

Forests: what's new?

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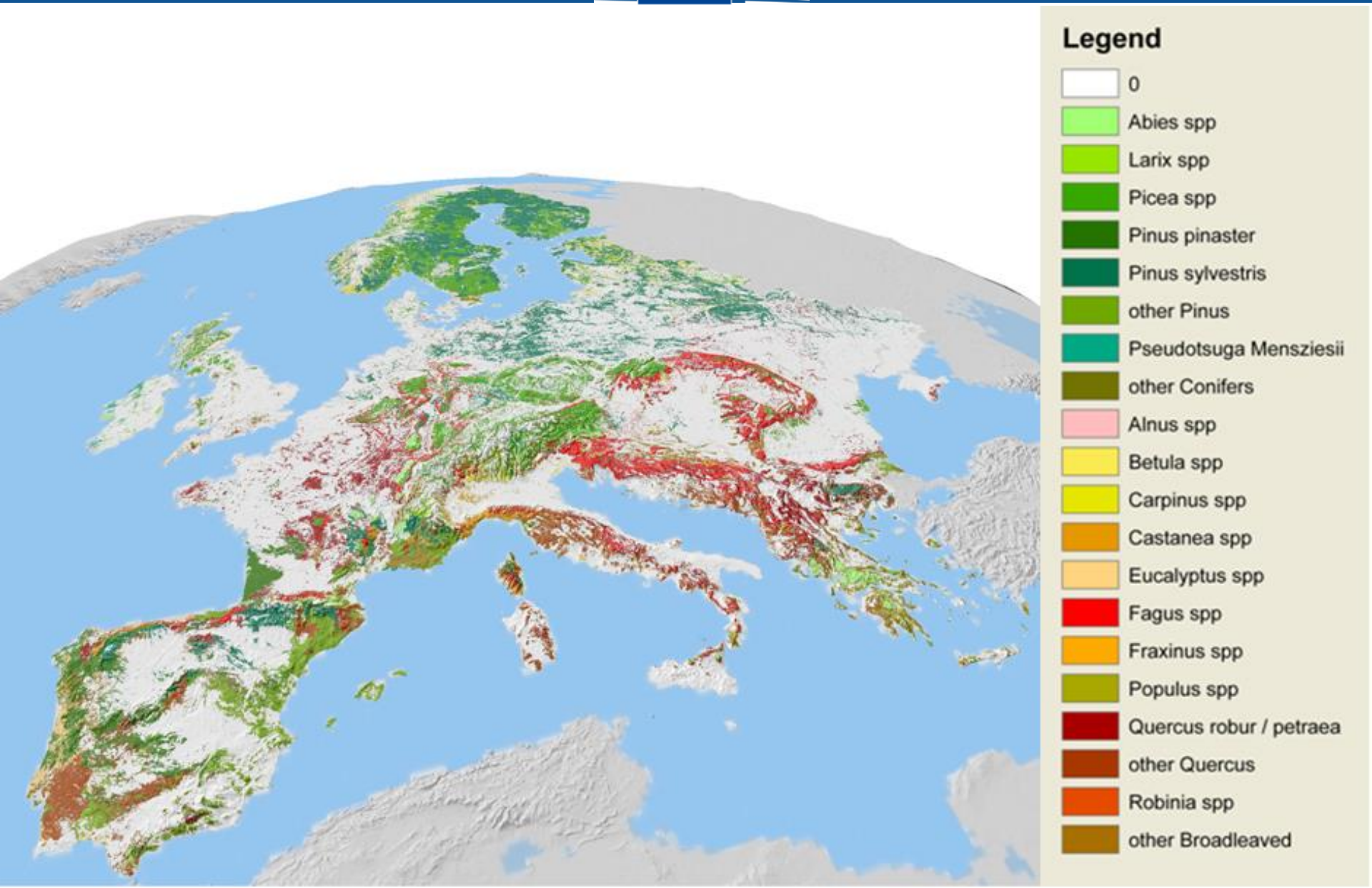
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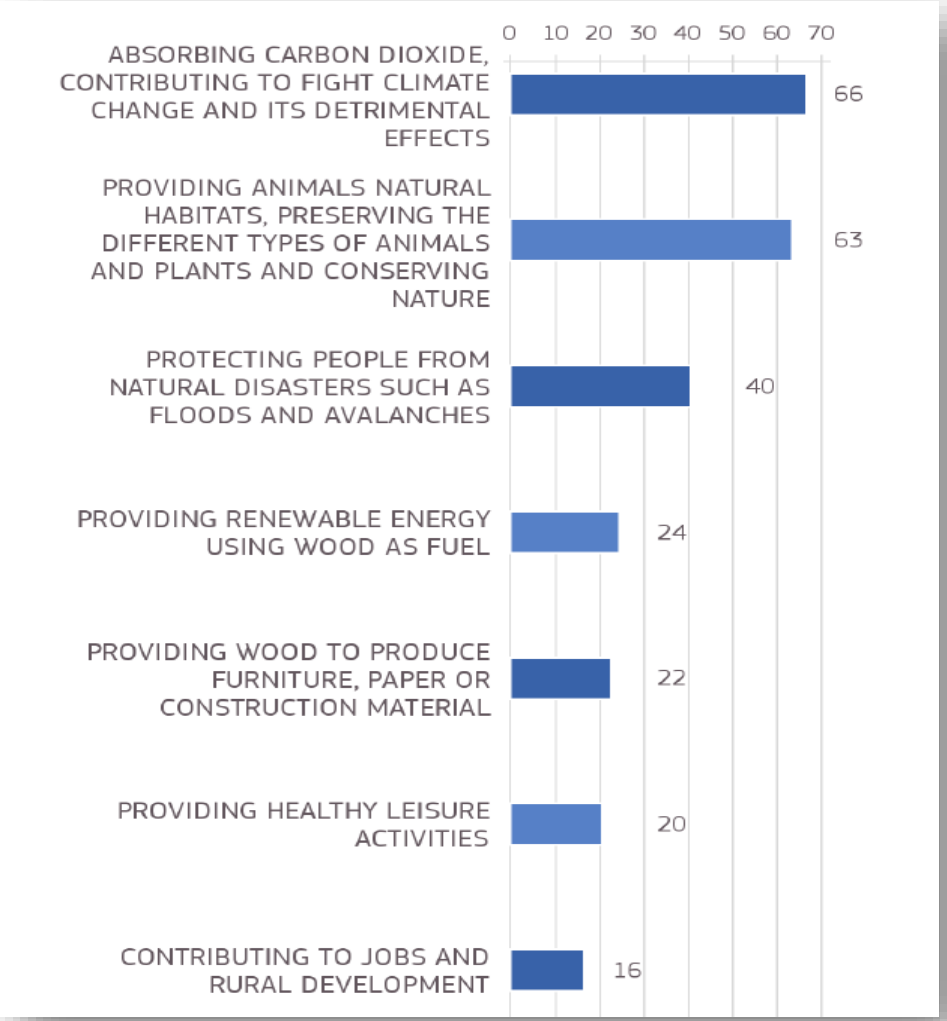
Betula spp
Carpinus spp
Castanea spp
Eucalyptus spp
Fagus spp
Fraxinus spp
Populus spp
Quercus robur / petraea
other Quercus
Robinia spp
other Broadleaved



Credit: World Forum on Natural Capital 2015

'The benefits provided by forests'

In: Special Eurobarometer 440, Jan 2016



EU Forest Strategy

- **Sustainable forest management**
- **Resource efficiency**
- **Global forest responsibility**



EU legislation and policies relevant for forests

- Invasive alien species Regulation (2014)
- EU state aid guidelines in the agricultural and forestry sectors (2014)
- Decision on accounting for LULUCF emission and removals (2013)
- Rural Development Regulation (2013)
- LIFE Regulation (2013)
- EU Timber Regulation (2010)
- Integrated Pest Management Directive (2009)
- FLEGT Regulation 2005 & 2008
- LIFE+ Regulation (2007)
- Forest Reproductive Material Directive (1999)
- Forest Fire Regulation (1992)
- Habitats Directive (1992)
- Birds Directive (1979)

- EU Forest Strategy (2013)
- EU Bioeconomy Strategy (2012)
- EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (2011)

Forest-relevant EU policies

Rural Development

Civil Protection

Bioenergy

Climate change



Water

Research

Nature

Development

Biodiversity

Industry

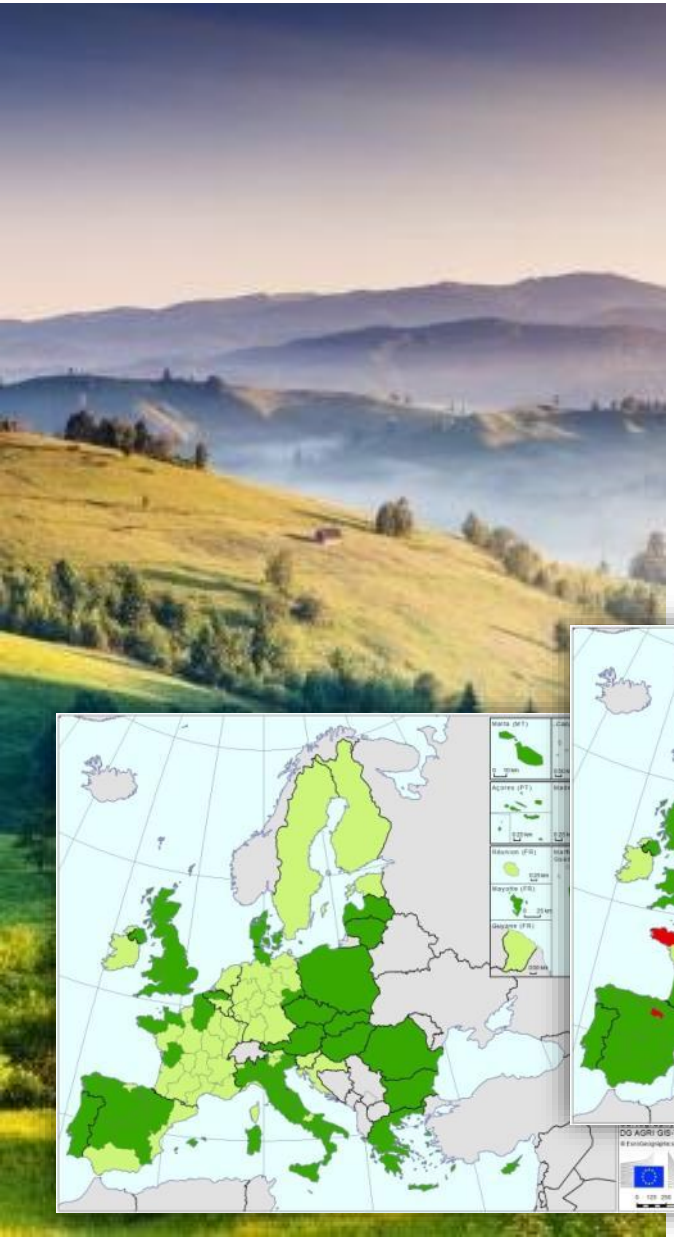
Bio-economy

Trade

EU Action Plan
for nature, people and the economy



- 4 priorities
- 15 actions
- All by 2019



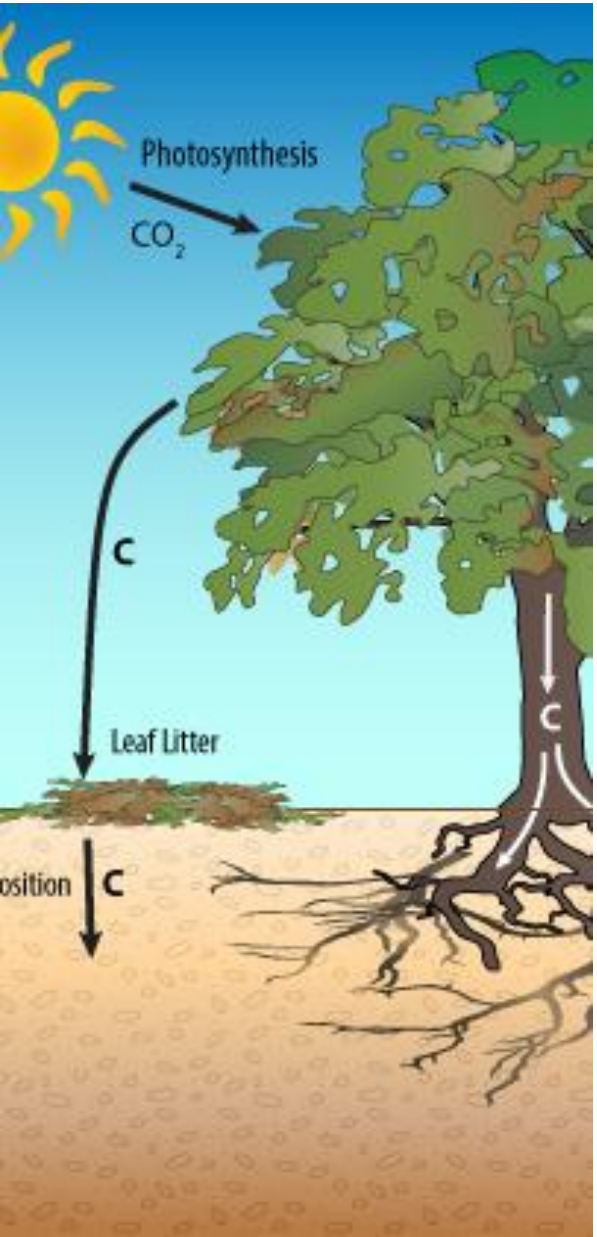
Rural Development

- **More than 7 billion EUR of total public expenditure earmarked for forest measures**



Review of the Renewable Energy Directive

- Proposal includes new provisions on 'sustainable biomass'
- New risk-based requirements and alignment with LULUCF
- Energy Ministers and EP debated the proposal in June
- Final Parliament vote foreseen towards the end of November



LULUCF

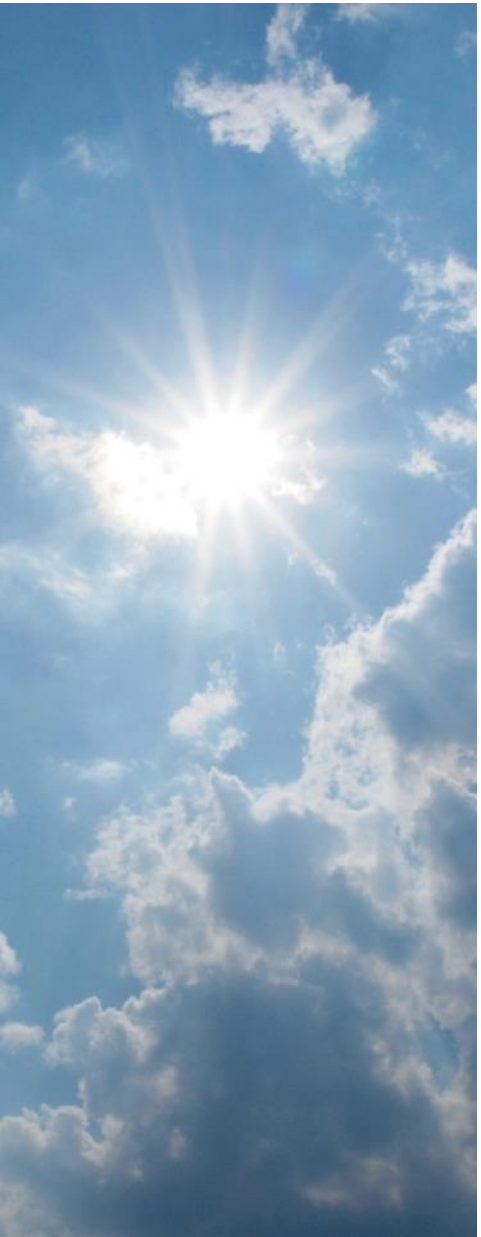
- **Integration of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use-change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework**
- **Follow up to the Paris Agreeement**
- **Right now in Co-decision**



EU Bioeconomy Strategy

- Currently being reviewed
- Commission 'Staff Working Document' expected in November





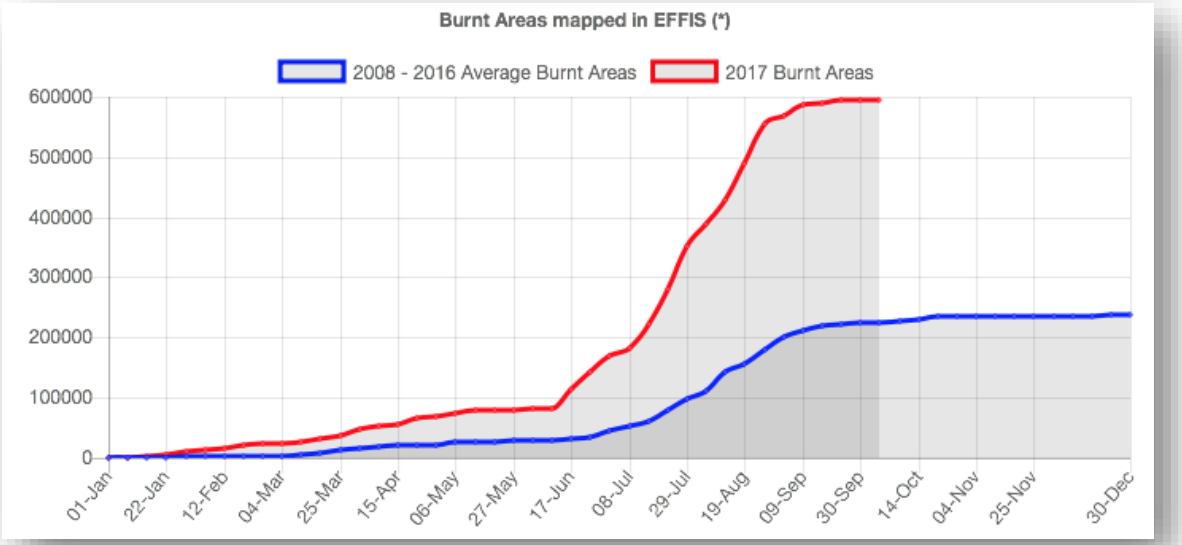
EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

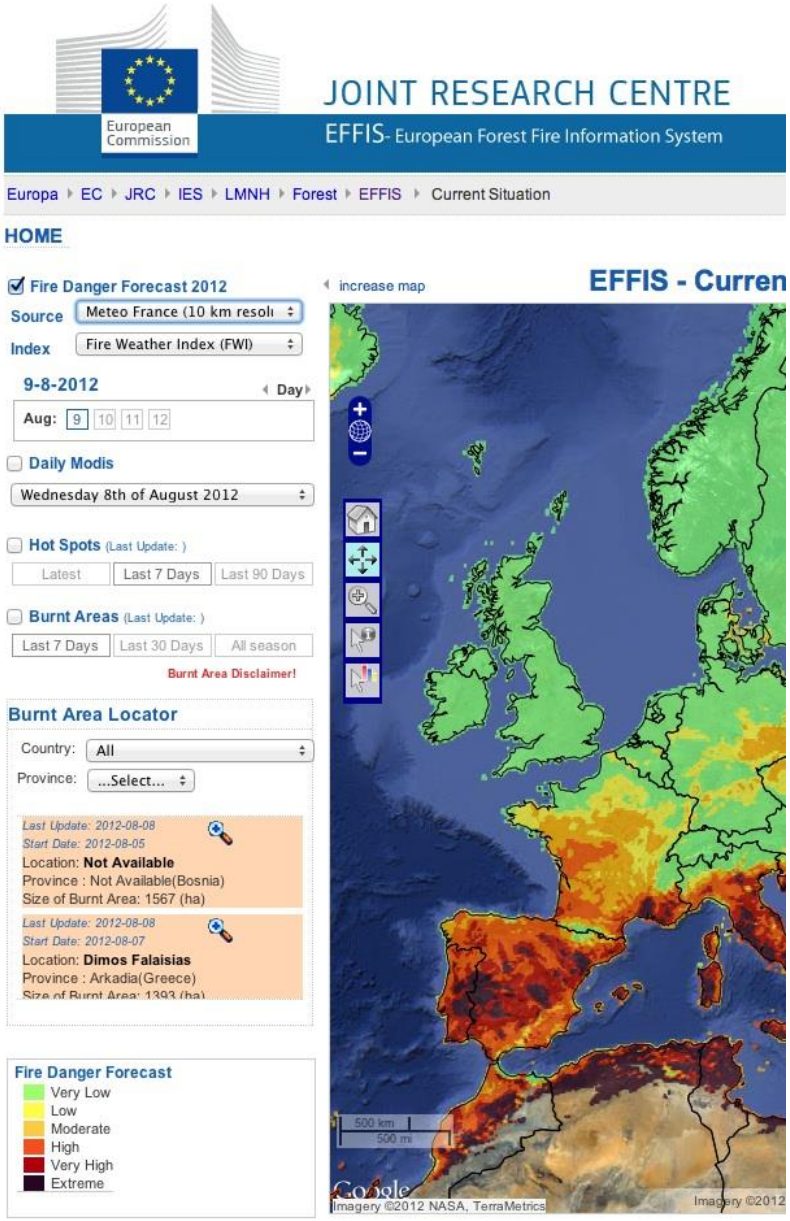
- 3 Priorities, 8 Actions
- Evaluation of implementation and achievements ongoing
- Web based public consultation open until January 2018



Forest fires

- **2017 worst season in EU history**
- **EU support in many areas**
- **More investment in prevention needed**





Forest information

- Copernicus
- Inspire Directive
- Forest Information System for Europe (FISE)
- Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem Services (MAES)
- Natural capital accounting in the EU (KIP INCA)



Thank you!

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