



Basic information	
2023/0410(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Standing Forest and Forestry Expert Group Subject 3.10.11 Forestry policy	

Key players			
European Parliament	Joint committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	WIESNER Emma (Renew)	26/11/2024
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	TOVERI Pekka (EPP)	26/11/2024
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	Former joint committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety		
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		

Council of the European Union		
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Agriculture and Rural Development	WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz
European Economic and Social Committee		
European Committee of the Regions		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/11/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0727 	Summary
26/02/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
26/02/2024	Referral to joint committee announced in Parliament		
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
23/09/2025	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
01/10/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0175/2025	
21/10/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0241/2025	Summary
21/10/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/10/2025	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0410(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 59 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 192-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	CJ14/10/00273

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE766.936	22/01/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE770.017	24/02/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0175/2025	01/10/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T10-0241/2025	21/10/2025	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(2023)0727 	22/11/2023	Summary
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES2733/2023	20/03/2024	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
DAUCHY Marie	Shadow rapporteur	<div>AGRI</div>	15/03/2024	Visite de site industriel

Standing Forest and Forestry Expert Group

2023/0410(COD) - 21/10/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 327 votes to 256, with 58 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 89/367/EEC setting up a Standing Forestry Committee.

The matter was referred to the relevant committee for interinstitutional negotiations.

The Commission proposes to amend Council Decision 89/367/EEC to rename the Standing Forestry Committee and broaden its mission.

To ensure close and effective cooperation between the Commission and the Member States on forests and the forest sector in all forest-related areas of Union policy, it is proposed to establish a **permanent expert group** on forests and forestry.

According to the Members, **the mission** of the expert group should consist in particular of:

- assisting and closely cooperating with, and providing expertise and input to, the Commission in the preparation and implementation of legislative proposals, strategies, communications, guidelines or other Union policy initiatives relevant to forests and forestry, or that would have significant impact on forests or forestry within the Union;
- providing the Commission with advice and expertise to ensure the appropriate contribution of the Member States' forestry sector to the achievement of Union objectives and initiatives, to promote coherence and synergies and to eliminate existing inconsistencies between Union policies, to address their cumulative effect and to assess their compatibility with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

- increasing and intensifying cooperation between the Commission and the Member States in the field of forests and forestry, including through the support of measures and interventions under the Common Agricultural Policy, in particular to take into account sustainability aspects and create synergies between forests and agriculture, as well as to strengthen the socio-economic development of predominantly forested rural areas;
- acting as a forum for the exchange of views on emerging issues and initiatives in the field of forests, including those of interest to the wider forest sector, and to promote exchanges of views on the applicability and impact of Union policies relating to forests and forestry;
- seeking synergies, cooperating in this area and avoiding conflicts between national and European policies relating to forests and forestry, also taking into account other international developments;
- formulating opinions on legislative proposals, strategies, communications, guidelines or other Union initiatives relating to forests, which the Commission would take into account by providing feedback on how it has taken these opinions into account.

The expert group will be composed of representatives of Member States. Each Member State is encouraged to nominate national experts and facilitate their participation in the expert group meetings.

Member States should designate their representatives, ensuring that their competent authorities play an active role and that participating representatives can bring to bear the interests and experience of their respective Member State for all relevant policy objectives.

The chair of the expert group may present its annual work plan to the European Parliament.

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2023/0410(COD) - 22/11/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Council Decision 89/367/EEC setting up a Standing Forestry Committee.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Council Decision 89/367/EEC set up a Standing Forestry Committee in order to ensure closer and more constant cooperation in the forestry sector between the Member States and the Commission, and thereby support forestry measures initiated under the European Economic Community's agricultural structure and rural development policy. The Standing Forestry Committee is composed of representatives of the Member States and is chaired by a representative of the Commission.

In the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030, the Commission took the view that 'the wider contribution of forests to the European Green Deal objectives, as presented in the Strategy, including for climate, biodiversity and sustainable bioeconomy,

necessitates a more inclusive and better coordinated EU forest governance structure.

Reinforced coordination of different policies should be ensured and a multidisciplinary exchange should be facilitated, with the involvement of a wide variety of experts and stakeholders.

As part of this new governance structure, the Commission proposes to amend Council Decision 89/367/EEC through a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to amend Council Decision 89/367/EEC to rename the Standing Forestry Committee, and to extend its tasks.

In order to ensure a reinforced cooperation and multidisciplinary exchange between the Commission and the Member States on forests and the forestry sector in relation to all forest relevant Union policy areas, it is proposed to set up a **Standing Forest and Forestry Expert Group**.

In particular, the expert group's tasks will be:

- to assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals, guidelines or other Union policy initiatives relevant to forests and forestry, including in the implementation of the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030 and subsequent Union Forest Strategies;
- to provide the Commission with advice and expertise, either on the initiative of the Commission or at the request of a Member State, with a view to supporting the wider contribution of forests and forestry to key Union objectives and initiatives, such as the European Green Deal, and to promoting coherence and synergies between Union policies relevant to forests and forestry;
- to promote cooperation between the Commission and the Member States on forests and forestry, including in support of measures and interventions under the common agricultural policy;
- to foster the exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices in the field of forests and forestry.

The proposed decision would also **clarify its membership** to ensure that the Member States' authorities that are competent for the different policy objectives of the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030, including climate, forest health, environment, forestry, rural development and bioeconomy, and any subsequent Union Forest Strategies, are part of this group.

