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to the Commission**

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Subject: Promoting forest biomass as a renewable energy source

The European Union has around 180 million hectares of forest, and this area has increased in recent years thanks to the efforts made by the EU institutions and Member States.

Biomass is increasingly being seen as an expanding source of renewable energy, with significant growth and great potential.

What is being done at EU level to boost the use of European forest biomass as a renewable energy source?

In which countries and under which programmes is most work being carried out in this area?