

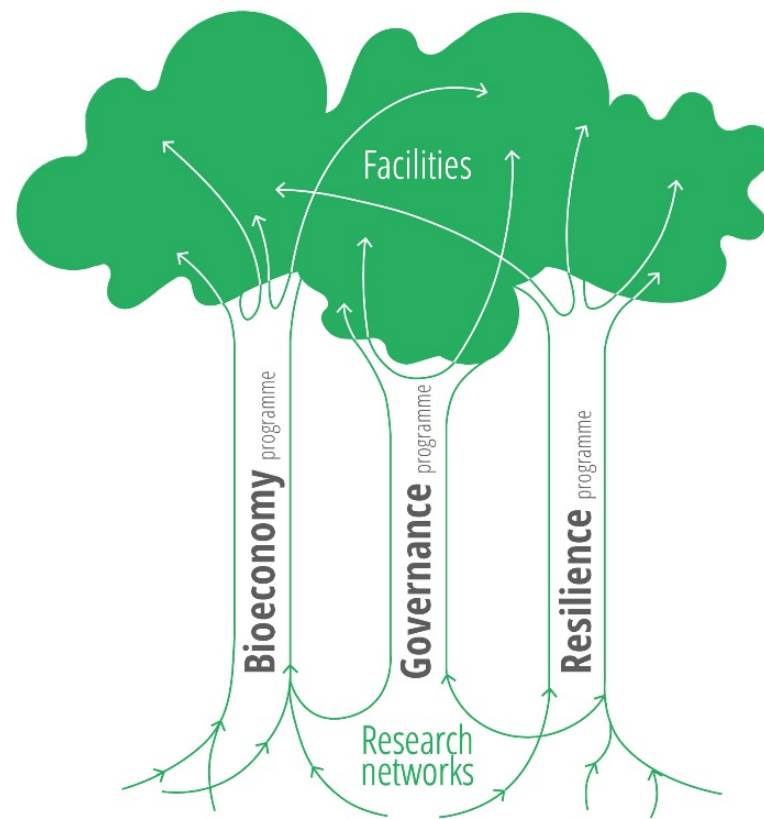


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Strategy Implementation Plan

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Strategy Implementation Plan

- operationalises the Strategy goals within the thematic framework
- revised plan for the period 2022-25
 - Changes in the operational environment
 - Developments in the period 2017-21 (presented at Board meeting in April21)
- Main elements
 - Operational goal & Key Performance Indicators
 - Thematic framework - Priority topics
 - EFI Structures – Unit descriptions



Operational Goals

An ambitious European forest research and innovation area

Develop a European collaborative platform to define forest-related research priorities

- **European Forest Partnership** - EFI (co-)leads a European project on strengthening the forest research and innovation area
- **European forest research and innovation agenda** - EFI leads the development of a European forest research and innovation agenda

Enhance forest-related transnational and intersectoral research coordination and cooperation

- **EFI Network Fund** - 800 k€ of funding for its member.
- **Capacity building** –40 grants for early-stage researchers and young professionals.
- **Research Networks** –at least one Research Network active in connection to each strategic theme.

Lead research on highly relevant forest-related topics

- **EU project coordination** - each EFI research programme continuously coordinates at least one European project.
- **EFI external research funding** - increased by 100% compared to 2016.
- **Scientific publications** –200 articles in scientific journals

Science- informed policies to address societal challenges and opportunities

Increase the uptake of forest-related scientific work in supporting relevant policy processes and policy development

- **Policy impact** - Number of policy makers participating in EFI's science-policy events increases by 30% (baseline 2020).
- **Publication impact** - the number of EFI science-policy publications downloads and uptake 'increases by 20%.
- **Media impact** –main science-policy publications are translated and published in national languages (30%)
- **Supporting Forest Europe process** –systematically support the science knowledge uptake and science-policy-media collaboration.
- **Establishing a forest risk knowledge mechanism** –facilitate the establishment of a pan-European forest risk knowledge mechanism.

Increase the commitment by Members to EFI's science-informed policy support

- **Trust Fund funding** –annual budget 1million €.
- **Trust Fund members** –60% of EFI Member Countries contribute and participate

Consolidate an effective European science-policy- practice interface within EFI's thematic framework

- **EFI facilities** - By 2025 EFI has the following Facilities:
 - Bioregions ; Biocities; Genetic Resources; International Partnerships; Mediterranean Forest; Policy Support

Awareness in society of the importance of forests

Strengthen EFI as a global brand and recognized source of reliable, contextualized, and comprehensive information on forests for media and society

- **Media visibility** - media visibility as measured by Meltwater doubles its current level when compared to 2020.
- **Multimedia** – visibility of EFI as measured by Google search hits and social media analytics doubles when compared to 2020.

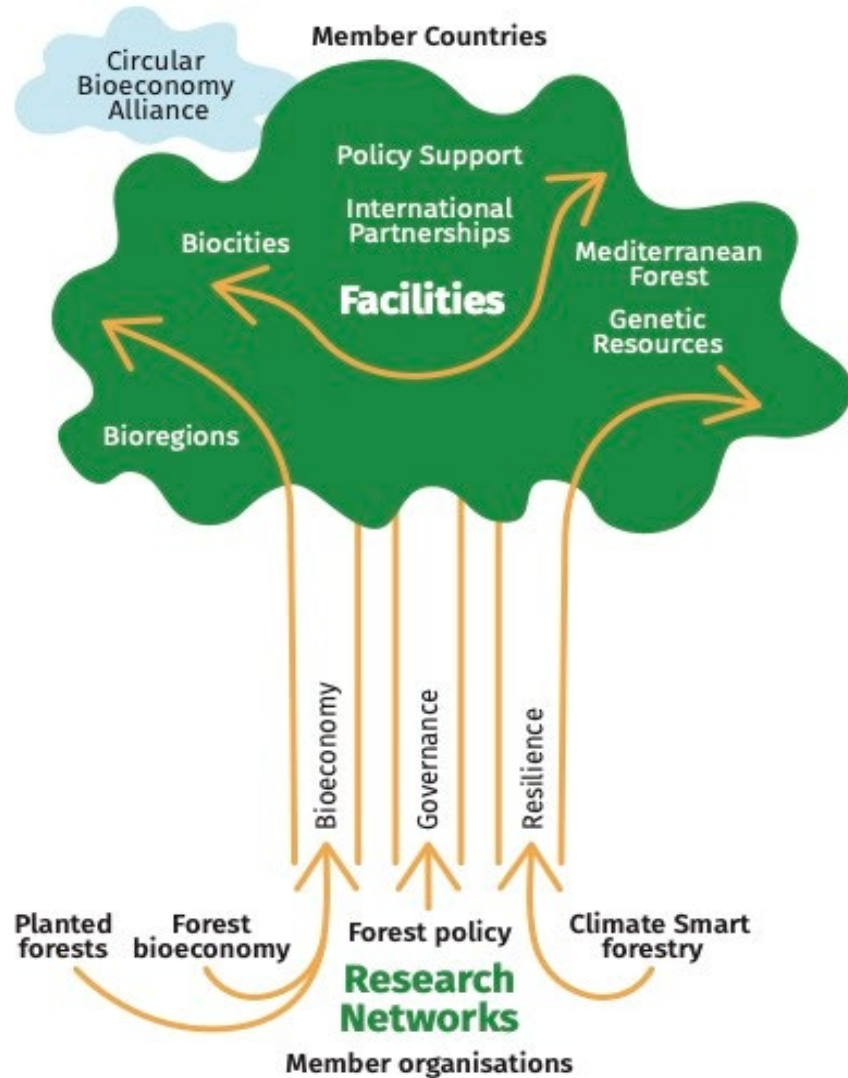
Build and facilitate capacities to effectively support a better-informed dialogue between media, scientists, policy makers, practitioners and society

- **EFI science-media-policy programme** - 15 training events for science-media-policymakers-stakeholders dialogue and capacity building

Develop a better understanding of forest-related debates in media

- **Media analysis** - EFI has developed media analyses and informative engagement tools within each of the three strategic themes

EFI structures



Facilities

- facilitate knowledge uptake by policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders via capacity building, knowledge networking and the provision of demand-based expertise
- address a particular policy, topic or activity

Research Programmes

- leading and implementing EFI research activities within the three strategic themes

Research Networks

- aim to enhance European and/or Regional cooperation and coordination of transnational research in the context of EFI's priority topics.
- coordinated by an EFI member organization.

Thematic framework (Priority topics)



Bioeconomy

- The role of a forest based circular bioeconomy for a post-fossil society
- The dynamics of wood-based bioeconomy markets
- The contribution of non-wood forest products and ecosystem services to a sustainable bioeconomy
- Understanding and supporting forest-based innovation across sectors

Resilience

- Impacts and management of disturbances in European forests
- Integrative approaches as a basis for Sustainable Forest Management
- Combining adaptation and restoration for conserving and enhancing biodiversity
- Agroforestry for resilient landscapes

Governance

- International forest governance: stopping deforestation and advancing sustainable forest management
- The role of the private sector and non-state driven forest and environmental governance
- The future governance of European forests
- Diverging societal perceptions, forest conflicts and how to manage them

Cross-cutting

- Circular Biocities: from a concept to the new urban reality
- A holistic approach to European forest information
- Tree growing and land restoration in the tropics: a landscape and value chain approach

Theme	Priority topic	Research programmes			Facilities					
		Bioeconomy	Resilience	Governance	Biocities	Bioregions	Circular Bioeconomy Alliance	Genetic Resources	International Partnerships	Mediterranean Forests
Bioeconomy	The role of a forest based circular bioeconomy for a post-fossil society	X				X	X			X
	The dynamics of wood-based bioeconomy markets	X				X	X			
	The contribution of non-wood forest products and ecosystem services to a sustainable bioeconomy		X	X		X				X
	Understanding and supporting forest-based innovation across sectors	X				X				X
Resilience	Impacts and management of disturbances in European forests		X					X		X
	Integrative approaches as a basis for Sustainable Forest Management	X	X	X				X		X
	Combining adaptation and restoration for conserving and enhancing biodiversity		X				X	X		
	Agroforestry for resilient landscapes	X	X				X			
Governance	The bioeconomy-environment nexus in global forest governance			X					X	
	The role of the private sector and non-state driven forest and environmental governance			X					X	
	The future governance of European forests			X						
	Diverging societal perceptions, forest conflicts and how to manage them		X	X				X	X	
Cross-cutting	Circular Biocities: from a concept to the new urban reality	X	X	X	X					
	A holistic approach to European forest information	X	X	X		X				X
	Tree growing and land restoration in the tropics: a landscape and value chain approach		X	X			X		X	

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Thank You!