

A man and a woman are standing in a forest, looking up and pointing at a tree. The woman is on the left, wearing a green sweater and dark pants. The man is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and jeans. They are both wearing boots. The background is a dense forest with tall trees and green foliage. The image has a green tint.

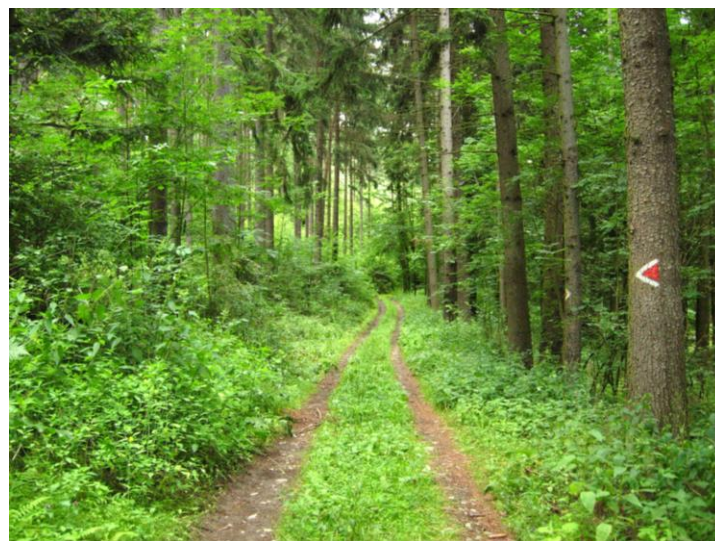
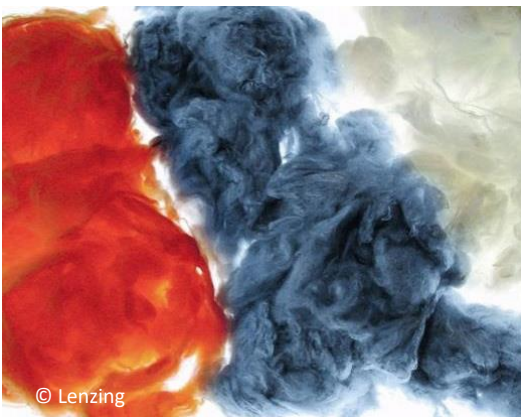
# Towards an EU policy framework for forest ecosystem services – reflecting on 2020, exploring 2021

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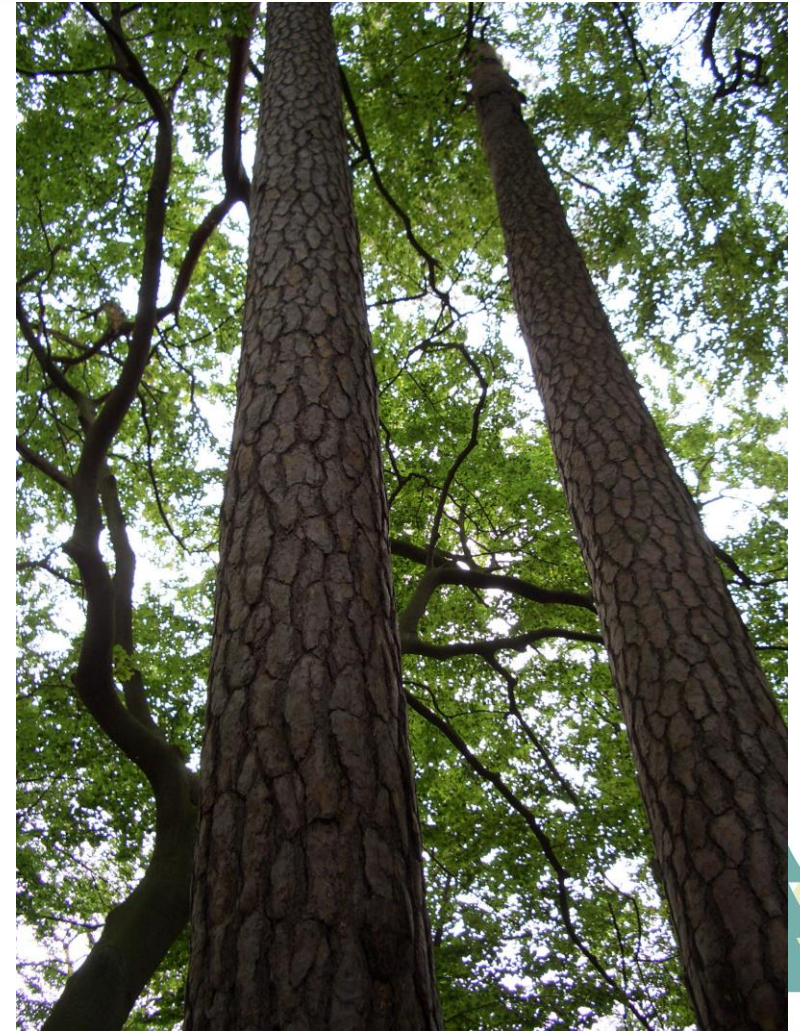
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- Several EU forest related policies support the provision of ES
  - CAP: SFM activities and N2000 areas
  - LIFE programme: challenge of time-scale?
  - EU Biodiversity Strategy: financial means?
- Provision of ES means a cost:
  - Wood selling
  - Payment for ecosystem services (PES)



# What changed in 2020 for provision of forest ecosystem services?

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- Recent EU policy developments
  - Segregative vs integrated approach?
  - Mandatory vs voluntary?
- Payment for Ecosystem Services
  - national level: many developments
  - EU level: discussion but no concrete developments





# What changes are needed in 2021?

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- 2021 and beyond
- Support forests to provide all their benefits
  - Holistic views
  - SFM principles
- If specific expectations on certain benefits
  - EU framework can support
  - Evaluate the cost and reward the work (PES)
  - Voluntary basis and bottom up approach
  - Make these benefits work with others







# Thank you for your attention

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