

**BREAKFAST MEETING**

# ***Managing forests for sustainable wood***

**26 May 2016**

**08:00-09:30**

**Members' Salon**

European Parliament, Brussels

Co-Hosted by:

**Elisabeth Köstinger MEP**

Chair of the "Sustainable Forest Management" Working Group  
and

**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri MEP**

Chair of the "Bioeconomy" Working Group

Keynote speech by:

***Phil Hogan***

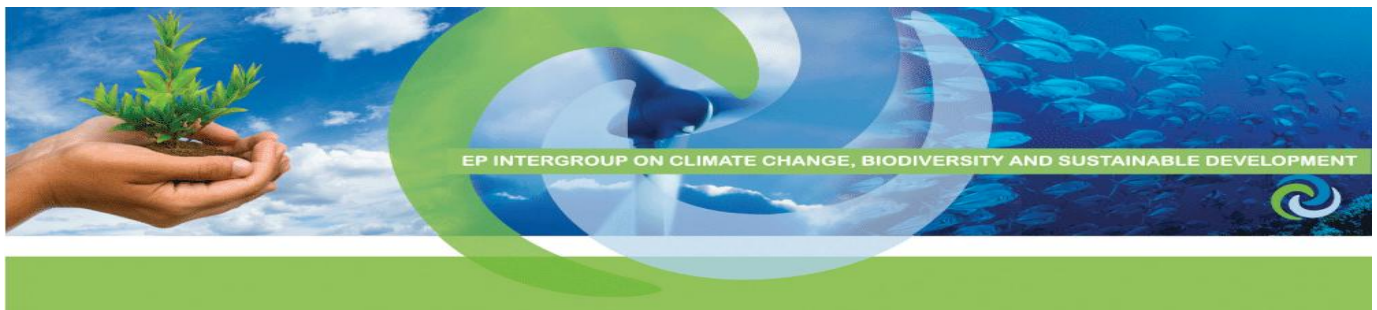
*European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development*

Europe's forests contribute to solutions for many of today's challenges, such as establishing and fostering the bioeconomy, strengthening the rural sector, mitigating climate change as well as maintaining and enhancing biodiversity. EU's forests cover 40 percent of the land, producing the largest amount of renewable non-food resources. Sustainably produced wood is and will be crucial for building a European bioeconomy and for reaching the climate and energy targets. Today, EU-grown forests provide 90 percent of EU's wood requirements and 97 percent of woody biomass for energy.

The concepts of multifunctionality and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) are key solutions for combining various objectives and balancing economic, social and environmental aspects. This event seeks to spark a discussion on the role of sustainable management of EU's forests in providing renewable raw material for all outlets of the bioeconomy, be it construction, bioenergy or new innovative bio-based products. How can sustainable forest management provide solutions to some of EU's main challenges and how is it impacted by different EU policies?

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## DRAFT AGENDA

- 08:00-08:05** Welcome and introduction by **MEP Elisabeth Köstinger**, Chair of the “Sustainable Forest Management” Working Group
- 08:05-08:20** Keynote speech by **Phil Hogan**, **European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development**
- 08:20-09:20** Exchange and discussion moderated by **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Chair of the “Bioeconomy” Working Group

Including:

### **Intervention from Stakeholders**

- CEPF  
Sven-Erik Hammar
- CEPI  
Ulrich Leberle
- IUCN  
Luc Bas
- CEI-Bois  
Patrizio Antonicoli
- AEBIOM  
Fanny-Pomme Langue
- CEFIC  
René van Sloten

### **Reactions from MEPs**

- Gesine Meissner (ALDE, GER)
- Norbert Lins (EPP, GER)
- Marijana Petir (EPP, CR)
- Franc Bogovič (EPP, SLO)
- Paul Brannen (S&D, UK)

- 09:20-09:30** Closing remarks by hosting **MEP Elisabeth Köstinger** and **MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**

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