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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Mauri Pekkarinen**

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The European Forest Strategy - The Way Forward  
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## Amendment 1

Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valerie Hayer, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that ***there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy***; points out, ***however***, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination;

##### *Amendment*

1. Underlines that ***the future European Forest Strategy needs to be fully aligned with the European Green Deal and with an ambitious EU Biodiversity Strategy; adheres to the decision and recognition by the European Court of Justice<sup>1a</sup> of forest ecosystems as an inherent part of EU natural heritage on which the EU has competence to act, and thus respects both competences of Member States and the European Union***; points out that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector and require ***coherence and*** stronger cross-sectoral coordination;

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***<sup>1a</sup> Judgment of the Court of 25 February 1999. European Parliament v Council of the European Union. Joined cases C-164/97 and C-165/97, ECLI:EU:C:1999:99***

Or. en

## Amendment 2

Henna Virkkunen

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-

##### *Amendment*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy ***as forest policy is primarily a competence of the Member States***; points out, however,

based sector and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination;

that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination; ***notes that a coherent and stable regulatory environment is a prerequisite for encouraging innovation and investments in forest-based industries;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 3** **Sandra Pereira**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that ***many*** EU policies have ***an*** impact on forests and the forest-based sector ***and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination;***

##### *Amendment*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that EU policies have ***had a negative*** impact on forests and the forest-based sector, ***including by compounding the depopulation problem in many regions; takes the view that forests must be protected by means of other policies, such as agricultural, industrial, trade and rural development policies and by bringing an end to restrictions on national public investment;***

Or. pt

### **Amendment 4** **François Alfonsi** on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. ***Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy;***

##### *Amendment*

1. ***Welcomes the decision of the Commission, building on the 2030***

points out, *however, that many* EU policies *have an impact* on forests and the forest-based sector *and require* stronger cross-sectoral *coordination*;

*biodiversity strategy, to prepare a new* EU forest *strategy*; points out *that several current* EU policies *touch* on forests and the forest-based sector, *therefore requiring* stronger cross-sectoral *policy integration between climate, biodiversity, forest, agriculture and industry policies*;

Or. en

## Amendment 5

Ignazio Corrao, Eleonora Evi

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that *there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy*; *points out, however*, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector *and require* stronger cross-sectoral coordination;

##### *Amendment*

1. Underlines that *the forest ecosystem is part of the European natural heritage regarding which the EU has competences, and* that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector; *stresses, therefore, that it is vital to have* stronger cross-sectoral coordination *and greater integration of the relevant policies, both at EU level and among the Member States*;

Or. it

## Amendment 6

Markus Buchheit

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector *and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination*;

##### *Amendment*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector;

**Amendment 7**

**Rob Rooker**

on behalf of the ECR Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector ***and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination***;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; ***stresses that forestry policy is primarily a national competence***, points out, however, that many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector;

**Amendment 8**

**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Underlines that ***there is no specific legal basis for a common EU forest policy; points out, however, that*** many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination;

*Amendment*

1. Underlines that, ***while forest policy remains primarily a national competence***, many EU policies have an impact on forests and the forest-based sector and require stronger cross-sectoral coordination ***under Article 191 of the Treaties***;

**Amendment 9**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Supports the European Green Deal when it comes to key objectives of the new EU forest strategy, in particular forest restoration, preservation and protection of forests to allow for proforestation which prioritises diverse tree species throughout Europe in locations appropriate for those species, to help to increase the storage of CO2 in trees and soils, and to reduce the incidence and extent of forest fires;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Tomas Tobé**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Welcomes the initiative from the Commission to put forward a new European Forest Strategy for the post 2020-period; emphasises, however, that a new strategy must fully respect the principle of subsidiarity and, accordingly, adopt a bottom-up approach and build on national and industrial expertise, as well as local procedural knowledge;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Patrizia Toia**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Points out that, according to the***

*industry, the extended value chains of forest-based industries, from forestry to the paper industry, have helped create nearly 4 million jobs, providing some 8% of overall EU added value from the manufacturing industry;*

Or. it

**Amendment 12**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Welcomes the decision from the Commission to introduce a new forest strategy, however, stresses the need for the forest strategy to fully observe the principle of subsidiarity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Emphasises the need for a holistic and consistent forest strategy that enhances and utilizes the multifunctional role of forests and the forest-based sector in the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Sara Skyttedal**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1c. Stresses the need of the new forest strategy to be based on the three pillars of sustainability, environmental, economic and social sustainability;**

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Ignazio Corrao, Eleonora Evi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries **help decarbonise Europe by replacing** CO2-intensive raw materials **and fossil energy with** forest-based alternatives such as **biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;**

2. Notes that European forest-based industries **could help replace** CO2-intensive raw materials **with forest-based alternatives; highlights, however, the trade-offs inherent in this, since the production of** forest-based alternatives **and increased demand for timber can lead to issues such as deforestation, land grabbing and habitat deterioration, having an impact also on forests' ability to sequester carbon; is of the view that it is only by promoting truly renewable sources of energy that we can overcome this contradiction which should be addressed in the future strategy proposed by the Commission;**

Or. it

**Amendment 16**  
**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries **can** help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as **sustainably produced** biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal; **recognises, however, the challenges resulting from the increasing demand for wood including the degradation of critical wildlife habitat and carbon stored in forests and calls on the Commission to address these adequately in the future strategy while facilitating reaching climate neutrality by 2050;**

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries **help decarbonise Europe by replacing** CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials **and fossil energy** with forest-based alternatives **such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement** and the **European Green Deal**;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries **may help to replace** CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials with forest-based alternatives; **recognises however the challenges and trade-offs resulting from the increasing demand of wood for materials, energy and the bio-economy, which is in tension with the levels of harvesting deemed sustainable given the availability of forest biomass, and calls on the Commission to address these challenges adequately when preparing the new forest strategy**;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Patrizia Toia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal; ***points out, nonetheless, that such forest-based alternatives are not environmentally neutral and have an impact on air quality and on citizens' health;***

Or. it

**Amendment 19**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials ***and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel,*** and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials ***such as steel with effective and sustainable forest-based alternatives,*** and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal; ***stresses the importance of reforestation which respects local ecosystems by planting a variety of species, while 42% of tree species in Europe are at risk of extinction;***

Or. fr

## Amendment 20

Rob Rooken

on behalf of the ECR Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. *Notes* that European forest-based industries **help decarbonise Europe by** replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, **and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;**

##### *Amendment*

2. ***Stresses*** that European forest-based industries ***do not contribute to*** replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, ***on the contrary, highlights that the production, processing and transport of biofuels is a source of emitting significant amounts of carbon to the atmosphere; highlights furthermore that the production of biofuels is at the expense of forests;***

Or. en

## Amendment 21

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

##### *Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials, ***products*** and fossil energy with forest-based ***renewable*** alternatives such as ***as textiles, chemicals, construction and packaging materials as well*** as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

Or. en

## Amendment 22

Fredrick Federley, Nils Torvalds, Mauri Pekkarinen, Claudia Gamon

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by **replacing** CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, **and therefore help in achieving** the goals of the Paris Agreement and **the** European Green Deal;

##### *Amendment*

2. Notes that **the** European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by **substituting** CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives; such as **construction material, new innovative chemicals, plastics and textiles**, biogas and biofuel **and thus help reach** the goals of the Paris Agreement and European Green Deal;

Or. en

## Amendment 23

Sandra Pereira

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that **European** forest-based **industries help decarbonise Europe by** replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with **forest-based** alternatives **such as biogas and biofuel**, and therefore **help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal**;

##### *Amendment*

2. Notes that forest-based **industry should help to decarbonise by gradually** replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with **renewable** alternatives, and therefore **play a key role in the pursuit of ecological balance**;

Or. pt

## Amendment 24

Henna Virkkunen

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with forest-based alternatives such as biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

*Amendment*

2. Notes that European forest-based industries help decarbonise Europe by replacing CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive raw materials and fossil energy with ***sustainable*** forest-based alternatives such as ***bio-based products***, biogas and biofuel, and therefore help in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Tomas Tobé**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Highlights the essential role of sustainable active forest management in achieving climate neutrality by 2050 and in the EU's circular bio-economy; in particular, notes the great capacity of managed forests to capture carbon dioxide, as well as the potential of forest-based products to substitute fossil fuels; in this context, believes that the strategy should support innovation in the entire value chain, including by means of facilitating sharing of best practice and by providing a competitive regulatory environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Stresses that the yield of wood energy is very poor and that substituting it for fossil fuels increases CO2 emissions; considers, therefore, that it is not the appropriate way in which to combat global warming effectively; observes that only the strict processing of waste into pellets can form part of a policy designed to have a favourable impact, in line with the circular economy;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Stresses that no substitution effect of forest-based products can compensate for the loss of old-growth and primary forests, which are recognised as irreplaceable and should be protected through legal and incentivising instruments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Highlights that sustainable and active forest management contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation,*

*improves energy security, create jobs throughout the forest-based value chain and promote economic growth;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Expresses concern regarding illegal logging in the EU; recognises that almost all primary old growth forest has been lost; recognises that not only are forests at threat, but that there has been violence towards forest rangers in connection with illegal logging; urges the Commission and the Member States to take urgent action on these issues through close monitoring and through the enforcement of existing EU laws and introduction of new measures to prevent illegal logging, to hold those responsible to account, and to end the oppression of rangers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Calls on the European Union to recognise forests as a shared resource, to step up forestry services and to improve the working conditions of forest workers*



*and wood cutters;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2c. Stresses the vital importance of sustainable forestry practices for carbon sequestration and in order to preserve diversity; further stresses the benefits for air and water quality and water supply, as well as for reducing the risk of soil erosion and flooding (and thus of natural disasters), thereby benefiting local communities and farmers;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 32**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2d. Stresses that forest-based industry must be invited to play a part in the protection of its primary resource; stresses that 10% of the EU's surface area would be suitable for replanting of woodland and could thus make it possible to increase the capacity of carbon sinks, provided that species adapted to local ecosystems are planted; reiterates its call on the Commission to adopt legally binding targets for the Union and its Member States in order to place at least 30% of land and seas under protection***

*and restore at least 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030<sup>1 a</sup>;*

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*<sup>1 a</sup> Paragraph 10 of the European Parliament resolution of 16 January 2020 on the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (2019/2824(RSP)).*

Or. fr

**Amendment 33**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2e. Stresses that intensive management of forests is incompatible with European targets, particularly those associated with the climate emergency, biodiversity and carbon neutrality; calls, therefore, for strict limits on clear-cutting on plots of more than 0.5 hectares; stresses the disastrous effects of clear-cutting on biodiversity and soil compaction, as well as on the attractiveness of the areas concerned for residential use and tourism; calls for a move towards forestry based on the natural regeneration of stands with a degree of 'rational mechanisation' of harvesting methods;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 34**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 f (new)**

**2f. Stresses that overcutting of forests is responsible for the disappearance of many species; draws attention to the European collaborative project FunDivEUROPE, which involves 29 research teams drawing on data from more than 200 plots in the forests of six European countries, and other similar studies; stresses that these studies demonstrate that a trend towards biotic homogeneity damages the capacity of forests to deliver multiple ecosystem benefits; stresses that they recommend preventing the invasion of exotic species and increasing the diversity of trees in plantation forests in order to promote the multifunctionality of forests, thus making it possible to cater for three types of desiderata: environmental, economic and social;**

Or. fr

## **Amendment 35**

### **Manuel Bompard**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

## Draft opinion

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

## Amendment

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable, **upcycled<sup>1</sup>** <sup>a</sup> and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support; **calls on the European Union to ensure that materials of biological origin, including all wood waste, returns to the value chain by encouraging eco-design, increasing recycling targets and promoting the use of secondary raw materials comprising wood for products before their potential incineration at the end of life;**

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*<sup>1 a</sup> process of transforming by-products, waste materials, useless, or unwanted products into new materials or products of better quality and environmental value*

Or. xm

### **Amendment 36**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Notes *that* forest-based *industry is a key driving force behind* the circular *bioeconomy*; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

##### *Amendment*

3. Notes *the important role of biodiverse forests, the sustainably-managed forest-based sector and* the circular *bio-economy in achieving the goals of the European Green Deal*; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and *sustainably-sourced* bio-based products *produced within the limits of availability of natural resources and with respect to protecting the forest carbon sink*, through public procurement and investment support;

Or. en

### **Amendment 37**

**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Notes *that* forest-based industry *is a key driving force behind the* circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable *and* bio-based products through public procurement and

##### *Amendment*

3. *Recognises the importance of sustainable* forest-based industry *for* circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support *safe, sustainable and* recyclable, bio-based products through

investment support;

public procurement and investment support; *notes, however, that it should lead to increase of forest carbon sinks not only in wood but also soils best achieved through non-intervention areas and sustainable forest management in managed forests;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 38**

**Fredrick Federley, Nils Torvalds, Mauri Pekkarinen, Claudia Gamon**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft opinion*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

###### *Amendment*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support; *highlights that first and foremost the sector needs stable and long term regulatory conditions to develop rather than short term support measures;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Rob Rooken**

on behalf of the ECR Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft opinion*

3. *Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy;* encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

###### *Amendment*

3. Encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

**Amendment 40**  
**Ignazio Corrao, Eleonora Evi**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind* the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

*Amendment*

3. *Stresses the importance of preserving the forest heritage in Europe and worldwide and of incentivising* the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable, *sustainable* and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

Or. it

**Amendment 41**  
**Markus Buchheit**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

*Amendment*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable and bio-based *European* products through public procurement and investment support;

Or. de

**Amendment 42**  
**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable **and** bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

*Amendment*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; encourages the Member States to support recyclable bio-based products through public procurement and investment support;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Sandra Pereira**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; **encourages** the Member States to **support** recyclable and bio-based products **through public procurement and investment support**;

*Amendment*

3. Notes that forest-based industry is a key driving force behind the circular bioeconomy; **suggests that programmes be set up that will help** the Member States to **introduce policies to promote** recyclable and bio-based products;

Or. pt

**Amendment 44**  
**Tomas Tobé**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Notes that between 1990-2015, forest coverage in the EU increased by an area the size of Greece, as a result of both natural growth and afforestation; further notes that the forest industry employs more than 3 million people and that approximately half of the renewable energy consumed in the Union comes from wood; in this context, recognises the**

*positive economic, societal and environmental contributions of the forest industry and believes that the forest strategy should stimulate further investments in innovation and technological advancement;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Notes that where managed forests are in question, forests which are managed with biodiversity protection and species diversity in mind are more resilient to climate impacts such as fires, droughts, and unseasonal weather events, and as such are an important investment for the future, not only for communities and nature, but also for forest economies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Recognises that forests and the forest-based sector contribute significantly to the development of circular bio-economies in the EU and sustainably managed forests have a crucial role to play in the fight against climate change and for reaching climate*



*neutrality by 2050;*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Notes that the EU's ability to harness the potential of renewable biological resources and the conversion of these resources and waste streams into value added products, such as feed, bio-based products and bioenergy, food, pulp and paper production, as well as parts of chemical, biotechnological and energy industries' will be the difference in achieving a climate neutral EU by 2050;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;

4. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that ***long-lived*** wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage; ***calls on the Member States to assess environmental and energy performance by category of building in order to identify the most climate-friendly solutions for building and renovation; proposes that a target of 50% should be set for wood or other organic matter***

*(hemp, straw) by 2022 for public buildings and that the use of wood in the construction industry should be more widely supported; calls on the Commission to include recommendations to this end in its renovation plan to be launched at the end of the year;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;

*Amendment*

4. ***Calls for implementation of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy;*** encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage ***and creating greenhouse gas substitution effect; stresses the importance of availability of wood-based raw materials for the forest-based industry;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;

*Amendment*

4. ***Notes that European forest resources are increasing;*** encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that ***wood-based products*** and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing ***carbon storage***

*in products and fostering substitution of fossil-based alternatives;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 51**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. *Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;*

###### *Amendment*

4. *Stresses the need to prioritise the most efficient use of wood following the ‘cascading principle’ starting from using it for most value adding applications, i.e. construction and furniture purposes, which also allows the locking-in of carbon over the long-term; discourages increasing the production of short lived forest products;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 52**

**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valerie Hayer, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;

###### *Amendment*

4. Encourages the *sustainable* use of wood as an environmentally friendly raw material; underlines that wood-based products and wood construction *can* provide an effective way of increasing carbon storage;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valerie Hayer, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Acknowledges the occurrence of illegal logging and recognises that almost all primary old growth forest has been lost; urges the Commission to act on both accounts and protect the remaining old growth forest; regrets the decline in forest biodiversity as stated in the State of Nature 2020 for Europe; calls on Commission and Member States to act and enforce the Birds and Habitats Directives to reverse this trend;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Emphasises that sustainable forest management provides three main climate benefits, CO2 sequestration and carbon storage in resilient, growing forests; carbon storage of harvested wood products; and a renewable and climate-friendly raw material that replaces energy-intensive materials and fossil fuels;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Notes with interest that less intensive harvesting methods and stronger forest protection could improve the health and resilience of forests without reducing current harvest levels and forest economies, while at the same time increasing the carbon stored in forests<sup>1a</sup>;**

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**<sup>1a</sup> See the new report 'FRANCE'S FOREST STRATEGY: FIGHTING TO END THE CLIMATE CRISIS OR TO INCREASE LOGGING?' which shows that, in the case of France, it would be possible to improve the health and resilience of forests without reducing current harvest levels. This could be achieved through less intensive harvesting methods and stronger forest protection. It would increase the carbon stored in French forests from around 55 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent in 2017 to almost 80 million tonnes in 2050. <https://www.fern.org/news-resources/frances-forest-strategy-fighting-to-end-the-climate-crisis-or-to-increase-logging-2082/>**

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Acknowledges that in order to achieve the ambitious targets of the**

***European Green Deal, it is crucial to enhance wood availability to attract forest-based investments in the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Sandra Pereira**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup>;**

***deleted***

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

Or. pt

**Amendment 58**  
**François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ;

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ; ***insists however that harvesting forest for energy cannot be done at the expense of the forests, climate change or other environmental issues and must not***

*compete with other uses of wood for the local economic development, in particular in rural areas; calls on the Member States to refrain from importing wood and wood-based products for energy purposes; asks the Commission to modify the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II), so that burning forest wood would not be eligible for meeting EU Member States renewable energy targets, and so that burning forest wood is no longer eligible for subsidies;*

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

Or. en

## **Amendment 59** **Manuel Bompard**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 5**

#### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the

#### *Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup>; ***stresses that European legislation requires only 36%<sup>1 a</sup> of all trees burned to produce energy, which means, because of the low threshold set for electrical efficiency, that 64 out of every 100 trees cut and burned are wasted<sup>1 b</sup>; calls for an end to incentives and subsidies for wood energy production, which is manifestly not a sustainable practice;***

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the

use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

*<sup>1 a</sup> Renewable Energy Directive, Article 29:11 (c) for installations with a total rated input thermal input above 100 MW, it is produced with high efficiency technology, or achieved an annual electrical efficiency of at least 36 %; 11 (c) for installations with a total rated input thermal input above 100 MW, it is produced with high efficiency technology, or achieved an annual electrical efficiency of at least 36 %;*

*<sup>1 b</sup> FERN briefing, the shocking truth about EU forests...in numbers  
[https://www.fern.org/fileadmin/uploads/fern/Documents/2020/The\\_shocking\\_truth\\_about\\_EU\\_forests\\_in\\_numbers.pdf](https://www.fern.org/fileadmin/uploads/fern/Documents/2020/The_shocking_truth_about_EU_forests_in_numbers.pdf);*

Or. xm

## **Amendment 60** **Henna Virkkunen**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 5**

#### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ;

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ

#### *Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ; ***encourages implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive for increasing innovation and investments in forest-based industries; stresses the importance of stable regulatory framework and discourages a second revision of the Renewable Energy Directive;***

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ



Or. en

## Amendment 61

Ignazio Corrao, Eleonora Evi

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

##### *Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup>; ***considers that a more efficient use of timber should be prioritised, in accordance with the 'cascading principle', starting from higher value-added uses and discouraging the production of products with a short life;***

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

Or. it

## Amendment 62

Martin Hojsik

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the ***Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised*** Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ;

*for energy must only occur at the end of the cascade;*

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

Or. en

### **Amendment 63** **Sara Skyttedal**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ;

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

##### *Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to ensure the timely and adequate implementation of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)<sup>1</sup> ***which was adopted in December 2018 and stipulates strong sustainability criteria for renewable energy sources;***

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82.

Or. en

### **Amendment 64** **Patrizia Toia**

#### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

**5a. Expresses concern about the state of health and resilience of forests in many parts of Europe because of climate change and pest and disease hotbeds in forests; stresses the need to strengthen and make full use of EU mechanisms to monitor, provide information and tackle the pressures exerted on forest resources by the spread of invasive alien species, pests and diseases;**

Or. it

**Amendment 65**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Notes that the contribution of biofuels and biomass to energy generation and heating in the EU is important and will further increase, as result of the renewable energy targets in REDII and that modern bio-based economy implies challenges such as the sustainability of biomass raw material, efficiency in biomass use and economy of scales in biomass mobilization; recognises that sustainable forest management can solve many of these issues;**

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Seán Kelly**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Recalls that the revised Renewable**

*Energy Directive sets out that a risk-based approach should be taken by operators in order to minimise the risk of using unsustainable forest biomass for the production of bioenergy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Seán Kelly**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5b. Notes that in order to ensure the sustainable production of biomass, the Renewable Energy Directive has set out sustainability criteria which must be met in order to comply with the Union target for Renewable Energy, and to benefit from support schemes; stresses that the harmonised, Union-wide, criteria that have recently been agreed are essential for the smooth functioning of the internal energy market and to avoid the distortion of competition;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**

**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the *forest* value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the *forest-based* value chain, including wood-based products to be used as *substitutes for fossil or carbon-intensive*

*clothing* fibres and medicines;

*materials such as* plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and *textile* fibres, *chemicals* and medicines;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 69**

**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft opinion*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines;

##### *Amendment*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including *safe* wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines; *stresses that the prioritisation of wood-based alternatives must take into account the whole life cycle of products and their environmental performance;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 70**

**Manuel Bompard**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft opinion*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines;

##### *Amendment*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines; *stresses that single-use plastic must be replaced with sustainable, long-lived products;*

**Amendment 71**  
**Markus Buchheit**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses that there is a continued need for sustained support for forest-related research and innovation throughout the forest value chain, including wood-based products to be used as plastic substitute packaging materials, smart and clothing fibres and medicines, ***in order to reduce the dependence of European production chains on imports from non-EU countries in the event of a crisis;***

Or. de

**Amendment 72**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Stresses that according to scientific research, sustainably managed forests have a higher CO2 absorption capacity than unmanaged forests; urges therefore that the new forest strategy promotes sustainable forest management including by SMEs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. Stresses that wood-based materials must play a crucial role in substituting fossil-based alternatives in industries such as the construction industry, the textile industry, the chemical industry and the packaging industry;**

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Patrizia Toia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships; ***reiterates its position adopted at first reading whereby the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises and European statistics should include the sustainability of enterprises among its objectives, in particular that of micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises;***

Or. it

**Amendment 75**  
**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irena Joveva**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships; ***believes that research in forestry and forest restoration has potential to deliver positive results in terms of climate change mitigation, growth of sustainable businesses, employment, maintaining long-term forest health and biodiversity protection;***

Or. en

**Amendment 76**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships; ***underlines the essential role of high-level research and innovation in fostering contribution of the forest and forest-based sector in meeting the challenges of our time;***

Or. en

**Amendment 77**

**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*



7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry, ***agroforestry*** and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships; ***these programs should integrate mechanisms to respect objectives and the legislation on environmental protection and biodiversity preservation, while ensuring climate change mitigation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships; ***stresses the importance of encouraging further research in the forest-based industry, noting especially the role of SMEs in contributing to sustainable forest-based research and innovation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening ***of*** links between research, industry and

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening ***and encouraging new and existing*** links

society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

between research, industry and society ***at all levels*** through specific instruments such as European Partnerships (***e.g. Circular Bio-based Europe and Build4People***);

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for adequate funding for Horizon Europe and for the strengthening of links between research, industry and society through specific instruments such as European Partnerships ***and the reinforcement of networks of vocational colleges***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 81**  
**Sandra Pereira**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls for ***adequate*** funding for Horizon Europe and for ***the strengthening of links*** between research, industry and society ***through specific instruments such as European Partnerships***;

*Amendment*

7. Calls for funding for Horizon Europe ***to be stepped up*** and for ***programmes to be introduced that promote cooperation*** between research, industry and society;

Or. pt

**Amendment 82**  
**François Alfonsi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a.     *Regrets that the majority of products stemming from the forest sector are short lived, and not achieving long lasting product function or carbon storage, making any substitution effect negligible; calls on the Commission and the Member States to improve the accuracy of forest data, including the reporting of how the harvested wood is used, calls for the harmonisation of this data, making information comparable between Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a.     *Notes that research and technology have come a long way since the forest strategy was introduced in 2013; stresses therefore the importance of encouraging further research in the forestry and bio-based industry and believes that partnerships under the Horizon Europe program should be further directed towards this in order to strengthen the links between research, industry and society;***

Or. en

**Amendment 84**

**Martin Hojsík, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Valerie Hayer, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos,  
Irena Joveva**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Notes work under the EU Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth<sup>1a</sup> including EU taxonomy for sustainable activities, in the area of forestry and other economic activities related to forests;**

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**<sup>1a</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth (COM/2018/097 final)**

Or. en

**Amendment 85  
Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Underlines the importance of data harmonisation and data sharing across the EU on forestry resources;**

Or. en

**Amendment 86  
François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b.     *Calls for the creation and implementation of a satellite monitoring system to enable the detailed monitoring of forests across the European Union, towards improved weather alerts and impact reports, and to feed into more accurate National Forest Inventories;***

Or. en

**Amendment 87**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b.     *Emphasises the need to take into consideration the links between the forest-based sector and other sectors as well as the importance of digitalisation and investing in research and innovation in order to create industrial symbiosis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 88**

**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7c.     *Stresses the importance of education and skilled, well-trained workforce as it comes to the successful implementation of sustainable forest management in practice; calls therefore on the Commission and the Member***

*States to continue to implement and strengthen existing European instruments in this regard;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.**

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management ***with binding targets for biodiversity***, and the regional and economic importance of forests; ***calls on the Member States to make carbon sequestration the primary task of their national forest organisations and to increase their human and financial resources; stresses the importance of maintaining public expertise and denounces the privatisation of these organisations.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 91**  
**Henna Virkkunen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, ***steady supply of wood-based raw materials*** and the regional and economic importance of forests; ***acknowledges that sustainable forest management is primarily driven and sustained by SMEs; highlights the positive effects of sustainable forest management for climate change mitigation and adaptation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Fredrick Federley, Nils Torvalds, Mauri Pekkarinen, Claudia Gamon**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests; ***points out the important role that sustainable forest management has in the whole forest and bioeconomy value chain, especially in terms of providing sustainable raw materials to the sector;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests; ***stresses that sustainable forest management will lead at the same time to the doubling of forest assets because wood harvesting takes place at a lower rate than growth, therefore forest volumes continue to increase.***

Or. en

**Amendment 94**

**Martin Hojsik, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Irena Joveva**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need ***for*** sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need ***to apply non-intervention principle in a certain proportion of European forest areas arising from climate and biodiversity crisis, to replace intensive management practices by long-term*** sustainable forest management, and the regional, ***environmental, social, cultural*** and economic importance of forests.

Or. en

**Amendment 95**

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional



economic importance of forests.

and economic importance of forests. *There is a need to foster the know-how and understanding of sustainable forest management as it can prevent the deforestation and has positive impact on the health and diversity of the forests.*

Or. en

#### Amendment 96

Ignazio Corrao, Eleonora Evi

#### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 8

##### *Draft opinion*

8. *Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.*

##### *Amendment*

8. *Highlights yet again the irreplaceable role of forests as the green lungs of our world and takes the view that their protection should be a political priority for the European Union.*

Or. it

#### Amendment 97

Sandra Pereira

#### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 8

##### *Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, *and the regional and economic* importance of forests.

##### *Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management *that is not held hostage by private interests and the* importance of forests *to people's financial, social and environmental quality of life.*

Or. pt

#### Amendment 98

Rob Rooken

on behalf of the ECR Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, and the regional and economic importance of forests.

*Amendment*

8. Stresses the need for sustainable forest management, ***strengthening traditional forest law compliance*** and the regional and economic importance of forests.

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**François Alfonsi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***8a. In this framework, particular attention should be paid to ensuring climate change adaption in harmony with nature in all regions, with particular attention to those areas which are the most endangered by climate change, for example those facing extreme heat and drier seasons in the south of Europe, and shifting forest species and pests further north; considers that the Commission should propose a differentiated strategy depending on the climate areas, including the Mediterranean climate region.***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Notes that the European Green Deal as a new growth strategy for EU requires investments to fully support clean and circular economy. The forest and wood industry have huge potential to invest and contribute to clean and circular economy and create jobs in Europe. The availability of the sustainably sourced raw materials should be ensured and fostered by supportive and coherent policy framework for the all sectors involved.*

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Calls on the European Union to create a monitoring network for European forests to collect information at local level (reforestation, temperatures, parasitic diseases, natural disasters) linked to Copernicus earth observation programmes, which can produce reliable forecasts in real time so as to improve sustainable forest management.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 102**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Acknowledges that sustainable and active forest management is mainly driven and sustained by SMEs; furthermore, sustainable and active forest management is the most effective way to prevent forest damages, deforestation and to preserve biodiversity.*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**

**Łukasz Kohut, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Stresses that wood is one of the substitutes for plastic in industrial production and can also be used in construction. As such it allows for decreased use of plastic, where this use should be minimised.*

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

**Fredrick Federley, Nils Torvalds, Mauri Pekkarinen, Claudia Gamon**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Highlights that forests do have very different characteristics within the Union and therefore needs different policy and management approaches.*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Sara Skyttedal**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8b.** *Is concerned that the forest strategy is set to be proposed in relation with the bio diversity strategy, which risks to ignore the specific role of SMEs in sustainable forest management and therefore disregards the most effective way to prevent forest damages, deforestation and preservation of biodiversity.*

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Łukasz Kohut, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8b.** *Stresses the importance of forests, resulting from their capacity as carbon storage natural mechanisms, which can help achieve the European Green Deal goals.*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Łukasz Kohut, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8c.** *Underlines the need of the New*

*European Forest Strategy to avail itself of the existing mechanisms and investments in sustainable forest policy, as well as of new instruments devised in reply to the current situation, most notably brought about by the coronavirus pandemic and its societal and economic consequences; stresses that particular attention should be paid to sustainable forest management and job creation in the forest-based industry.*

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Łukasz Kohut, Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*8d. Invites the European Commission to propose a mechanism encouraging transformation of abandoned lands, fallow lands and post-industrial lands into forests, thus contributing to the decarbonisation policy and tackling the climate change.*

Or. en