



Why do we need multifunctional forests?

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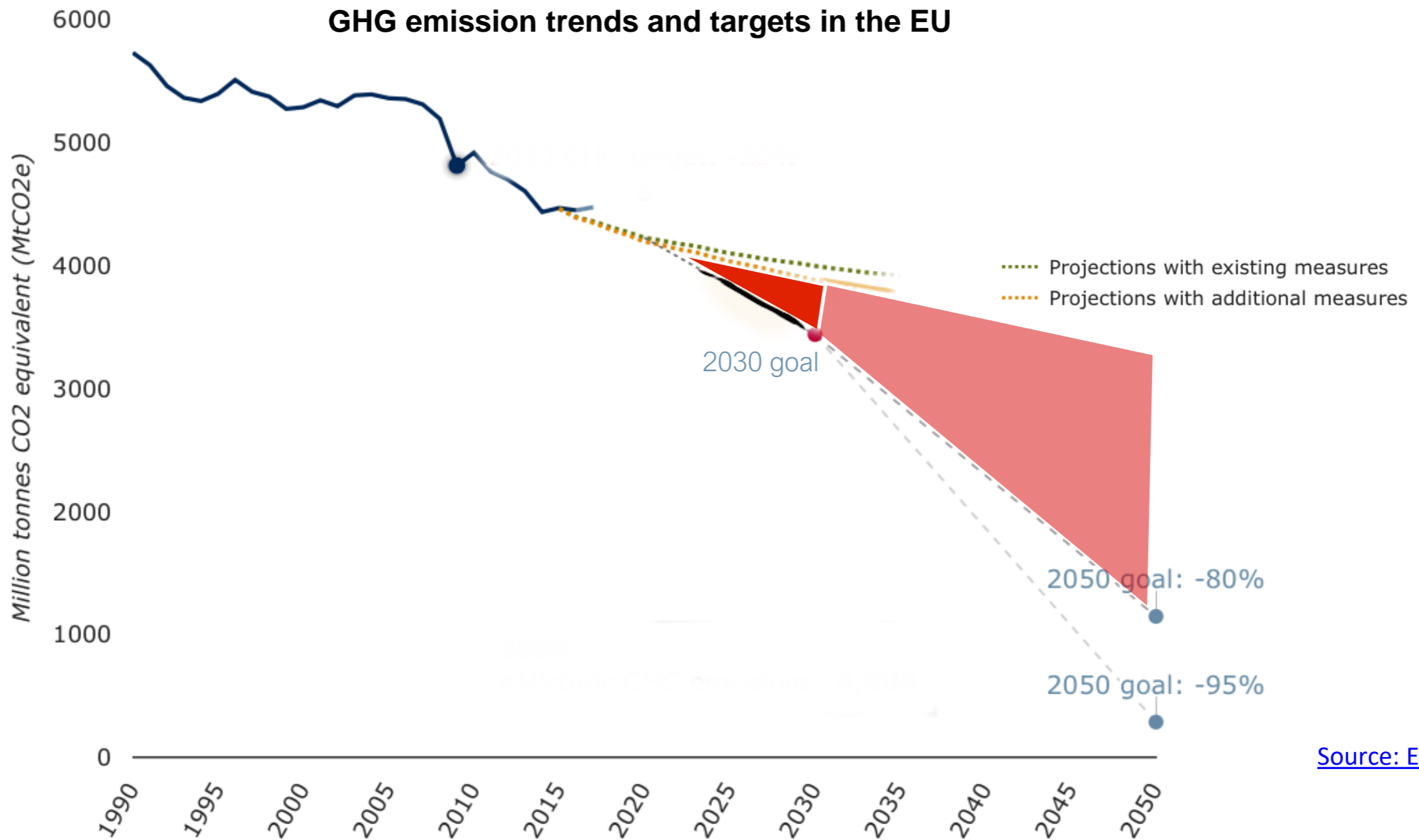


European forest facts

- 182M ha (42% of EU land area)
 - Growth in past 25 years: +9M ha, +7.4bn m³
- 60% are private
 - 16M private forest owners
- 90% EU timber for EU wood industry
- 50% of Natura 2000 network
- 90% available for recreational purposes



On track to miss EU targets



Source: EEA

How forests protect our climate



Forests
sequester
10% of the EU's
green house
gas emissions.



Wood
stores
carbon before
and after
harvesting.



The renewable
material
substitutes
high-carbon
material and
fuels.

How climate change impacts EU forests

- Forest risks that affect EU forests, among them natural disasters, pests and diseases, are more and more common:



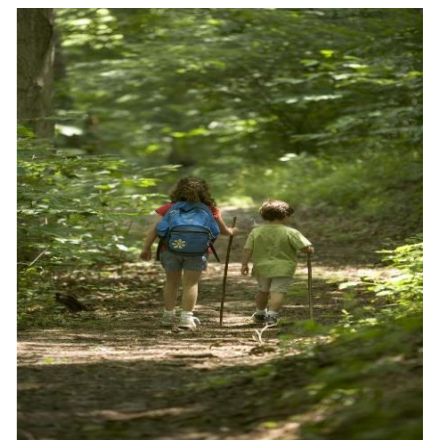
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Multiple benefits of forests



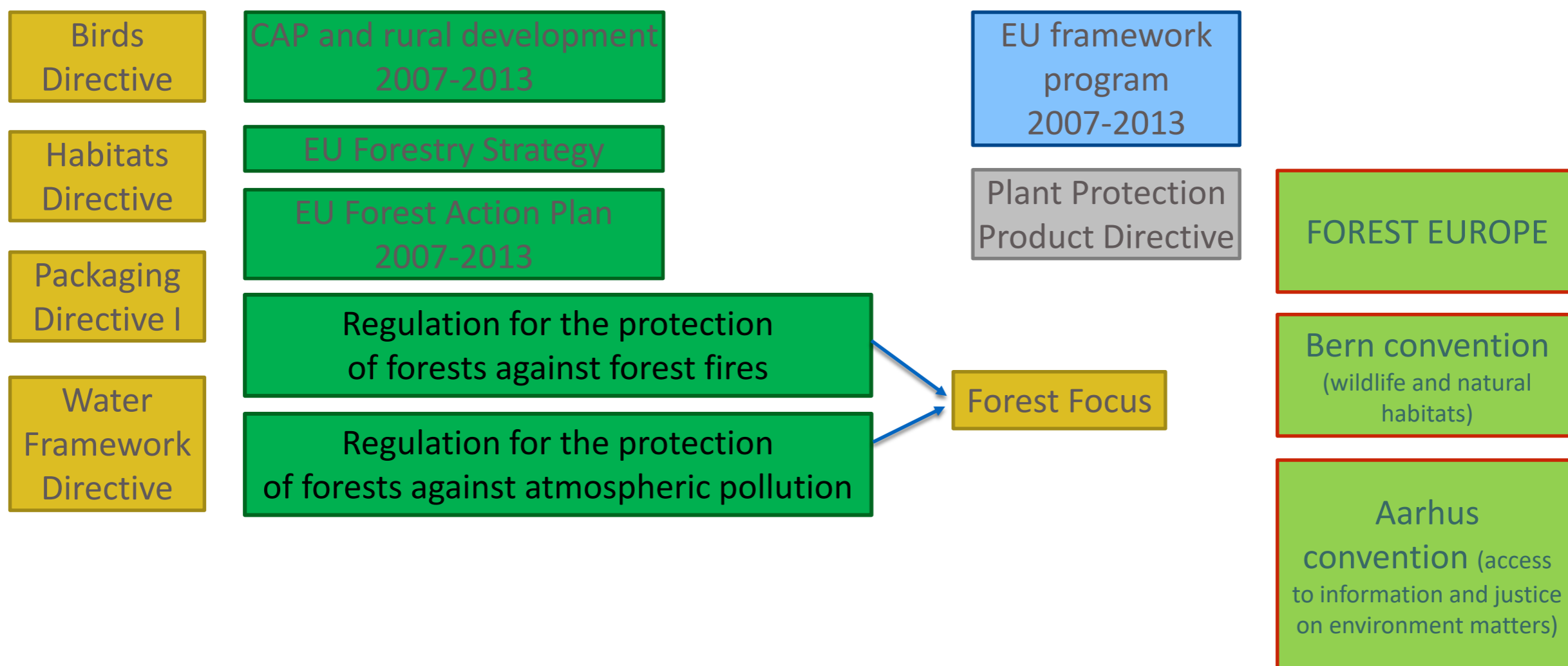
SFM is essential to mitigate climate change and ensure other benefits

- **SFM - Sustainable Forest Management**
Holistic approach to ensure forest activities deliver environmental, economic and social benefits.
- Active **SFM is a prerequisite for climate change mitigation and adaptation:**
 - improves **resilience and health of forests,**
 - **prevents disasters** (e.g. wildfires, storm damages, landslides, floods, droughts),
 - promotes **development of resilient rural areas.**



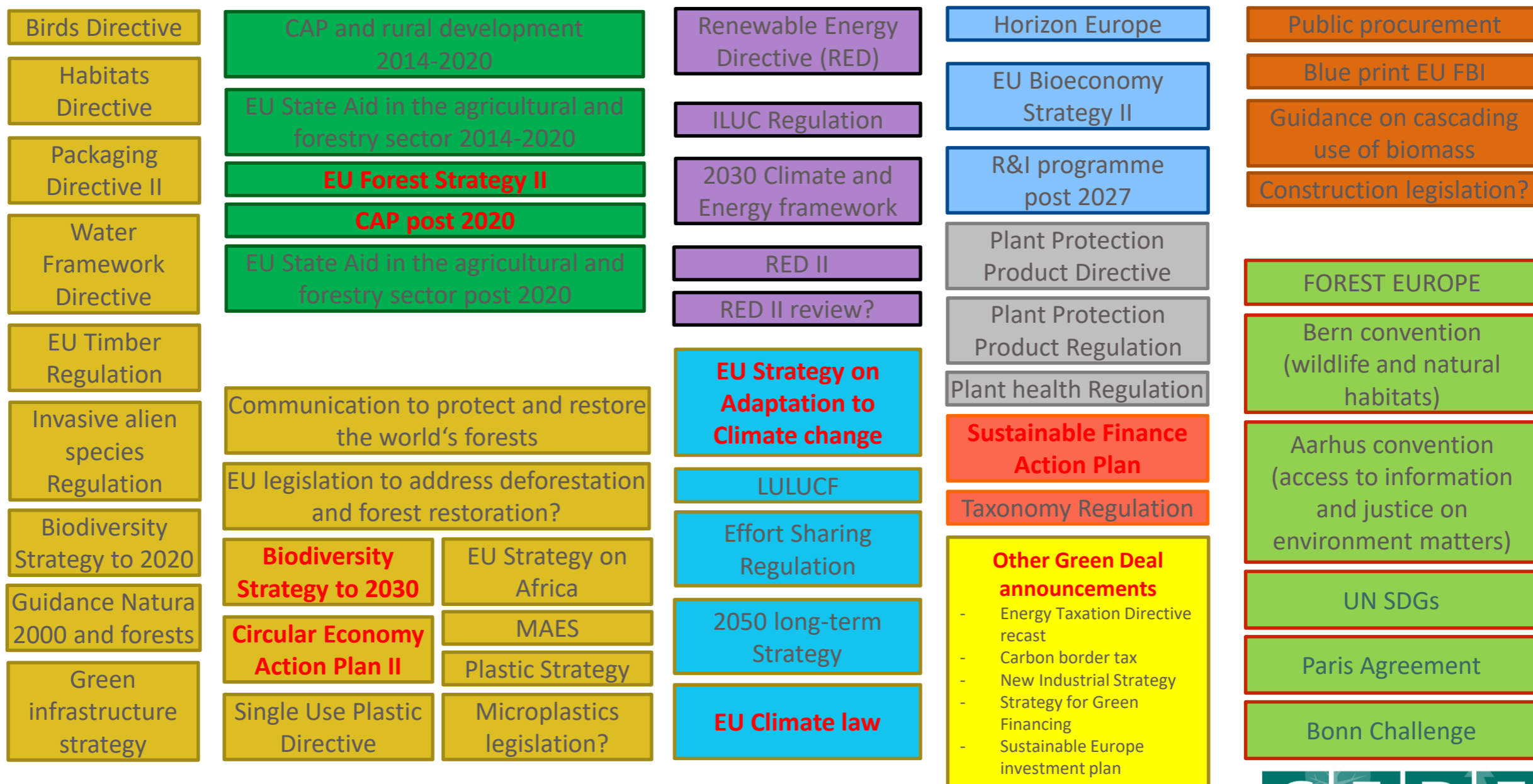
EU policy puzzle: forest related policies

1979-2007 (28 years)



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2020 and beyond



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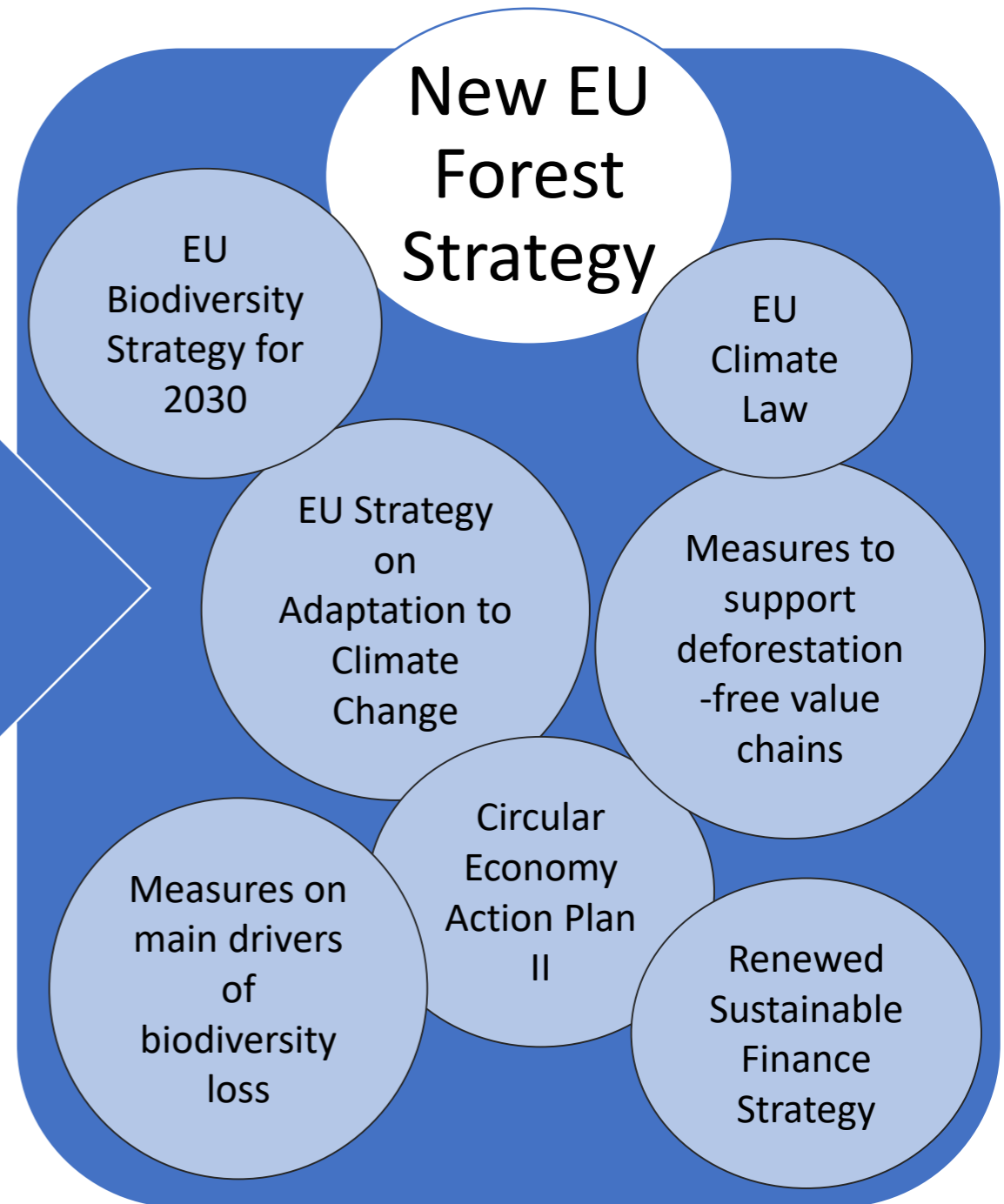
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EU Green deal requires a robust EU Forest strategy





Key messages

- **Green Deal** implementation to ensure coherence among EU forest-related policies.
- An updated and stronger **EU Forest Strategy** post-2020 to encompass all functions of forests.
- Recognise the positive role of Sustainable Forest Management and forest owners in **EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030** and in the future EU actions to tackle deforestation.
- Possibility to provide financial support in the **future CAP** to forest owners to contribute to forest management activities.

Thank you!

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