



CEPF General Assembly 2025

*27 May 2025
Peccioli (Tuscany), Italy*

1. Welcome and opening



In memoriam of Anton (Toni) Burkhart





2. Approval of the agenda

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3. Designation of CEPF Bureau



3. Designation of CEPF Bureau

- Chairman: Sven Erik Hammar (President)
- Scrutator: Fanny-Pomme Langue (Secretary General)
- Secretary: Dajana Kojic (Office Manager)

4. Report on CEPF activities June 2024 – May 2025

- a. Organisation
- b. Work organisation and members events
- c. New EU Commission and EU Parliament
- d. Advocacy
- e. Other activities
- f. Communication



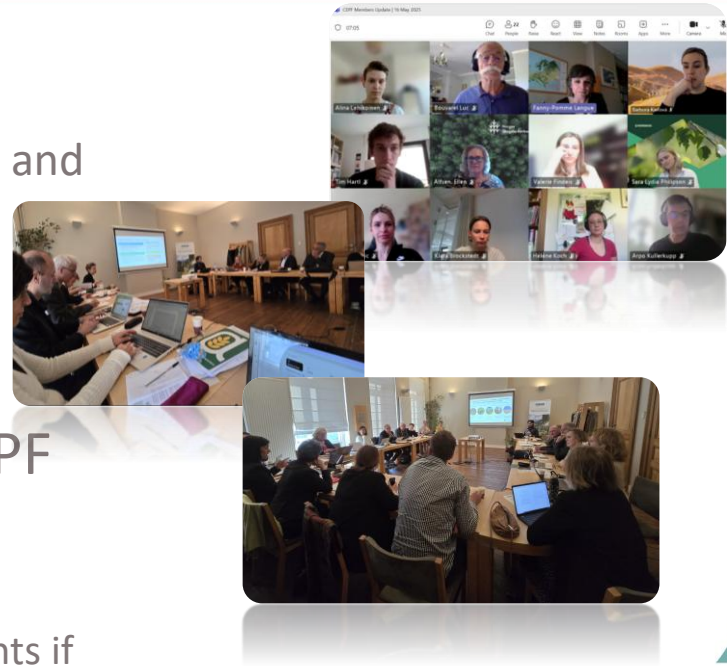
4.a. Organisation

- CEPF Secretariat
- VAT audits
- Internal audits of account
- CEPF IT Infrastructure and Security



4.b. Work organization and members events

- Work organization
 - ✓ Working Group: several online meetings and one in person meeting (March)
 - ✓ 11 Members Update meetings
 - ✓ 9 Expert Groups
- CEPF Secretariat contribution to CEPF Members events
 - ✓ 5 events
 - ✓ CEPF secretariat is open to support these events if needed and as much as resources allow



4.c. New Commission and New Parliament

- Mapping of new European Parliament
- Engagement with newly elected MEPs
- Engagement with new Commissioners: back to constructive dialogue?
- New political context: CEPF messages to complement CEPF Manifesto



4.d. Advocacy

Commission Experts Groups: 16 groups (2 new)

DG AGRI and DG ENV

- Forest and Forestry Stakeholder Platform

DG ENVIRONMENT (DG ENV)

- EU Biodiversity Platform
- EUBP sub-group: Commission Expert group on the Birds and Habitats Directives
- EUBP sub-group: Working Group Forests and Nature
- EUBP sub-group: Expert Group on Monitoring and Assessment
- EUBP sub-group: Working Group on Invasive Alien Species
- EUBP sub-group: Working Group on Green Infrastructure

EUBP sub-group: Expert group on the Nature Restoration Regulation (NEW)

- Expert Group/Multi-Stakeholder Platform on Protecting and Restoring the World's Forests, including the EU Timber Regulation and the FLEGT Regulation
- **Expert Group on the implementation of the EU Soil Strategy for 2030 (NEW)**

DG CLIMA

- Expert Group on Carbon Removals

DG GROW

- Expert Group on Forest-based Industries and Sectorally Related Issues

DG AGRI

- Civil Dialogue Group CAP Strategic Plans and Horizontal Matters
- Civil Dialogue Group Environment and Climate Change
- EU CAP Network

DG RTD

- **Working Group on Primary Producers, under Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)**



4.d. Advocacy

- Collaboration with the EU and international forest-based sector
 - ✓ Exchange of information and participation to respective events



European
Bioeconomy
Alliance

Forest-Based Sector
Technology Platform



4.d. Advocacy

- High level meetings and events
 - ✓ Bilateral meeting with Commissioner Roswall and with Commissioner Hansen Cabinet, March 2025
 - ✓ High level Roundtable on nature credits (chaired by Commissioner Roswall), April 2025
 - ✓ Stakeholder dialogue on bioeconomy (chaired by Commissioner Roswall), May 2025



4.d. Advocacy

- High level meetings and events
 - ✓ EU Forest and Nature Directors' meetings (Hungary and Poland)
 - ✓ Forest Europe's Ministerial Conference



4.d. Advocacy

Based on CEPF policy priorities 2023-2024

- **EU Forest Strategy** – more than closer-to-nature
- **Forest monitoring and reporting** – House of cards
- **EU Deforestation Regulation** – delay, amend, simplify
- **Bioeconomy Strategy** – a new momentum?



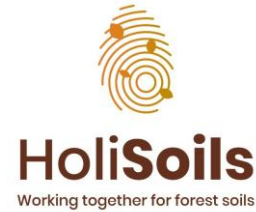
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- **LULUCF** – reality check
- **Carbon removals certification framework** – what's next?
- **Nature credits** – what do we want?
- **Nature Restoration Law** - Storm over, sea not calm yet
- **Soil monitoring and water resilience** – increased activities
- **CAP and Rural Development** – towards the next CAP



4.d. Advocacy

- Research



4.e. Other activities

- **Forest Europe**
- **Advisory role** - 1T.org, ESA task force on bioeconomy
- **Internal projects** - Policy dashboard; Young Forest Owners network
- **Developing CEPF network** – regions, students...



4.e. Other activities

- Membership of other organisations



European
Bioeconomy
Alliance



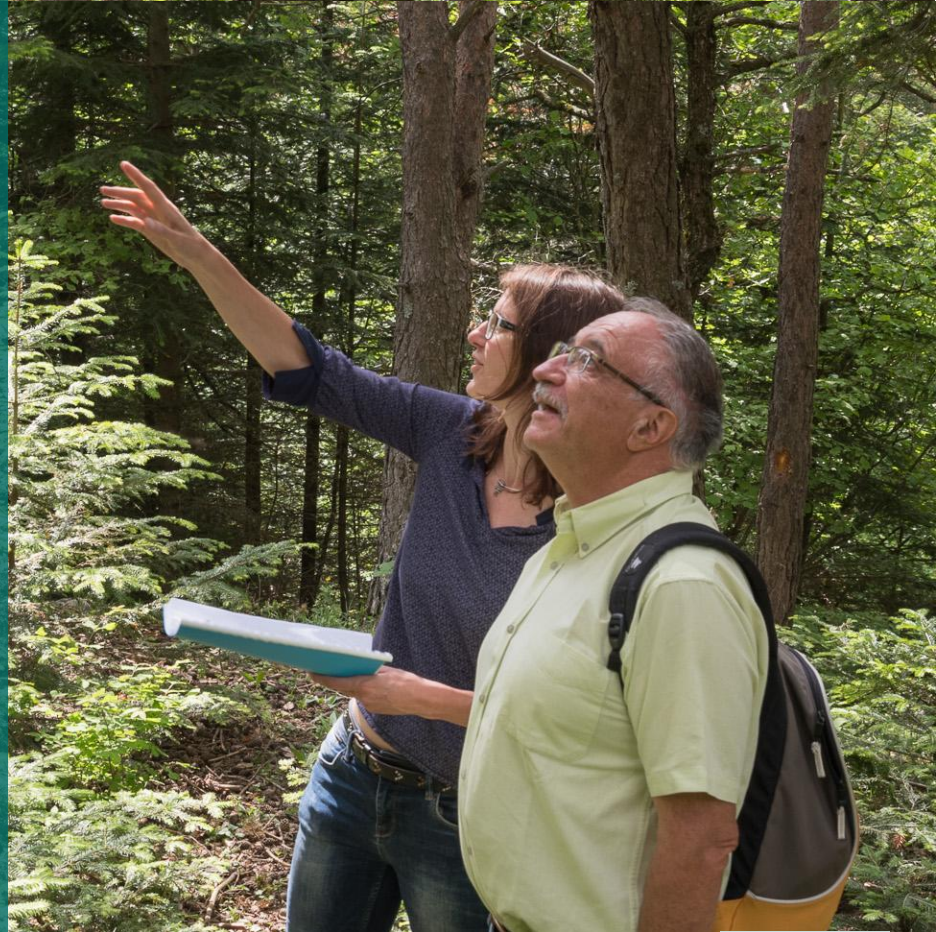
4.f. Communication

- **CEPF Website** – visited ~4657 times. New content published frequently
- **Website update and new IT company**
- **Website Newsletter** – published 4 times a year. Current number of subscribers is 494 and steadily increasing
- **Social Media** – X (former Twitter): 2340 followers, LinkedIn: 2022 followers and increasing





5. CEPF work programme forecast June 2025 – May 2026



CEPF work programme forecast - 2025-2026

- 30 years of CEPF: how to celebrate?
- CEPF narrative, complementary to CEPF Manifesto
- Advocacy work based on CEPF policy priorities



CEPF work programme forecast - 2025-2026

- **Public events:**
 - ➔ October, bioeconomy (tbc)
 - ➔ Cocktail “meet with Forest owners” (tbc)
- **Forest Europe:** Ministerial Conference June 2026



CEPF work programme forecast - 2025-2026

- **R&I** : FTP SIRA
- **Institutional projects:**
 - 1T.org Europe Chapter
 - ESA bioeconomy taskforce
 - CBE JU Working Group on Primary Producers



CEPF work programme forecast - 2025-2026

- **Members Update:** continue
- **Working Group meeting:** one in person meeting in Brussels?
- **Member Calls:** Bilateral meetings with CEPF members



CEPF work programme forecast - 2024-2025

- Policy Priorities: **HIGH**

CEPF actively follows the developments and engages in the work actively

HIGH

EU Bioeconomy strategy

EU Forest Strategy implementation

- Closer to nature certification
- EU SFM indicators, thresholds and ranges

EU Deforestation Regulation

EU climate law - 2040 climate target

LULUCF - evaluation

Forest monitoring

Nature credits

CAP post 2027

CEPF work programme forecast - 2024-2025

- Policy Priorities: **MEDIUM**

CEPF follows the developments and informs its members but doesn't actively engage in the work unless relevant.

MEDIUM

Biodiversity strategy - implementation

Nature Directives - implementation

Soil Health Law

Taxonomy - biodiversity delegated act

EU nature restoration law - implementation

RED (II and III) implementation

Carbon removal certification - definition of methodologies

Adaptation Pact and EU climate adaptation Strategy

Water Resilience Strategy

CAP 2023-2027 - implementation

Multi financial framework (MFF)

CEPF work programme forecast - 2024-2025

- Policy Priorities: **LOW**

CEPF doesn't follow the developments

LOW

Hunting related issues

Environmental crime directive, Environmental liability Directive, Aarhus Regulation

Invasive alien species Regulation

Plant protection products Regulation, Forest reproductive material Regulation

State aid guidelines

Open data Directive, INSPIRE Directive, GreenData4all initiative

Corporate sustainability reporting

Pollinators initiative

Bauhaus

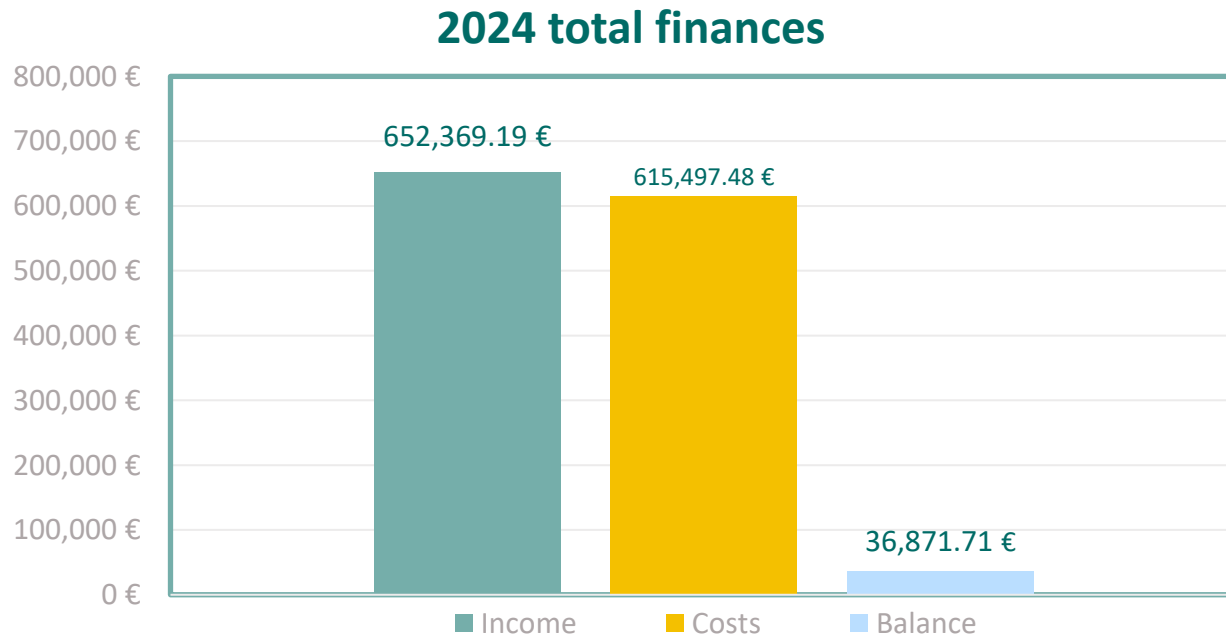
3 Bn Trees pledge

Standing Forestry Committee

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6. Presentation and approval of the 2024 annual accounts and discharge to the directors

2024 Closed accounts



Profit carried forward: $380,437.40 \text{ €} + 36,871.71 \text{ €} = 417,309.11 \text{ €}$

Recap of GA decisions – 2024 closing

- **Expenditure:**

- Home page: + (website migration)
- Publications and PR: + CEPF policy dashboard (tableau software)
- Legal advice: + (VAT audit)
- Staff: 1,5% indexation (Vs 5% planned) – But new end of the year bonus

- **CEPF income:**

- Membership: +3% inflation applied according to budget (Vs 6,4% actual inflation)
- EU projet: Small4good



Recap of GA decisions - Finances: Closing 2024

- Internal audit Carried out by Ms. Jana Pirolt, from the Association of Austrian Land and Forest Owners
- « *The accounting records of CEPF for the financial year 2024 meet the standards of proper accounting and show no significant deficiencies* »



2024 Closed accounts

- Approval of the 2024 annual accounts and discharge of the directors



6. Information on 2025 budget

Recap of GA decisions – Budget 2025 (update)

- **Expenditure:**

- Homepage: + (amortisation of website migration)
- IT support: + (new IT services)
- Office rent: increase of rent / charges ; empty office
- Staff costs: + (2% indexation planned Vs 3,6% actual indexation. Increasing and stabilizing the team.

- **CEPF income:**

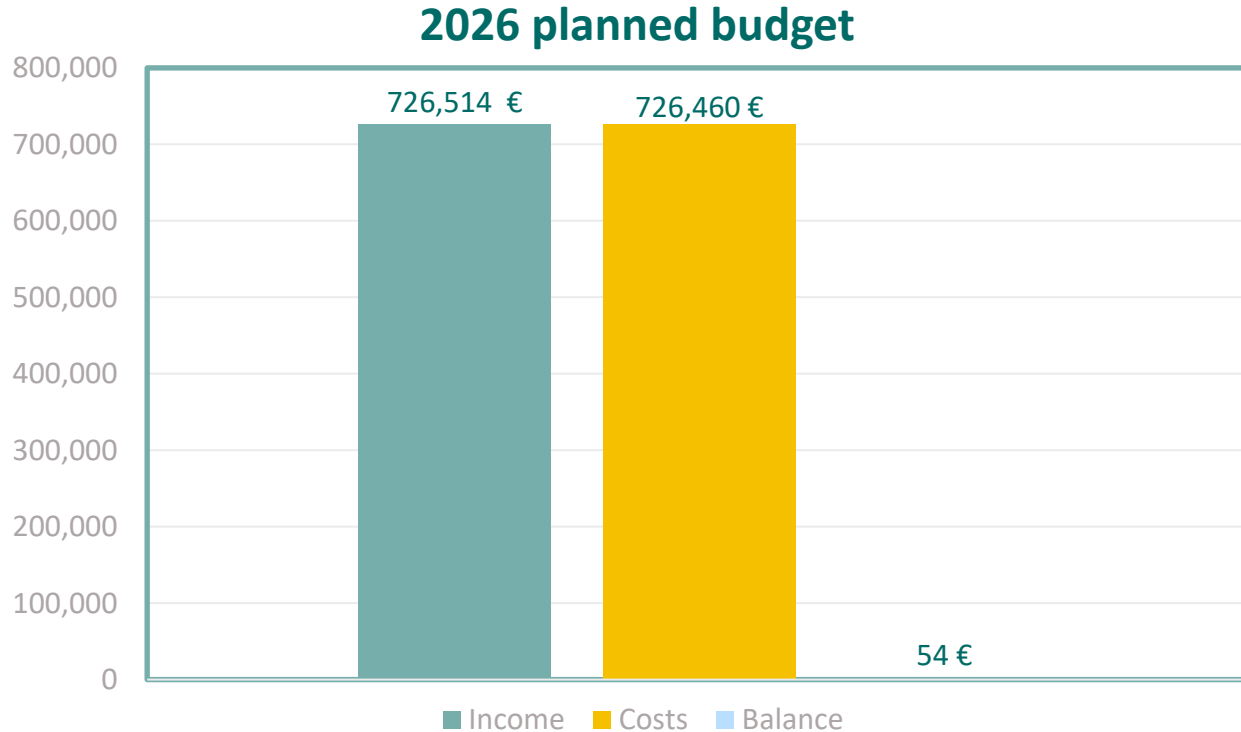
- Membership: 2,6% inflation (2% planned) ; New members (Norskog, Sogsällskapet, and Iceland)
- Other income: USSE and NSF services



7. Presentation and approval of the 2026 planned budget



2026 planned budget



Recap of GA decisions – Budget 2026

- **Expenditure:**
 - Home page: + (amortisation website migration)
 - IT support: + (new IT services)
 - Staff : + (stabilization of currant team ; indexation 3%)
 - Unforeseen: -
- **CEPF income:**
 - Membership: +2,5% (planned inflation)
 - Other income: USSE and NSF services



2026 budget

- Approval of the 2026 budget



1. 8. CEPF Board elections

8.a. End of mandate of CEPF Board members

8.b. Election of CEPF Board members

8.c. Election of CEPF Vice-Presidents



8.a. End of mandate of CEPF Board Members

- Luc Bouvarel
- Felix Montecuccoli
- Michael Podstatzky-Lichtenstein



8.b. Election of CEPF Board members

Proposal to re-elect following CEPF Board members for a 2-year mandate period (2025 – 2027):

- **Heidi Hemstad**



- **Juha Martila**



- **Arnis Muižnieks**



- **Rok Sedminek**



8.b. Election of CEPF Board members

Proposal to elect following candidates as CEPF Board members for a 2-year mandate period (2025 – 2027):

- **Derek Mc Cabe**
- **Konrad Mylius**
- **Jean-Pierre Piganiol**
- **Benedikt Thienen-Adlerflycht**



8.c. Election of CEPF Vice-Presidents

Proposal to (re)elect following candidates as CEPF Vice-Presidents for a 2-year mandate period (2025 – 2027):

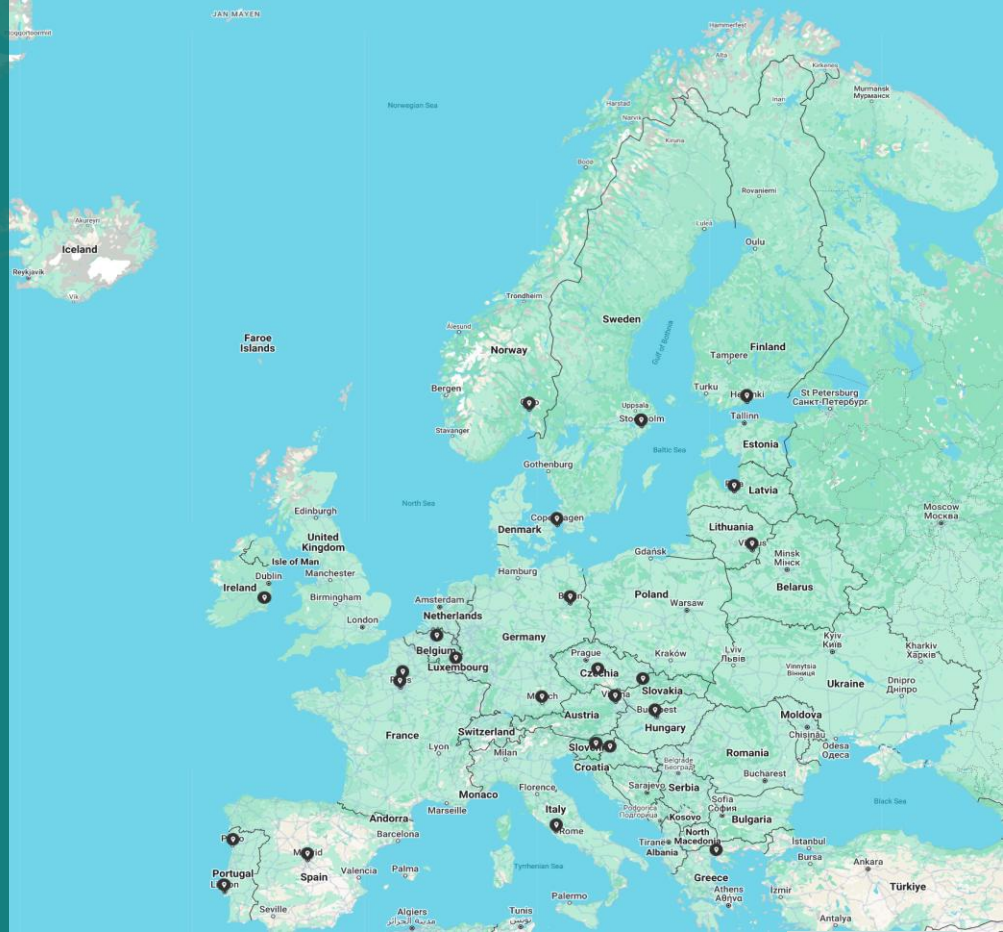
- **Antonio Paula Soares**



- **Jean Pierre-Piganiol**



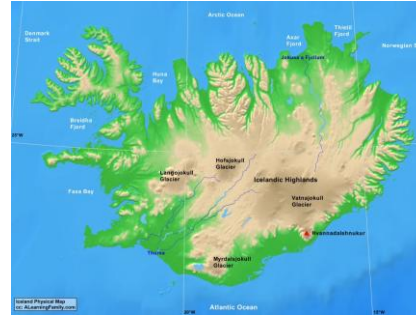
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Membership applications



Icelandic Farmers Association
(Icelandic: Bændasamtök Íslands)



Iceland





THE ICELANDIC
FARMERS ASSOCIATION



FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

My name:

Hlynur Gauti Sigurðsson



ICELAND VS. ITALY

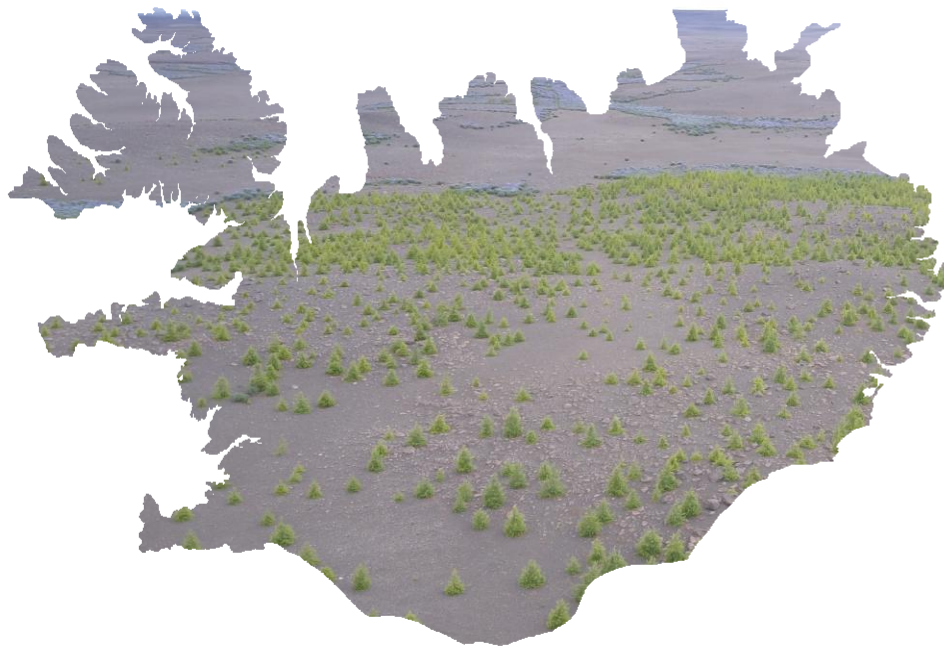


ICELAND 103,000 km²
Population 400.000

ITALY 301,230 km²
Population 60.000.000

ICELAND

THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE



Woodland in Iceland today is 2%

- *Reforestation cover 1%*
- *Natural shrub cover 1%*

Icelandic definition of forest

- Tree height of 2 meters
- Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares
- Canopy cover of more than 10%

European definition of forest

- Tree height of 5 meters
- Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares
- Canopy cover of more than 10%

ICELAND

FORESTRY



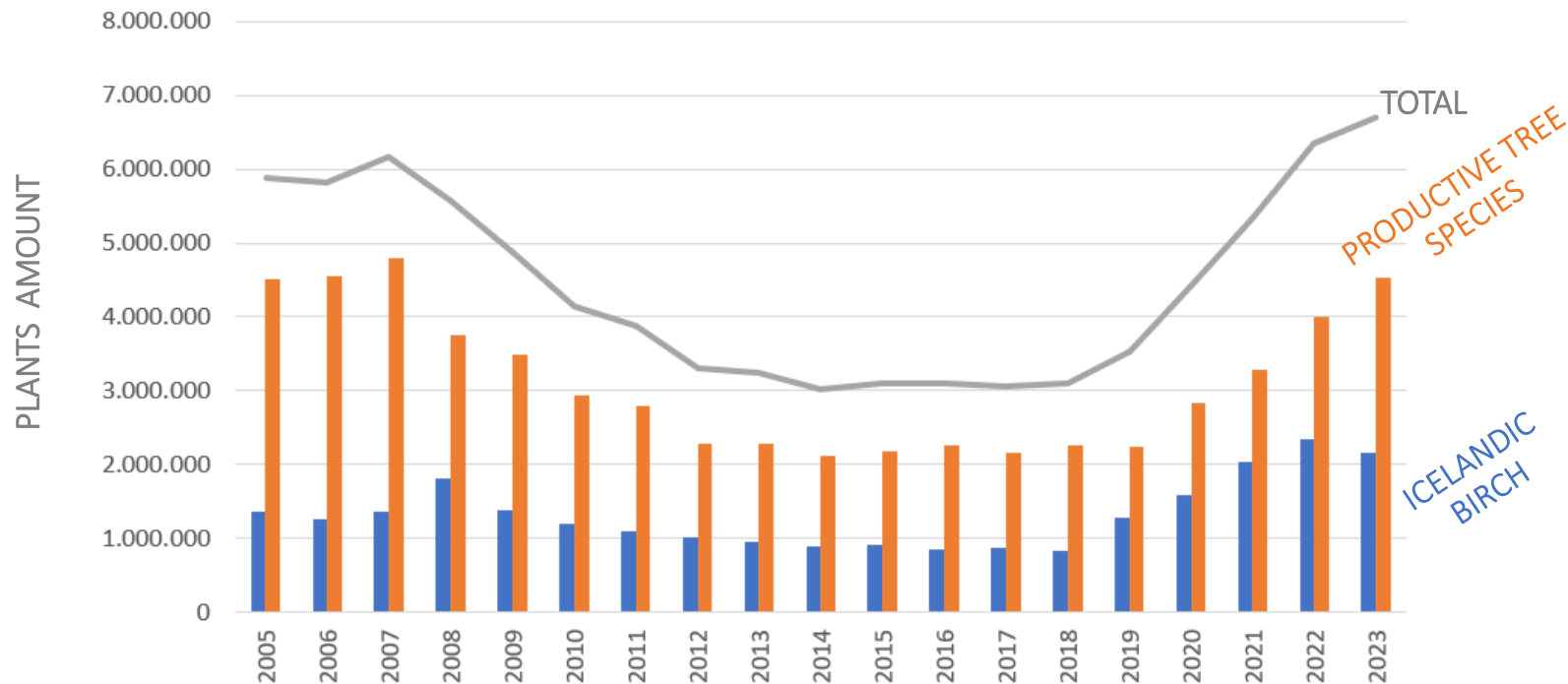
Small scale forestry started
100 years ago
on public land.

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Forestry with
private landowners
started 1990

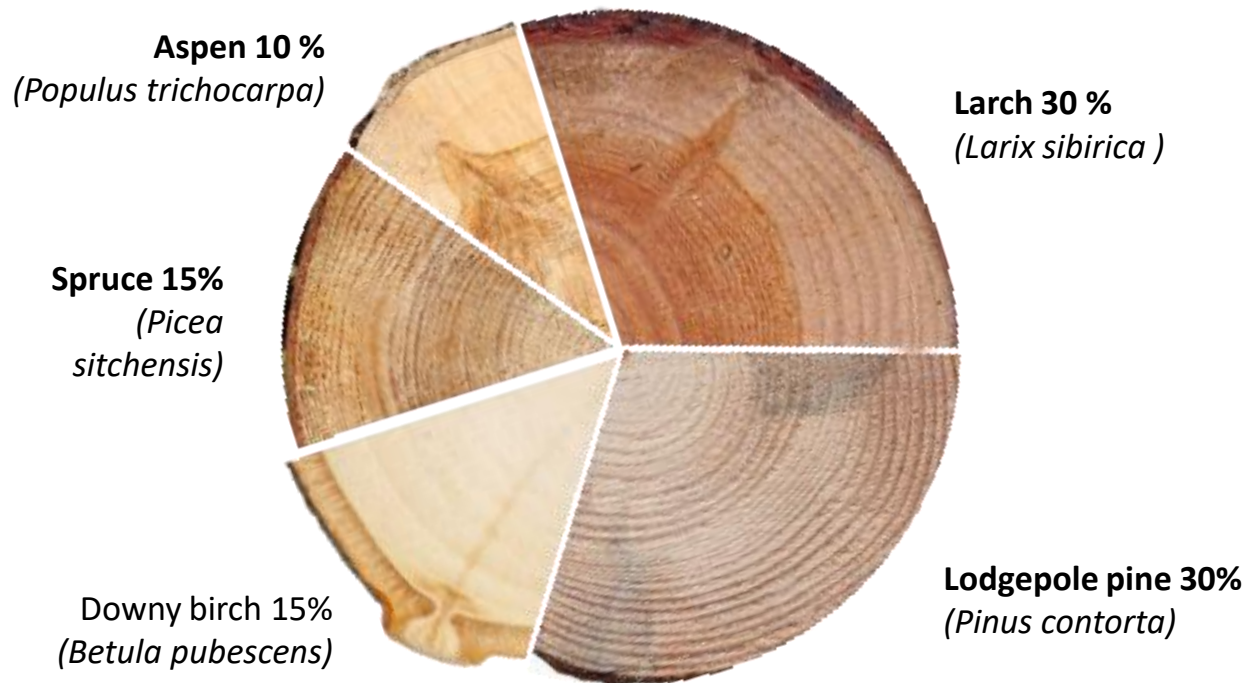
REFORESTATION

PLANTED SEEDLINGS PR. YEAR 2005 - 2023



FIVE TREES

MOST PLANTED TREE SPECIES



DEVELOPE

TODAYS CHALLENGES



CARBON SEQUESTRATION MARKET

www.kolefnisbru.is

FOREST MAINTAINANCE

Thinning is neglected

IMPLIMENTING SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Leisure and educational platforms

But first and foremost:

Educate the authorities of importance of forestry

THANKS, FROM ICELAND

THE LAND OF ICE, FIRE AND “SGON” FOREST



Confederation of European Forest Owners



THE ICELANDIC
FARMERS ASSOCIATION

Membership applications



NORSKOG



Norway





NORSKOG

Rooted in the Forest - Advocating Through Policy



Who We Are

- Founded in 1950
- Member-based organisation
- Celebrating 75 Years
- Promoting active, sustainable and economically viable forestry





Our Members

- Representing 250 forest owners across Norway
- Mostly family-owned forest properties
- Over 1 million m³ timber harvested annually (ca. 15% of national volume).

What We Do

*Forest Management
and
Policy Development*



- **NORTØMMER AS** (1998) - Our timber trade and silviculture subsidiary.
- **Norsk Skogsertifisering AS** (1999) - Forest certification based on active landowner participation.
- **The Norwegian Forestry Group (NFG)** (1996) - A consultancy network built on extensive Norwegian forestry expertise.



Core Areas of Work

- Policy development and advocacy
- Professional forestry advisory services
- Timber trade and silviculture
- Property and forest management
- Legal support
- Research and innovation



Thank you!

 **NORSKOG**



Membership applications



Skogssällskapet

Skogsällskapet



Sweden



Skogssällskapet in CEPF



Skogssällskapet





History

- Big areas of waste lands in SW Sweden
- The Foundation Skogssällskapet was formed in 1912 with the aim to re-plant the moors
- Sustainable forest management and conservation since 1962





Sustainable forest management and nature conservation

- Managing forest for private and public forest owners
- Allocate the turnover to science
- Using our own forest for science and demonstration
- No ownership ties in forest industry



Skogssällskapet in numbers

- 3 countries: Sweden, Finland, Latvia
- c. **120** employees (100 in Sweden and 10 in Finland and Latvia respectively)
- 20 offices in Sweden
- c. **300 000** ha of costumer land
 - 1/3 municipality forest
 - 1/3 companies and foundations
 - 1/3 private forest owner
- **30 000** ha forest land in Sweden, **7000** ha in Finland and **10 000** ha in Latvia.
- **2 million** Euros to forest science yearly





Thank you!



Skogssällskapet

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10. CEPF Narrative

CEPF narrative - discussion

- Draft prepared by Secretariat and Presidium based on Board discussions and bilateral discussions
- Complement to CEPF manifesto

CEPF narrative - discussion

- Geopolitical changes in a climate change
- Forest owners motivation
- Principles
- Biodiversity and carbon sink
- The need for a growing bioeconomy

CEPF narrative - discussion

- A call to rebalance and simplify EU forest related policies
- A call to encourage long term SFM in private forests
- Calls on EU-forest related policies

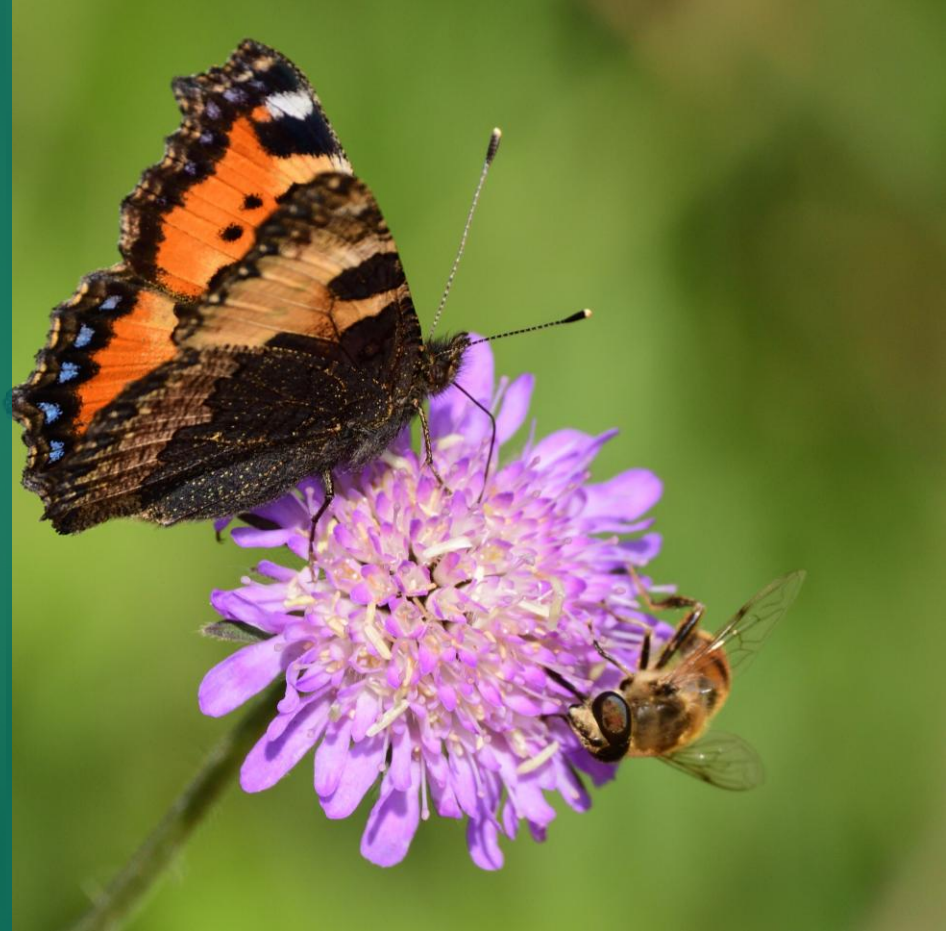
Questions / challenges addressed


- Stick to balanced SFM
- Stay constructive and positive on biodiversity and carbon sink
- Bring the different countries approach from well integrated value chains to risk of forest abandonment and the need to reward other services

11. Next CEPF General Assembly



12. AOB





Thank you for your attention!