EU CAP Network Thematic Group on Forest-dominant Rural Areas & Municipalities

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« *In the context of the Long-term vision for rural areas, a network for forest-dominant rural areas and municipalities will be promoted, to give voice to forest rural areas, ensuring their representation in key initiatives and facilitating specific assessments of reality and needs of forest areas across the EU* »

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Reference documents

- Communication on a Long-term vision for the EU's Rural Areas – COM(2021)345/3 – EU Rural Action Plan

- Communication on a New EU Forest Strategy for 2030 – COM(2021) 572

What is already at hand (1): Financial support under the CAP

- Forest-specific support   Forest non-specific support

Forest-specific support

- **Afforestation** & creation of woodland

- **Agroforestry** systems (establishment, regeneration, renovation)

- Prevention and restoration of **forest damage** (forest fires, natural disasters)

- Investments improving **resilience & environmental value** of forest ecosystems

- Investments in forestry **technologies** + processing, mobilising, marketing

- Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments

- **Forest-environmental & climate services** & forest conservation

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Forest non-specific support (horizontal)

- **Knowledge transfer** and information actions

- **Advisory services**, farm management & farm relief services

- Investments in **physical assets** (e.g. forest roads)

- **Co-operation** (including EIP operational groups)

What is already at hand (2): Other tools

Rural Revitalisation Platform

- One-stop shop for rural communities, rural project holders and local authorities to collaborate

Rural Observatory

- Centralise data on rural areas to support policymaking.

Thank you

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