

Chair's summary on the policy brief¹ on 10.11.2020 launch of the publication “How to balance forestry and biodiversity conservation - a view across Europe”

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- 1 Acknowledge that Europe's forests are characterized by a long history of human influence and a huge diversity of forests types and structures, which creates a basic rationale for site adapted forest management concepts.**
- 2 Consider integrated forest management approaches as core objectives of future European forest policies and strategies, enhancing economy, biodiversity and social needs together, and develop instruments to effectively support implementation.**
- 3 Address the enhancement of tree species diversity, structural diversity including old growth forest structures, dead wood and other microhabitat, as important objectives in sustainable forest management of climate-adapted forests.**
- 4 Advance integrated forest management as response to the accelerating impacts of climate change, in view to improving biodiversity and the adaptation potential of forests.**
- 5 Use and further develop the lessons learnt from the European Network Integrate as guiding lessons for stepping up practical implementation of these policies.**
- 6 Support the motivation and the experience amongst Europe's forest owners and managers for advancing pragmatic and regionally rooted integrated forest management approaches, while promoting further education and training with sharing lessons learnt.**
- 7 Involve people and stakeholders with different views in the goals setting for integrated forest management at different levels, as the society increasingly demands to integrate conservation objectives in forest management.**
- 8 Consider that integrated forest management in Europe avoids a leakage effect, as sustainably produced wood from European forests can decrease the pressure on forests globally.**
- 9 Invest in the science-policy-practice interface to enhance mutual learning on integrated forest management, addressing conservation and protection objectives as integral part.**

¹ https://efi.int/sites/default/files/images/governance/policy_brief_INFORMAR_oForest.pdf