



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

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Morning sessions

08:00 – 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:45 Welcome / introduction - Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI B2

09:30 – 10:45 Session I "Ready, steady, go: launching new EIP-AGRI networking activities for 2017"

The overall plan for 2017 and the activities for the first half the year

On-going and new Focus Groups

Supporting Operational Groups through thematic activities

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Interactive Session II "Working more effectively with Focus Groups"

Presentation of the study on the results of EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

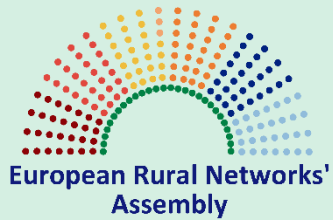
- Tanguy Chever, AND International

Q&A

Break-out sessions

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break



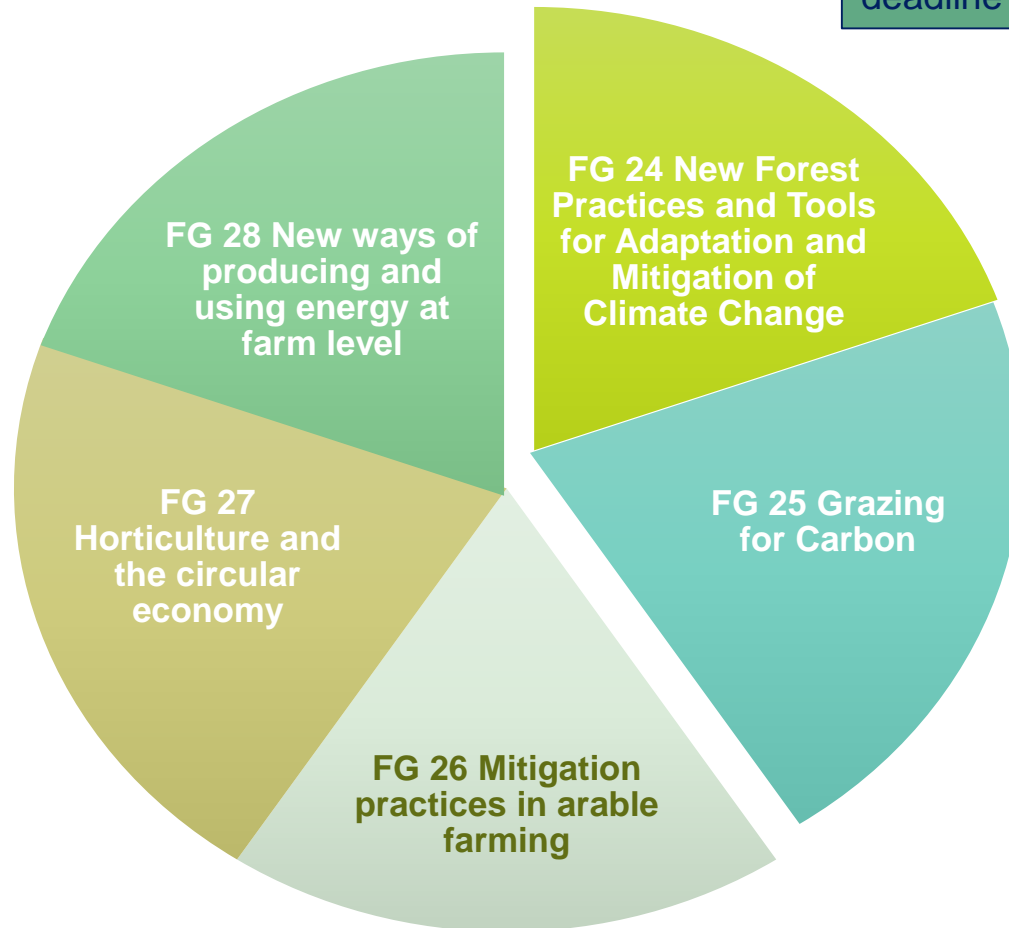


Launch of the call for experts for FG 24 and FG 25



Focus Groups starting in 2017:

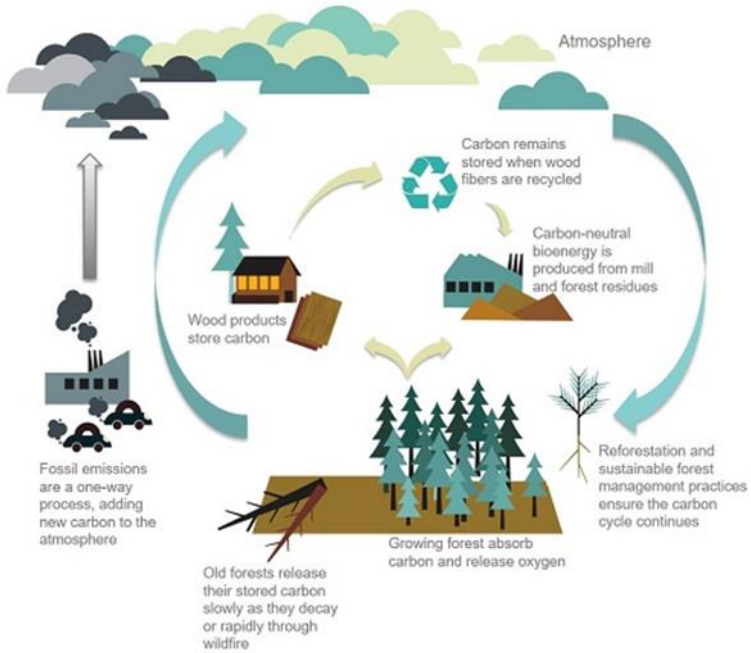
Planning FG 24 and 25:
Call published on **23/02/2017**
deadline for applications **23/03/2017**



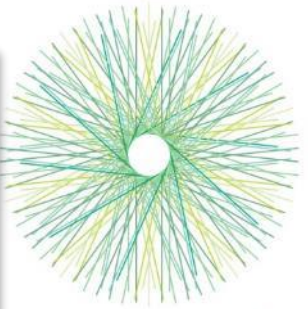
FG 24 "New Forest Practices and Tools for Adaptation and Mitigation of Climate Change"



Which new management practices and tools can improve the climate mitigation and adaptation potential of EU forests?



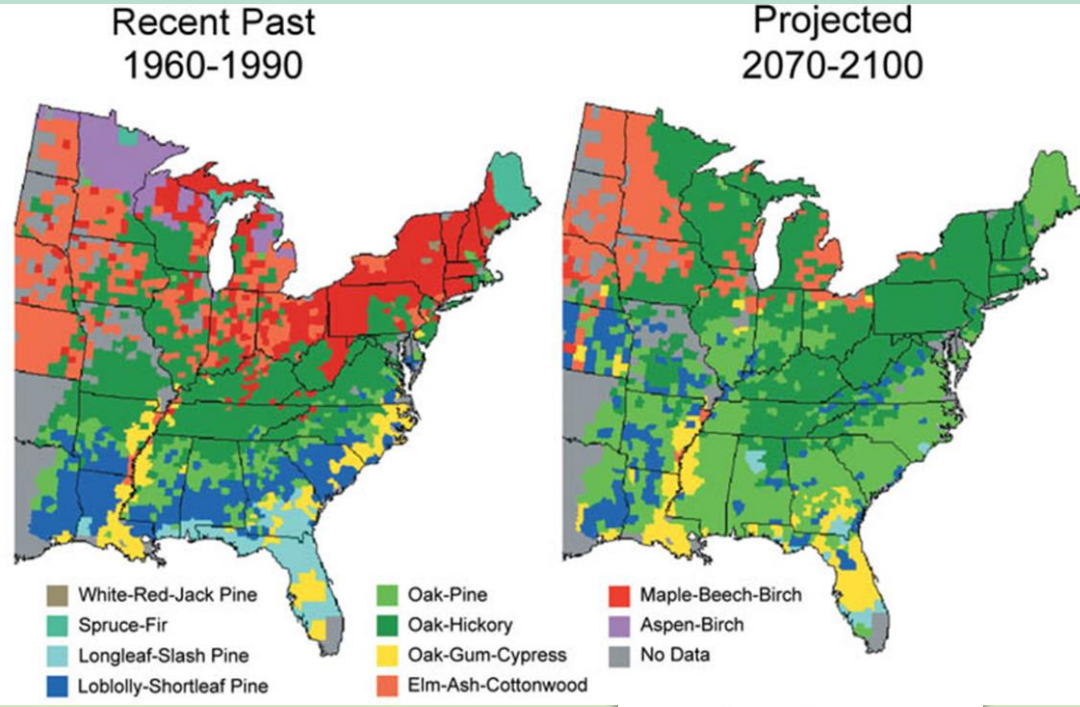
EU forests sequester 10% of annual EU emissions and their mitigation potential may increase



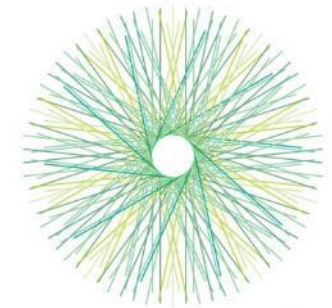
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**Paris Agreement
EU Forest Strategy**

CC may increase forest vulnerability and affect the supply of forest ecosystem services



FG24 WILL CONCENTRATE ON...



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CC challenges and opportunities for forest management in the EU

Mitigation: New practices/tools maintaining or increasing potential for carbon sequestration and storage

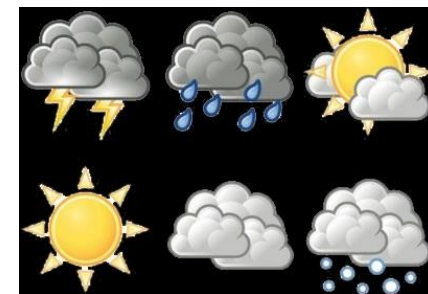
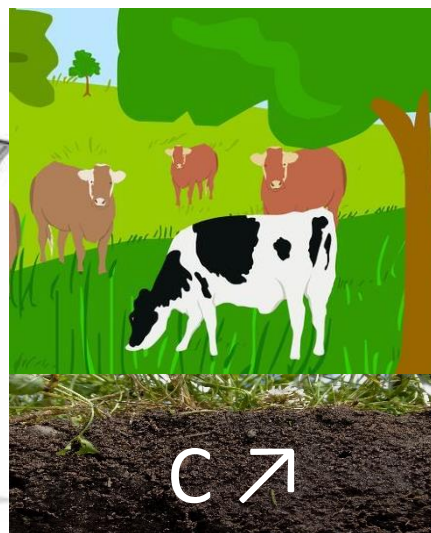
Adaptation: Needs of forest managers and promising practices (selecting species, provenances, varieties...)

Resilience to extreme weather events

Synergies and trade-offs between mitigation practices and adaptation needs

Examples of practices and tools, including better stakeholder involvement and synergies with agriculture and tourism

Focus group 25 Grazing for Carbon



Involvement of the Subgroup on innovation

- Look into **different soil and climatic conditions** (e.g. humic substances, botanical composition)
- Review **intensive and extensive grazing** (e.g. establishing groves, different species)
- What **tools** are available to farmers and advisers to optimize C storage (e.g. grazing planners)
- **Management methods** and practices

Grazing for Carbon - specific tasks

- Explore grazing management practices & business models
 - examples
 - comparison
 - how to adapt to other conditions?
- Analyse economic and technical factors that stimulate or limit the implementation
- Identify tools
- Operational groups & research needs from practice

Grazing for Carbon - Conclusions

- The ideas of the subgroup are in line with the call text
- Given orientations and examples will be reflected in the starting paper