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## Forests' hidden secrets

### Why we need better forest monitoring

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Companies and governments claim to protect Europe's remaining primary and old growth forests. But NGOs have documented cases of logging such forests, and existing satellite data corroborates their findings.

Existing forest inventories do not always reflect these facts. We currently have very little if no monitoring of forest ecosystem health and resilience. Where good datasets exist, they are not always used to support policymaking.

To be able to effectively protect and restore Europe's forests, we need reliable and up-to-date datasets at the disposal of national and EU authorities as well as the public.

On 12 October from 10:00 to 13:00 CET, we discussed with experts, stakeholders and decisionmakers what it takes to improve forest monitoring across Europe.

## PROGRAMME

Opening

**Keynote address by Commissioner Sinkevičius (video)**

## **1. Europe's old growth forests**

- Ciprian Gălușcă, Greenpeace (Romania)
- Jarmo Pyykkö, Ekoina Oy (Finland)
- Jon Andersson, Protect the Forest (Sweden)

## **2. Existing forest monitoring initiatives**

- Sarah Carter, Global Forest Watch
- Torsten Welle, Naturwald Akademie (Germany)
- Aapo Ahola, Syke (Finland)

## **3. What's best to do at a European level?**

- Tuomo Kauranne, Arbonaut Ltd
- Tammouz Eñaut Helou, UCFF Forestry Cooperative
- Marco Onida, European Commission
- Kelsey Perlman, Fern

Closing remarks

This event was co-hosted by the Greens/EFA and S&D, and co-organised by NGO Fern.

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