



European Forested Regions WG/ERIAFF

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ACHIEVED SO FAR

- ✓ Committed regions from Italy, Spain, France, Finland, Sweden, Romania and most recently Germany
- ✓ Kick-off event in Brussels 27th of March 2018
 - ✓ Initiative welcomed at the EU level by EU institutions & forest organisations
- ✓ ERIAFF Annual event, June 2018 Seinäjoki
- ✓ Position paper on EU Bioeconomy Strategy update, March 2018
- ✓ Two bioregions events in November 2018: 13 November Barcelona, 14 November Brussels
- ✓ Platform for provision of information on upcoming EU initiatives
 - ✓ Commission proposal for regulation on sustainable investments/forest → facilitated position by University of Eastern Finland and Luke Finnish Natural Resources Institute

PRIORITIES FOR 2019

- ✓ Follow development related to
 - ✓ **EU Forest Strategy** (valid until 2020, review end of 2018)
 - ✓ **CAP 2021-2027**, National Strategic Plans for Agriculture/forestry measures
- ✓ **Forest disturbances and risks** (forest fires, diseases, pests etc.): regional collaboration
- ✓ In collaboration with Bioregions WG, start process leading up to the development of **regional bioeconomy strategies** in committed regions
 - ✓ Collaborate with European H2020 projects such as Biomonitor, Power4bio...
 - ✓ Collaborate with JRC on regional bioeconomy data



EVENTS 2019

- ✓ In connection with the [EU Bioeconomy Scene](#) conference of Helsinki 9th of July, a side-event by forested regions and bioregions focusing on regional bioeconomy strategies on 8th of July, excursion to Bioregion North Karelia 10th of July
- ✓ Organise workshops in Brussels in the autumn of 2019, focusing on
 - ✓ Regional bioeconomy strategies;
 - ✓ Forest disturbances & risks
 - ✓ Climate smart forestry;
 - ✓ Wood construction;
 - ✓ Etc?