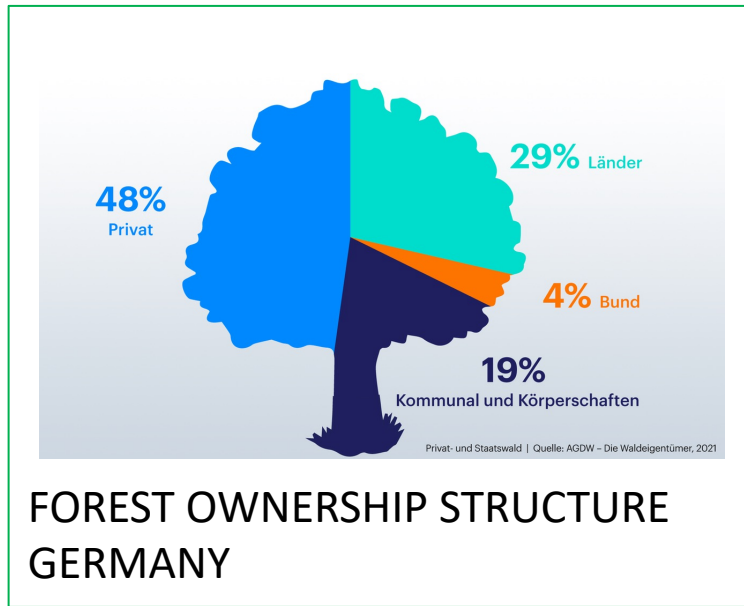


# *Short Overview on Forest Networking and Policy from the Perspective of German Forest Owners*

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Privately-owned forests (local states and state governing bodies)



City/Community-owned forests



Privately-owned forests – EU Overarching Groups and Hunting Assoc.

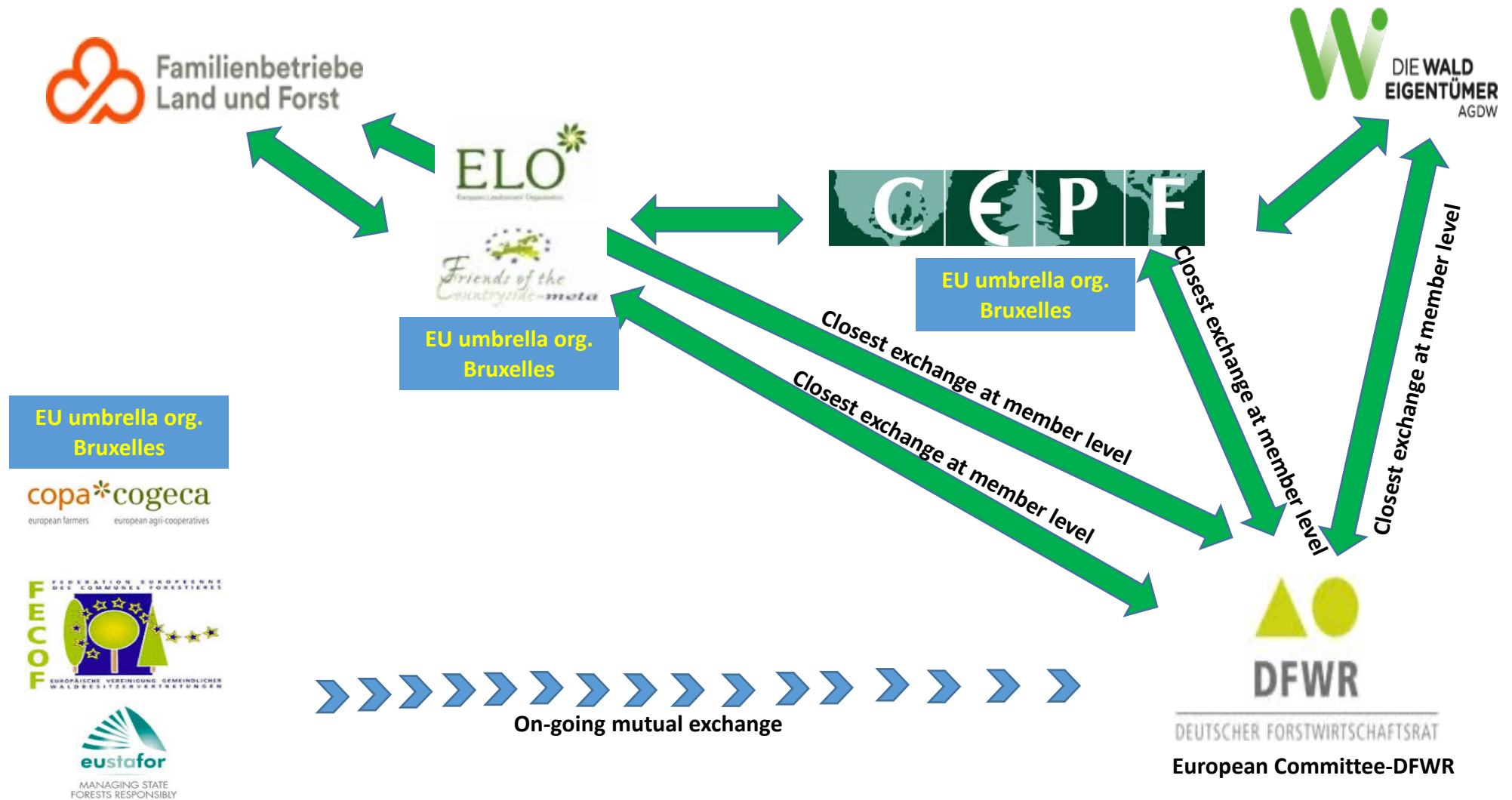
Interest group – hunting



Integrated forest groups – Private/State/Community/Others



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## EU – Forest-related policies

Legally binding instruments		Non-legally binding instruments						
Directives	Regulations	Framework Programmes	Strategies	Action Plans/Guidance				
Birds Directive	Construction Products Regulation	2030 Climate and Energy	Biodiversity Strategy	Circular Economy Action Plan				
Habitats Directive	Invasive Species Regulation	Horizon Europe	Green Infrastructure Strategy	Sustainable Finance Action Plan				
Water Framework Directive	Aarhus Regulation	Research & Innovation Programmes	Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy	Guidance on Natura 2000				
Legislation on deforestation & restoration	Regulation on deforestation-free supply chains	Carbon Removals Certification Framework	Soil Strategy	Mapping & Assessment of Ecosystems & their Services				
<b>NEW</b> Soli Conservation Directive	CAP – Strategic Plans		<b>EU Forest Strategy</b>	Communication on the protection and restoration of forests worldwide				
<b>NEW</b> Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive	Block Exemption Regulation - State aid guidelines for forestry		Strategy on Adaptation to climate change	Public procurement				
<b>NEW</b> Nature Restoration Law	iLUC Regulation		Bioeconomy Strategy II	Action Plan for forest-based industries				
Renewable Energy Directive (RED - RED II - RED III)	LULUCF		New Industrial Strategy	Guidance on cascading use of biomass				
Plant Protection Products Directive	Effort Sharing Regulation		Sustainable Finance Strategy	Eurocodes				
EU Climate Law (Fit for 55)	Regulation on plant protection products			European Green Deal Investment Plan				
Energy Tax Directive	Phytosanitary Health Regulation							
	Taxonomy Regulation							
	Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism							
DG ENVI	DG AGRI	DG SANTE	DG CLIMA	DG FISMA(Financial)	DG ENER	DG GROW	DG RTD	Green Deal

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**1992:** Habitats/Birds Directives established (Natura 2000)  **20 years later in 2012:** Coop Declaration on Natura 2000 between Private Forest Owner Association & State Agricultural Minister „Compensation Working Group“


**2016:** State program – Compensation for additional expenses in forests and Natura 2000 sites through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – 20 million EUR 2018-2025

**2023:** State program – Expert Group on Negotiating an extension for compensation for additional expenses in forests in Natura 2000 areas (Forest INVEKOS: EU Integrated Management and Control System)

**2023:** Integration of foresters into the new CAP Strategic Plans through EAFRD measures (formerly CAP Pillar 2)

**2023:** National program – Climate-adapted forest management, including a minimum reward for ecosystem services

**2023:** First CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Certificate in German Forests – Free CO<sub>2</sub> Market

**2019:** European Green Deal announced & increasing impacts/climate damage on forests  Willingness to pay or to compensate is questionable – return to EU forest-related policy



...an EU holistic and integrated view & a bottom-up example?

