Shaping the future SRIA

- Review existing SRIA content and gaps
- Identify and validate future research priorities
- Develop and update the SRIA

Outcome

An updated strategic agenda for the Partnership

What research is needed now, what may be needed next, and where should we be heading?

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WP2 – Turning intelligence into strategic direction

Connecting stakeholder needs, foresight and strategic planning

Supporting joint calls

- Stakeholder engagement and priority setting
- Research needs and ranked priorities
- Firewall WP3: Joint Call Development
  Evidence to inform annual call topics

Developing the strategic agenda

- Horizon scanning, foresight and gap analysis
- Emerging challenges and validated future priorities
- SRIA Development and Renewal
  Evidence to inform the next edition of the SRIA

An ongoing cycle of research and learning

- Calls fund transnational research
- Additional activities test, connect and share knowledge
- Scoping, foresight and portfolio review reshape later priorities

"We all have a role in shaping what comes next"

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Research and Innovation Calls (WP3)

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FOREST Joint Calls: OVERVIEW

- 7 Joint Calls planned over 10 year FOREST duration
- Annual call launches (2026-2032)
- 2-stage calls taking ca. 1 year for call implementation
- Project duration 36 mont
- Aim for annual routine

	Launch (tentative)	Project Start	Project End
Call 1	2026	2028	2031
Call 2	2027	2029	2032
Call 3	2028	2030	2033
Call 4	2029	2031	2034
Call 5	2030	2032	2035
Call 6	2031	2033	2036
Call 7	2032	2034	2037

VERY ROUGH/DRAFT SCHEDULE!



FOREST Joint Calls: OVERVIEW

- Overall 43 funders from 30 countries
- Different country and funder participation in each call
- Different topics, different topic width (WP2)



FOREST JC2026: FORESTPathways (1 of 2)

- FOREST Joint Call 2026 – FORESTPathways: Building Knowledge and Solutions for Resilient Forests and Sustainable Forest-Based Futures
- 36 funders from 27 countries; indicative total public funding commitment of up to €40 million, including the EC co-contribution.
- TOPICS
  - TOPIC 1 – Climate-Resilient Forest Systems
  - TOPIC 2 – Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems
  - TOPIC 3 – Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products
  - TOPIC 4 – Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance

FOREST JC2026: FORESTPathways (2 of 2)

- Timeplan
  - 15.09.2026 Launch
  - 02.12.2026 Submission deadline pre-proposals
  - 02.06.2027 Submission deadline full proposals
  - 09/2027 Coordinators receive evaluation results; → national/regional contract negotiations
  - Early 2028 – start of funded projects
- Check national Funder Regulations on Annex IV!
  - Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their respective RFOs no later than 17.11.2026, to ensure that funders have sufficient time to respond to eligibility confirmation requests.
  - **Failure of one Partner to meet any of the eligibility criteria, including the individual RFOs eligibility criteria, will result in the rejection of the entire proposal. It is therefore essential that proposals meet all eligibility criteria**
- Partnering Option: https://submission-forest.ptj.de/partnering

THANK YOU!

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🌍 **Joint Call Website:** https://forest-partnership.eu/jointcall2026/

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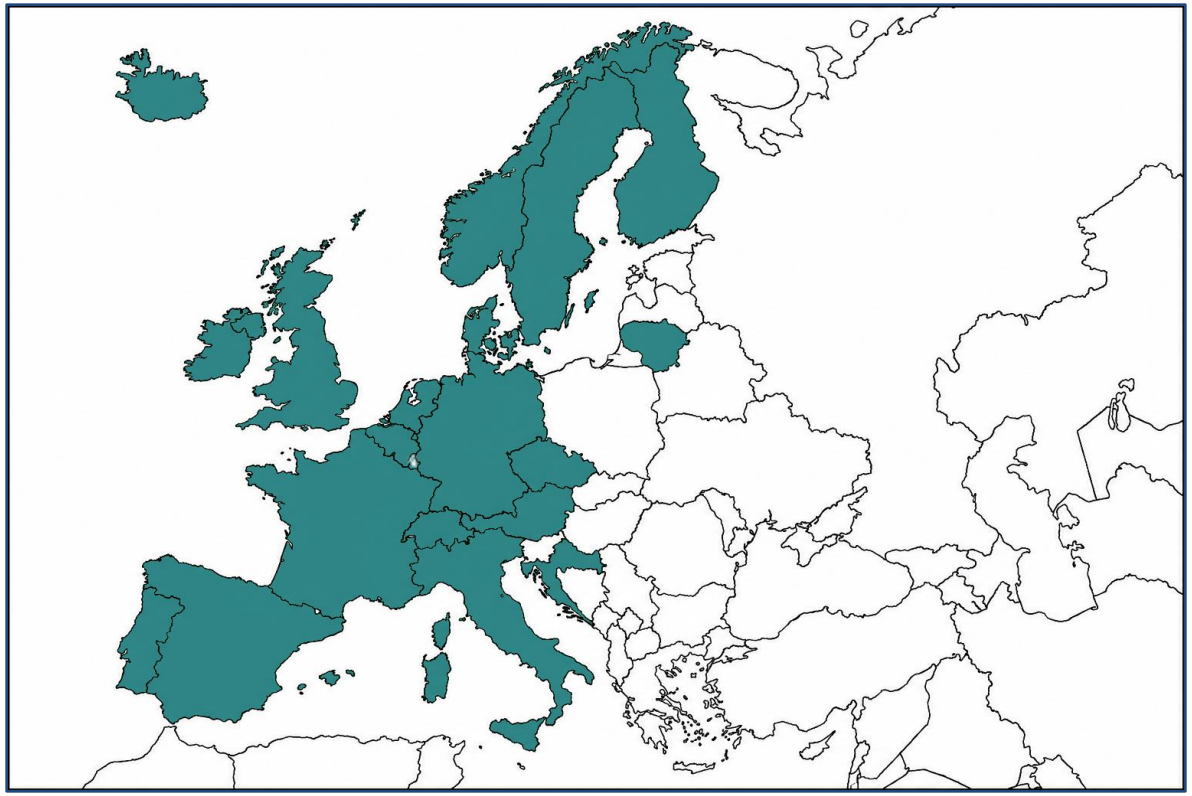
Additional Activities (WP4)

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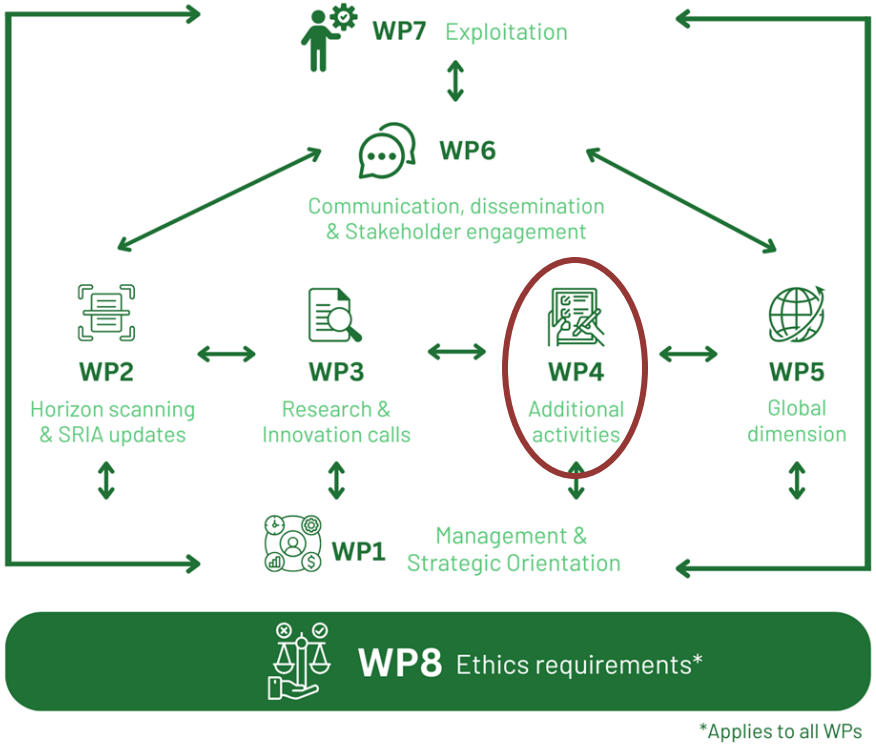
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Composition of WP4



- Lead: PtJ/DE, Co-Lead: CNRS/FR
- **41 Partners from 19 countries** from all over Europe involved in five tasks
- Participation of Research (performing) organizations (**RPOs**) from the forest/forestry/wood sector

Importance of WP4 for the FOREST partnership



- Increasing the long-term impact, visibility and operational relevance of the partnership
- Implementation of Pilot Actions and creation of in-kind contributions
- "Thematic home" of the participating RPOs

Objectives of WP4

- Strengthening collaboration, knowledge exchange and coordination across the European forest research and innovation community
- Creating synergies between national and European activities
- Fostering alignment and networking of the involved partners, especially the participating research (performing) organisations as well as stakeholders
- Establishment of a European Network of Forest and Forestry Living Labs
- Better coordination in forest monitoring to align with forest policy priorities
- Open up access to key research and technology infrastructures across Europe
- Increasing the impact and networking of national funded research and innovation projects
- Supporting capacity development activities, especially for next generation scientist



WP structure

Five complementary tasks supported by a central secretariat

SCIENTIFIC & OPERATIONAL BACKBONE

Task 4.1 European Network of Forest and Forestry Living Labs

Task 4.2 Alignment of Monitoring and Forest Policy Priorities

Task 4.3 Sharing Research and Technology Infrastructures (RTI)

LONG-TERM IMPACT & COMMUNITY BUILDING

Task 4.4 Thematic Annual Programming (TAP)

Task 4.5 Empowering next generation scientists

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES SECRETARIAT

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Harnessing the global Dimension of the Partnership (WP5)

Georg Rappold

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Objectives of the WP5 for the ten years

- Involvement of **international partners** in the promotion of research and innovation
- **Fostering international cooperation** to **address global challenges**
- **Co-creation** of research and innovation agendas
- Contribution to **regional and global strategies, approaches, and action plans** for a sustainable forest-based bioeconomy



Tasks of the WP5 for the ten years

- **European – Global forest and wood science hub**
  - Internationalization strategy
- **International collaboration between scientists**
  - Mentoring program & mobility schemes
- **Collaboration with international policy processes, bodies, networks, organizations and third countries**
  - Contact point for international institutions & global conferences
- **Strengthening R&I agenda, education, further education, related to the forests and forest-based value chains**
  - science-policy & science-practice interface, education and training on the results of the FOREST Partnership



Deliverables and Milestones for the first year

Deliverables No	Deliverables Name	Lead	Type	Dissemination Level	Month
D5.1	Internationalization Strategy	FFG (AT)	R	PU	12
D5.5	Report about the global dimension of the partnership	BFW (AT)	R	PU	6

Milestone No	Milestone Name	Lead	Verification	Month
5.1	Organized “Forest-Wood-Science-Circle” 1	FFG (AT)	Webinar video published on partnership website	12
5.3	Implemented mobility shemes for launch partnership event	BOKU (AT)	List of expenses, confirmation for participation	6
5.7	First side event and/or contribution at international conferences	TACR (CZ)	List of participants, minutes	6
5.9	First webinar	BFW (AT)	Webinar video published on partnership website	12
5.10	Session on global dimension at the launch partnership event	BFW (AT)	Minutes of the session on global dimension	6

Team of WP5

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Communication, Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement (WP6)

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Objectives of the WP6 for the ten years

The work package on Communication, Dissemination and Stakeholder Engagement aims at:

- Ensuring effective knowledge transfer to the different audiences
- Maximizing the impact and uptake of project results through strategic communication and dissemination
- Creating a visual identity for the FOREST Partnership
- Developing and maintain stakeholder engagement hub to ensure strategic information exchange with relevant actors in the forest and timber sectors

Task 1: Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Plan

Task 2: Visual Identity and Training Activities

Logo, presentation of FOREST (video, ppt, poster, flyer), templates (ppt, reports, briefs, poster), letterheads, …

Training on communication issues for the GA and for the funded projects

Guidelines on communication for the funded projects

Task 3: Stakeholder Engagement Hub

Task 4: Outreach Events and Digital Presence

Events, social media campaigns and newsletters



Deliverables and Milestones for the first year of the WP6

D6.1	CDE plan	A detailed plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities	WP6	MVZI (SI)	R	PU	6
D6.2	Website	A website dedicated to the partnership and describing it providing space for communication on the main results will be created.	WP6	TUBITAK (TR)	DEC	PU	9

6.1	Partnership launch event	WP6	6	Report from the launch event
6.2	Analysis for developing the Stakeholder Engagement Hub	WP6	6	A survey is developed to identify relevant additional stakeholders
6.3	Strategy for the Stakeholder Engagement Hub	WP6	6	A stakeholder engagement strategy is developed to provide a framework for stakeholder engagement measures conduced within the Partnership
6.4	Creating social media accounts	WP6	6	The partnership is active on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and X.
6.5	Creating a visual identity	WP6	12	Design and templates for logo, flyers, posters and newsletters are available. Motto and templates are available.
6.6	First training activities on communication for the projects	WP6	12	Training activities on the use of social media are organised



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Exploitation (WP7)

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WP 7 will

- Develop actions and items
  - to transfer new knowledge and to increase impact of the co-funded R&I projects
  - at local, national and European level,
  - taking into consideration different target groups: policymakers, civil society and industry.

- Develop actions
  - for the identification and selection of Key Exploitable Results,
  - for FOREST Partnership Exploitation strategy and
  - for Innovation management of the outputs of FOREST

7.1 Promotion and Cross-Fertilisation

It will focus on improving the visibility and the impact of the projects' outcomes

Clustering projects

-since their launching in order to prepare common outputs beside the traditional single project valorisation and to better articulate with 7.2

Promote Communities of Practice (CoP)

To prepare to continue collaboration, after the end of the projects and to support new comers in the ERA R1I projects

Linked to the T3.3 Monitoring and Evaluation and WP6 communication and dissemination

TASK 7.2 Connecting R&I Results to Policy and Markets

Based on WP3 funded projects and 7. 1 activities and outputs, the aim is to

7.2.1

Promote Market uptake

Connect promising applications with users, demonstration, business support and European financial programmes.

7.2.2

and better bridge Science to policy

Facilitate dialogue so research responds to policy needs and evidence is translated into usable inputs.

TASK 7.3 Exploitation Measures of Partnership Consortium

7.3.1 Identification and selection of Key Exploitable Results

for dissemination, valorisation and exploitation activities.

Task 7.3.2 FOREST Partnership Exploitation strategy

Through an exploitation Workshop for establishing a FOREST Partnership Exploitation Plan

7.3.3 Innovation management

Will define the Innovation and IPR items from FOREST. MMM and the WP Leaders will define their management

WP 7 Exploitation and 7.1 Promotion and Cross-Fertilisation

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WP 7 partners thank you !

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10:35–11:00

Coffee Break

Poster Exhibition & Marketplace

Coffee and informal conversations

Break tongue-twister

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
A woodchuck would chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

11:00–12:45

Stakeholder Panels

PANEL 1 | THE NEEDS OF FOREST AND TIMBER STAKEHOLDERS

Dina Loghin — European Women's Lobby
Joris Van Acker — WoodStock Project and UGent-Woodlab
Allina Lehikoinen — Confederation of European Forest Owners

11:00–12:45

Stakeholder Panels

PANEL 2 | EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS THE PARTNERSHIP

Piotr Borkowski — European State Forest Association
Jermie Crespin — DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
Matthew Schwarzkopf — International Society of Wood Science and Technology

11:00–12:45

Stakeholder Panels

PANEL 3 | FUTURE COLLABORATION

Silvia Melegari — European Confederation of Woodworking Industries
Sven Walter — Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Marjana Westergren — OptFORESTS Project

12:45–14:15

Lunch

Poster Exhibition & Marketplace

Lunch and informal networking

14:15–15:30

Expectations and Needs from Different Stakeholder Groups

TIMBER VALUE CHAIN STAKEHOLDERS

Saurabh Jain — Built by Nature

POLICY STAKEHOLDERS

Xuehong Wang — UNFCCC

RESEARCH STAKEHOLDERS

Alex Giurca — EFI

NATURE CONSERVATION STAKEHOLDERS

Boris Erg — IUCN

FOREST AND TIMBER NETWORKS

Álvaro Picardo — Laurus Network

15:30–16:00

Coffee Break

Poster Exhibition & Marketplace

Coffee and informal conversations

Break tongue-twister

I thought a thought.
But the thought I thought
Wasn’t the thought I thought I thought.
If the thought I thought I thought,
Had been the thought I thought,
I wouldn’t have thought I thought.

16:00–17:00

Fishbowl Discussion

The Global Dimension of the FOREST Partnership

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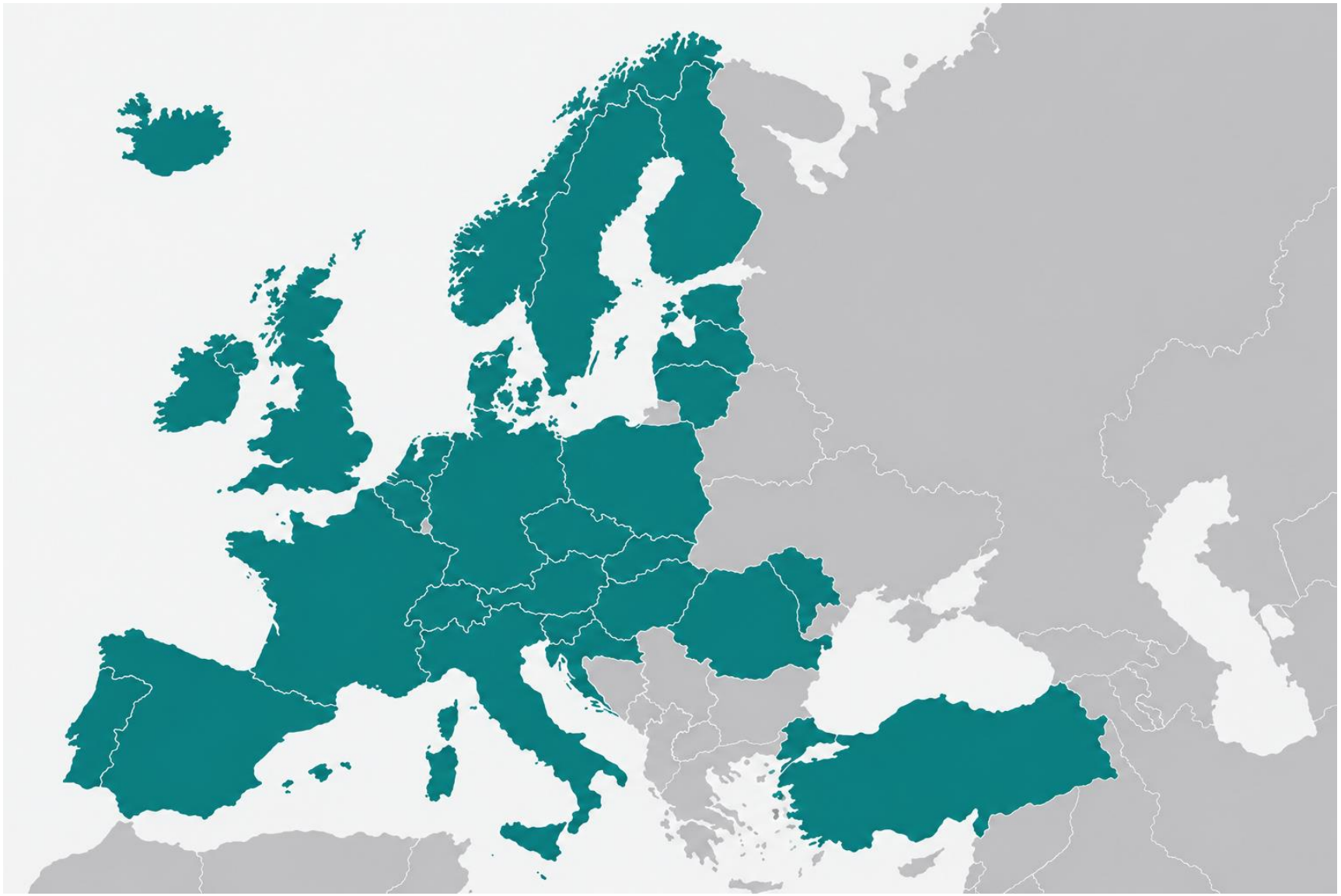
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Fishbowl Discussion – Global Dimension of the Partnership

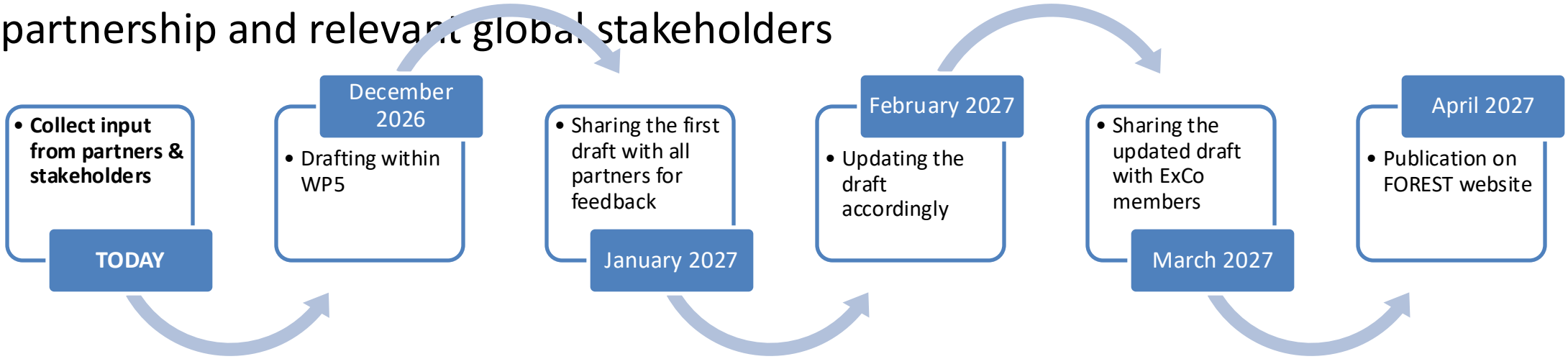
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Internationalization Strategy

- Systematic identification and prioritization of relevant global stakeholders to establish an **international partnership network**
- **Orientation for global organizations** to get involved in the partnership
- Identification of **means for cooperation** between the partnership and relevant global stakeholders



How and where should the FOREST Partnership engage globally?

Share your views

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What formats should be used to facilitate a European–global exchange of research excellence?

Share your views

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How can the FOREST Partnership foster the science–policy and science–practice interface?

Share your views

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17:00–17:15

Closing Session

CLOSING REMARKS

Diego Canga Fano (online) — Deputy Director-General, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Mika Kallio — Coordinator, FOREST Partnership

19:00

Networking Dinner

Networking Dinner

FOREST Partnership Launch Event