

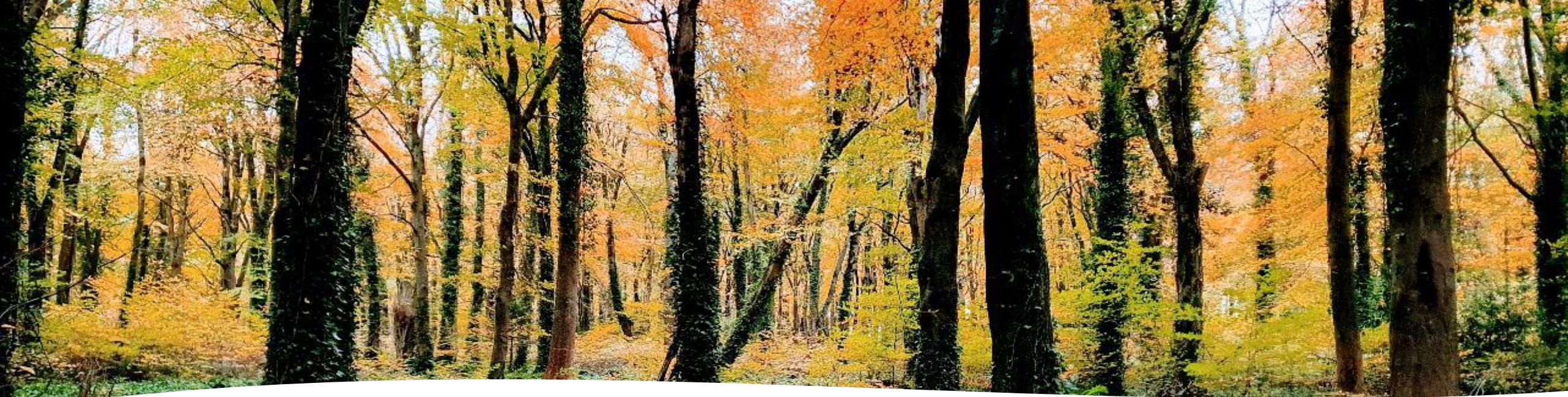
**European Partnership for FOrests,
forestry, and the forest-based sector:
REsearch and innovation for a
Sustainable Transition**

FOREST

FOREST? – Context

- Forests cover ~40% of EU land area.
- Provide carbon sequestration, biodiversity, jobs, and rural development.
- Under pressure: climate change, biodiversity loss, forest disturbances.
- Research & innovation fragmented across Europe.
- EU solution: Co-funded Partnership to coordinate efforts.





What is FOREST?

- Horizon Europe Co-funded European Partnership (2026–2036).
- 100 organisations across 28 countries.
- 7 joint calls, 200–250 projects, ~400 stakeholders.
- Expected overall budget of ca. EUR 235 million (incl. EUR 70 million from the EU).
- Builds on WoodWisdom-Net, SUMFOREST, FORESTERRA, ForestValue, EUFORE.
- Aim: resilient forests, circular bioeconomy, biodiversity, innovation.

Impact Pathway (Needs → Outcomes → Impacts)

Needs:

- Resilient forests, circular bioeconomy, adaptive management

Outcomes:

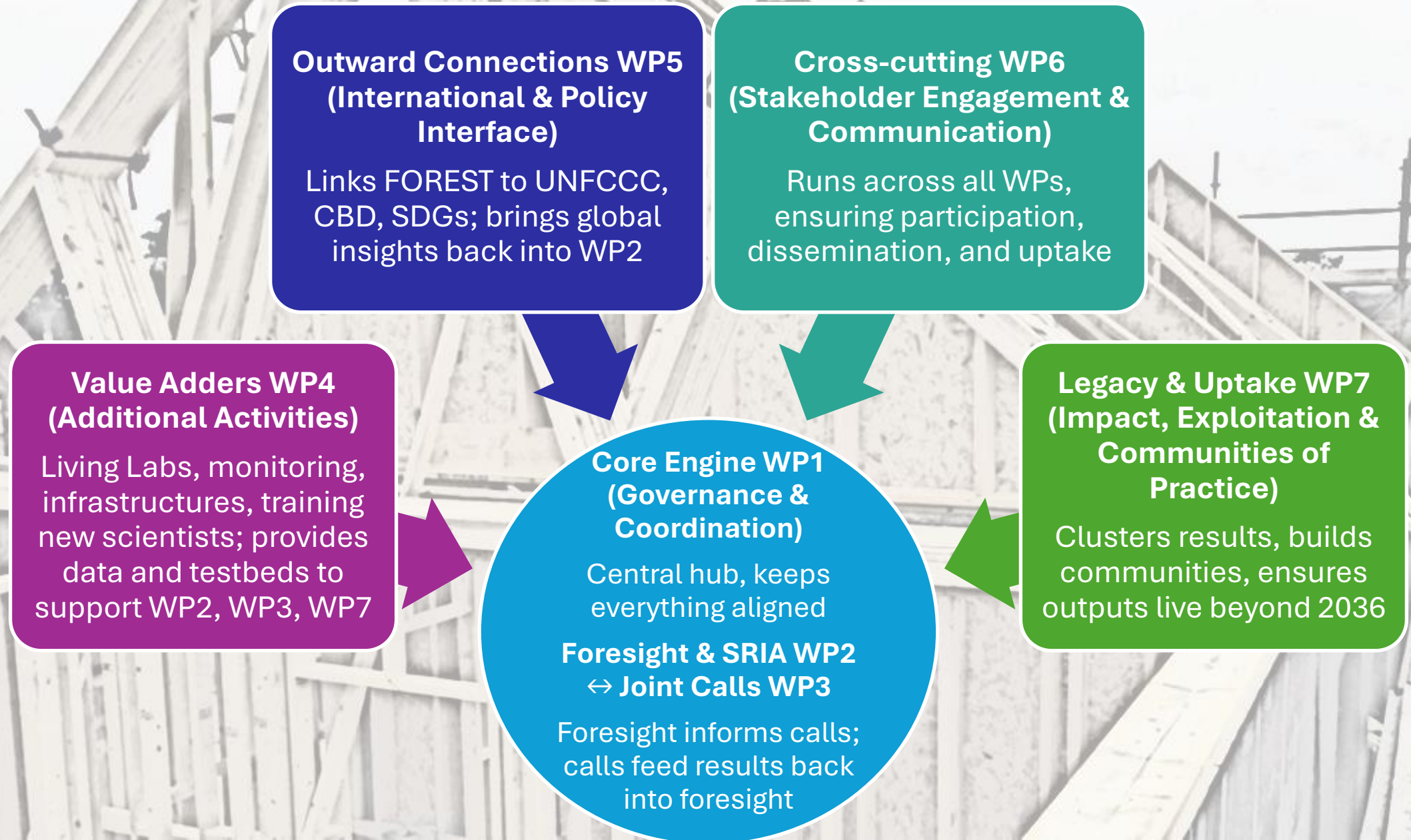
- Stronger EU R&I system, new knowledge, science–policy uptake

Impacts:

- Healthy soils, biodiversity, water resilience, sustainable bioeconomy



How the Work Packages Interconnect



What It Means for RPOs

- Access to larger, coordinated EU-wide projects.
- Opportunities for Living Labs, PhD Forum, summer schools.
- Improved forest monitoring and data integration to support policy and innovation
- Stronger science–policy–practice connections.
- Support for stakeholder engagement and co-creation.
- Enhanced visibility and influence in European research agendas.
- Pathways for new partners to join and contribute.



What It Means for Funders

**Pooling national budgets
→ leverage & efficiency.**

**Reduced fragmentation
across EU.**

**Strengthened
collaboration across
Member States.**

**Better alignment with EU
priorities.**

**Enhanced visibility and
measurable impact.**



What It Means for the Forest Sector

- New business models: carbon farming, PES, ecotourism.
- Adaptive management tested in Living Labs.
- Input into research agendas via Stakeholder Engagement Hub.
- Strengthened forest monitoring and data integration
- International collaboration and alignment with EU/global policy frameworks



Timeline 2026–2036



FOREST & EU Strategies Mapping

- **EU Strategy → FOREST Contribution**
- **EU Green Deal** → Climate neutrality, circular bioeconomy, material substitution.
- **EU Forest Strategy 2030** → Sustainable management, monitoring, resilience.
- **EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030** → Restoration, close-to-nature forestry, indicators.
- **Circular Economy Action Plan** → Cascading wood use, new value chains, carbon farming & PES.
- **Nature Restoration Law & LULUCF** → Carbon removals, adaptive restoration, monitoring tools.



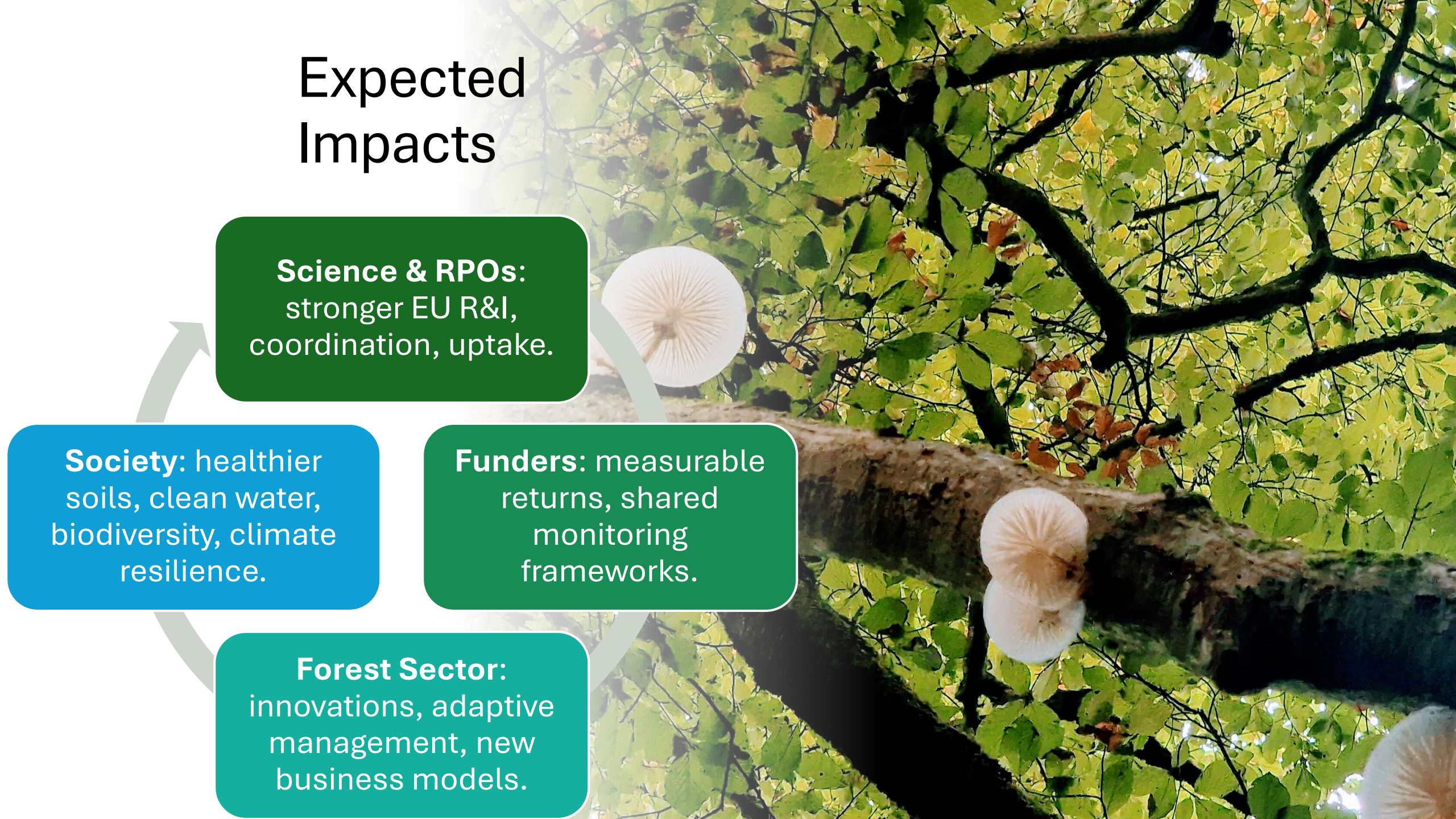
Expected Impacts

Science & RPOs:
stronger EU R&I,
coordination, uptake.

Society: healthier
soils, clean water,
biodiversity, climate
resilience.

Funders: measurable
returns, shared
monitoring
frameworks.

Forest Sector:
innovations, adaptive
management, new
business models.



Vision

“Transforming the forest-based sector into a resilient, knowledge-driven, and sustainable pillar of the European bioeconomy”

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“Resilient, multifunctional forests for Europe’s future”



Lead organisations

WP1 Coordination:

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland (**MMM**), **FI**

WP2 Horizon scanning & SRIA updates:

Research Council of Norway (**RCN**), **NO**

WP3 Research & Innovation calls:

Agency for Renewable Resources (**FNR**), **DE**

WP4 Additional Activities:

T4.1 European Network of Forest and Forestry Living Labs

Project Management Jülich (**FZJ-PtJ**), **DE**

Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences (**AgroParisTech**), **FR**

T4.2 Alignment of monitoring and forest management

National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (**IGN**), **FR**

T4.3 Sharing Research and Technology Infrastructures

National Institute for Agricultural, Food and Environmental Research (**INRAE**), **FR**

T4.4 Thematic Annual Programming (TAP)

Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (**TA CR**), **CZ**

T4.5 Empowering Next Generation Scientists

Project Management Jülich (**FZJ-PtJ**), **DE**

WP5 Global dimension

Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (**BMLUK**), **AT**

WP6 Communication & dissemination

Federal Office for the Environment (**BAFU**), **CH**

WP7 Exploitation

French National Research Agency (**ANR**), **FR**

The background image is a serene landscape. In the center, a small red cabin with white trim around the windows and door is nestled among tall, green trees. The cabin has a gabled roof and appears to be on a slight rise. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the surrounding greenery. A white swan is captured in motion on the water, its wings partially spread, creating a small splash. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

THANK YOU

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