

# Introduction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> public consultation for the new FTP SIRA

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# 1. The purpose of the consultation

- The FTP [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda \(SIRA\)](#) is a joint initiative of the European forest-based sector to identify and jointly agree on the most important research objectives for collaborative research and innovation efforts. It is also a call to the EU and national public funding providers to support needs and efforts of the sector.
- The first version of the documents was launched in 2005 and to remain relevant and ambitious, it has since then been revised two times. The latest SIRA version was launched 2019.
- FTP is now in the process of updating the documents to take account of rapidly changing political, economic, social and technological trends and the changing priorities of our stakeholders.
- In this second stakeholder consultation, we mainly aim to make sure it is understandable and aligned with the actors' needs.



# 2. Introduction to the Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP)

## Mission and origin

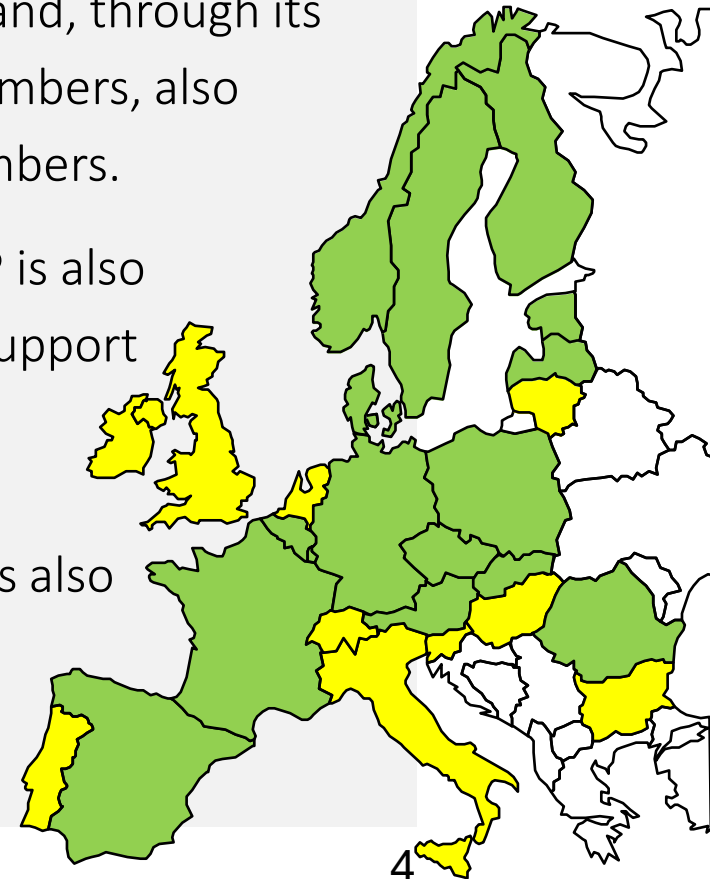
FTP is a recognised **European Technology Platform**, which was the first type of Public-Private Partnerships established for research & innovation at European level. It was set up in 2004/2005 as the forest-based sector's response to the EU aiming to make the European Union the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world

- Create opportunities for cooperative research and innovation on a European level
- Set ambitious targets for research & innovation
- Mobilise a critical mass of stakeholders
- Communicate the sectors research & innovation priorities towards the European Commission.

## Members and Stakeholders

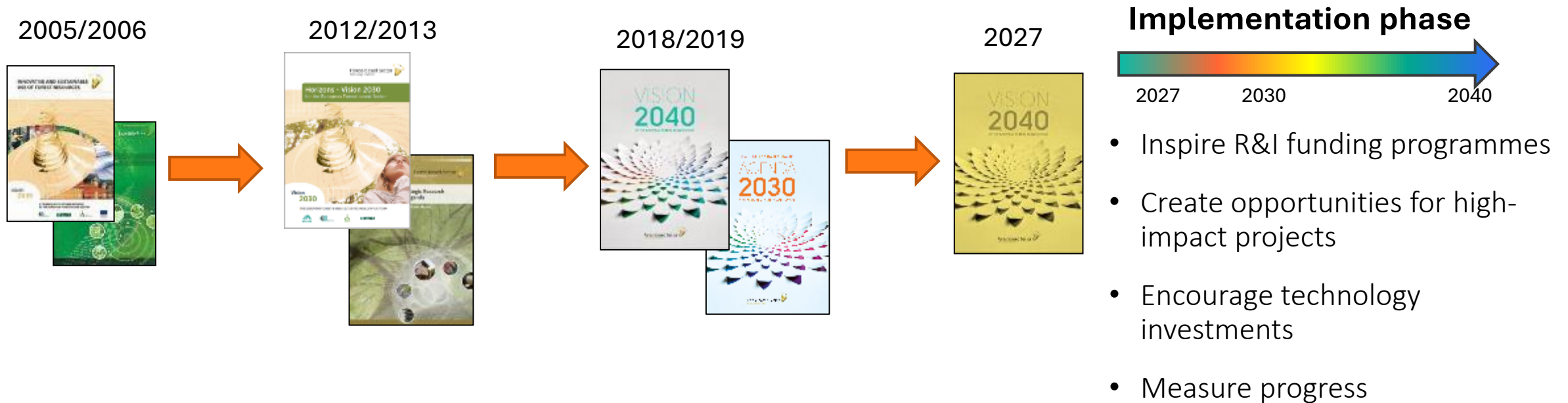
FTP has direct members and, through its European association members, also hundreds of indirect members.

On the national level, FTP is also organised into National Support Groups (NSGs). These are expert networks open to all stakeholders. The NSGs also covers national priorities.



# 3. The role of the Vision and SIRA

- The latest version of the **Vision Document** and **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda** was launched in 2018 and 2019 respectively
- It has helped to inspire more than a billion Euro of EU R&I funding and it has helped with the alignment of national funding activities across the European Research Area



# 3. The role of the SIRA

## The three most important aspects of the revision

1. The new SIRA must place the sector and its R&I in a timely context



a timely vision for a **European Green Deal**

“Becoming the world’s first climate-neutral continent is the greatest challenge and opportunity of our times. It involves taking decisive action now. We will need to invest in innovation and research, redesign our economy and update our industrial policy.”

*Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission*

The FTP Vision 2040 has been agreed and approved across the European forest-based sector. Our sector speaks with one voice when it comes to research and innovation.

The heart of the vision can be explained as follows: Forest volumes continue to increase across the EU. Sustainable forest management ensures the resilience

- The sector is bustling with entrepreneurial activity that creates employment and enriches both rural and urban regions.

We, as a sector, prosper from satisfying people’s desire to live in greater harmony with nature and reduce their environmental footprint. Smart services and products designed for reuse, recycling and recovery contribute to

2. Inspire EU R&I funding as well as national funding for the next decade



3. The SIRA as a kick-start for a new R&I implementation phase



### Implementation phase

- Build a stronger alliance
- Encourage private investments
- Measure progress



## 4. Time-frame and objective

- Opening date: 29 April 2026
- Closing date: 30 June 2026
- The consultation questionnaire will be available to everyone on the FTP webpage: [www.forestplatform.org/](http://www.forestplatform.org/)
- We will also distribute the consultation information to our members, to our indirect members via our founding members CEPF, EUSTAFOR, CEPI and CEI-Bois, as well as to our National Support Group Networks.
- The consultation is primarily targeting people and organisations active in forest management, woodworking industries and pulp & paper industries as well as the researchers active in relevant research areas. However, this is an open consultation. Policymakers, NGOs, representatives from other industry sectors, local municipalities and regional, national and EU institutions are warmly welcome to provide input.



## 5. Document structure: Missions

The forest-based sector offers a multitude of benefits on the local, national and global level. To align the efforts and ambitions of the EU, public and private stakeholders, as well as the research community, we stated **five** equally important “**Missions**”:

- *Promoting health, safety and consumer comfort*
- *Cutting emissions and energy use for climate mitigation and competitive advantage*
- *Optimising raw material and resource efficiency to boost productivity in Europe*
- *Innovation in Sustainable Forest Management*
- *Future-proofing processes across the value-chain; AI, digitalisation and robotisation*

The ambition of the Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda is to maximise the future contributions of the forest-based sector to the Missions.



## 5. Document structure: Objectives and Actions

Under each mission, we are outlining **Objectives** (14 in total), for example “*Offer consumers functional products and comfortable living*”.

For each Objective, we then propose different **Actions** that could offer pathways to reach the Objectives within the time-frame of the SIRA.

The open consultation aim to collect suggestions and comments on the text description and titles of the Objectives and Actions to make sure it represents the need of the sector, is readable and logic, and presents accurately the reality “on the ground”. You will also be able to point out topics that could be missing.



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