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Project Overview

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Starting point

At the beginning, there is an idea...



Europe's forests are facing major challenges:
Climatic changes and increased vulnerability to storms, droughts, insects and forest fires.



Beetle infections



Forest after storm



Forest fire



Demand on European forests to contribute to climate protection.

Demand on forests to fulfill a variety of functions, e.g.

- to provide a steady supply of wood for the wood-processing industry,
- protection against avalanches and erosion,
- retention of rainwater,
- place for recreation for tourists.





□ **Decision-making** in forest management and in the forest-wood value chain becomes more and more difficult and **complex!**



Objectives

Development of a multi-criteria decision support system

- to promote sustainable forest management,
- to illustrate synergies and trade-offs between forest ecosystem services,
- for a reliable wood supply,
- to integrate the interests of stakeholders by means of indicators for the forest-wood value chain, taking into account social, economic and environmental dimensions, and
- to ease decision-making.





A Multi-Criteria Decision Support System for a common Forest Management to strengthen Forest Resilience, harmonise Stakeholder Interests and ensure Sustainable Wood Flows

Project duration: June 2021 - May 2024

Project consortium: 19 partners in 8 countries

Funding volume: 5.2 Mio. Euros



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Partners



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Case Study Regions

BOREAL / HEMI-BOREAL



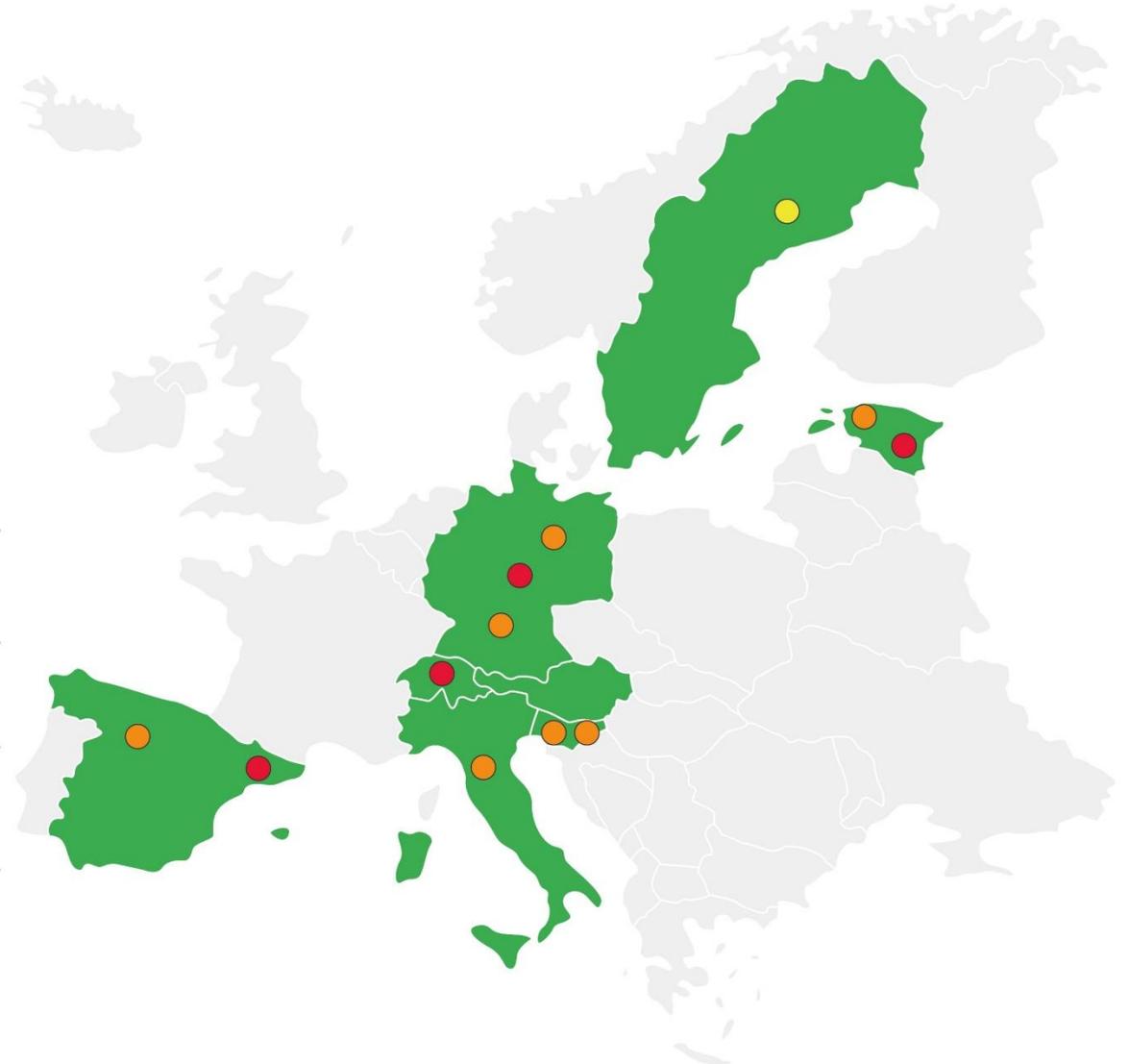
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Work in the consortium





Project's main final results

Management

- A: low intens
- B: focus on p
- C: climate-ac
- D: focus on v

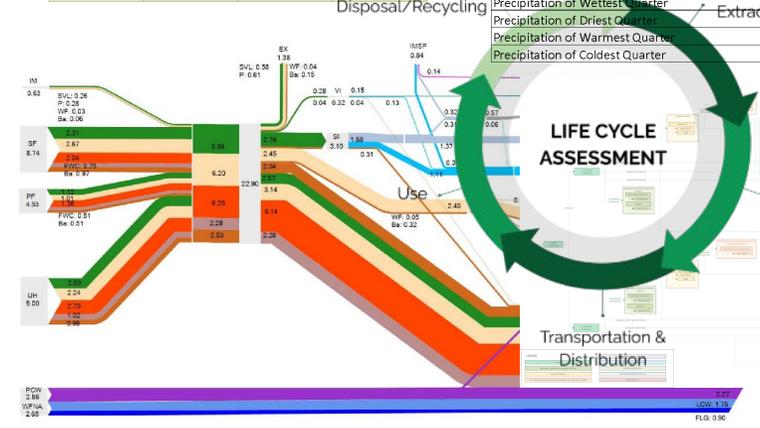
Management philosophy	Rotation	High		Low	
		D	C	A	B
	Continuous				



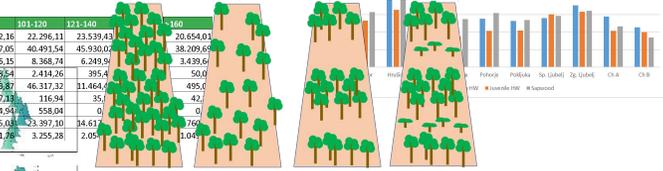
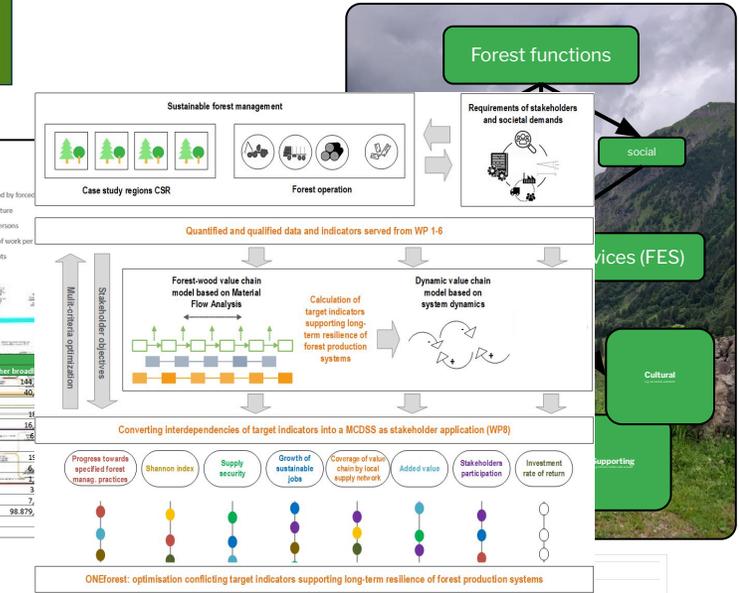
Initial stand	Species 1		Species 2		Soil		Slope		...
	share	age	share	age	share	age	share	age	
1	10	5	10	30	...	...	Sand	0%	...
2	10	10	10	40	...	...	...	...	...
3	50	40	50	20	...	...	...	...	...

Cell 1, Area = 100 ha	Cell 3, Area = 200 ha
Cell 2, Area = 100 ha	Cell 4, Area = 70 ha

Unit	Parameter value
°C	8
%	3,4
°C	6,326
°C	21,9
°C	25,8
°C	16
°C	0,7
°C	-0,3
mm	666
mm	78
mm	41
%	19
mm	209
mm	128
mm	209
mm	144



Age distribution (ha/year-class)	0-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81-100	101-120	121-140	141-160
oak	7.975,64	9.387,71	9.623,73	14.835,23	28.452,26	22.296,11	23.539,41	20.654,01
beech	33.673,55	21.920,44	35.448,76	49.550,93	45.017,05	40.491,54	45.930,02	38.209,66
other broadleaves with high rotation period	20.055,31	16.759,77	16.055,87	13.530,68	10.236,15	8.368,74	6.249,94	3.439,69
other broadleaves with low rotation period	34.562,97	864,58	1.745,32	11.907,58	4.562,54	2.414,26	395,4	50,0
spruce	39.558,37	709,13	2.428,36	56.426,48	59.413,87	46.317,32	31.464,46	495,6
fir	292,68	373,31	354,79	19,72	57,83	116,94	35	42,2
douglas fir	6.942,81	1.429,63	7.503,66	1.907,67	814,94	558,04	0	0
pine	4.995,65	16.511,01	30.017,44	73.894,05	26.875,03	23.397,10	14.617	376,1
larch	2.942,87	198,67	19,8	12.924,08	5.051,78	3.255,28	2,05	1,04





Status and possible futures for Catalonia

– forest, forest wood value chain and societal development



Overview about CSRs

	Estonia	Grisons (CH)	Catalonia (ES)	Hesse/Thuringia (DE)
Geography, forest type	Northern Europe, Boreal/Hemi-boreal forests	Central Europe Alpine forests	Southern Europe Mediterranean forests	Central Europe Continental forests
Total land CSR	4,533,900 ha	710,500 ha	281,000 ha	3,728,600 ha
Forest land	2,332,600 ha	201,240 ha	281,000 ha	1,443,300 ha
Managed forest land	2,003,800 ha	184,240 ha	187,000 ha*	1,356,700 ha*
Main species	Scots pine, Norway spruce, silver birch, alder and aspen	Spruce, larch and Scots pine	Scots pine and black pine	European beech, spruce and Scots pine
Forest ownership	Private and state	Private and state	Private and state	Private and state
Wood-based industries	From sawmill to pulp and biorefinery	Only sawmill and energy production	Sawmill, poles and stake, wood energy products, and energy production	From sawmill to pulp and biorefinery



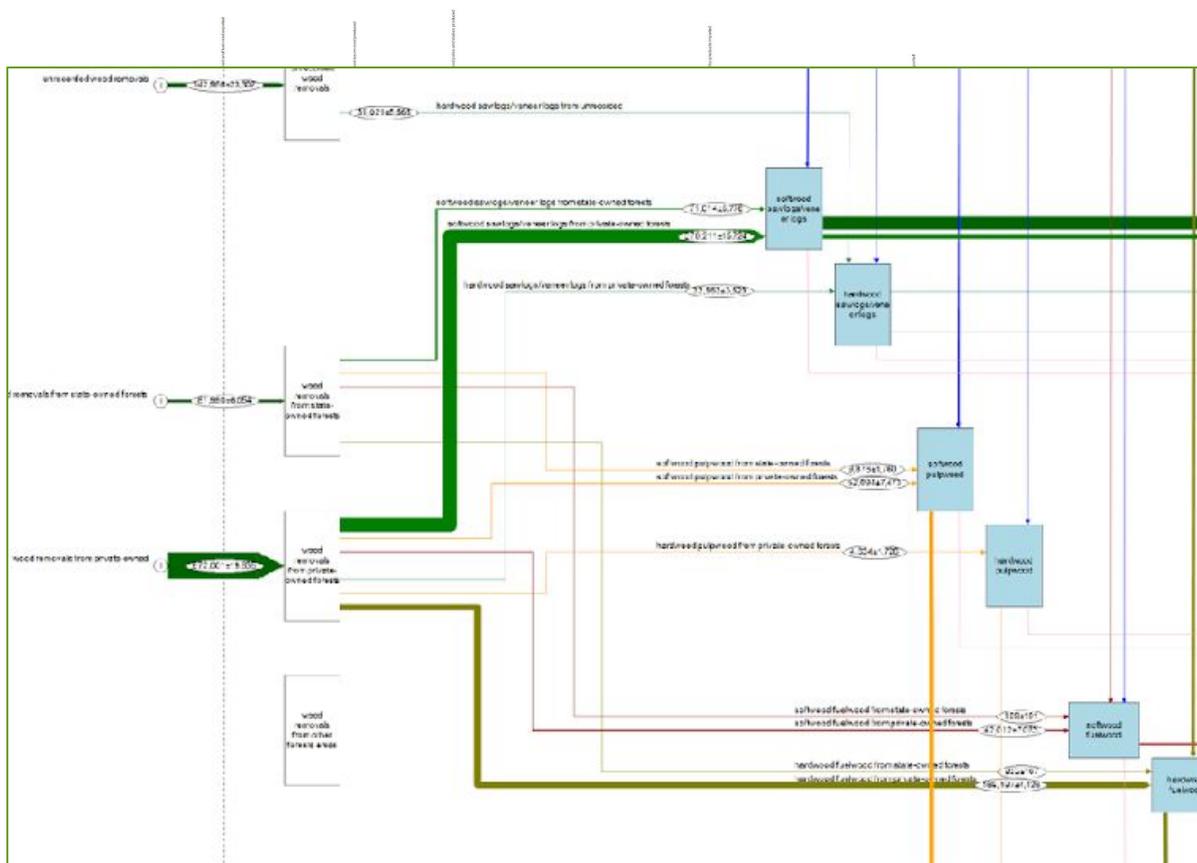
MFA of forest wood value chain in Catalonia (CSR3) based on data from 2018

- **Wood removal and fellings**

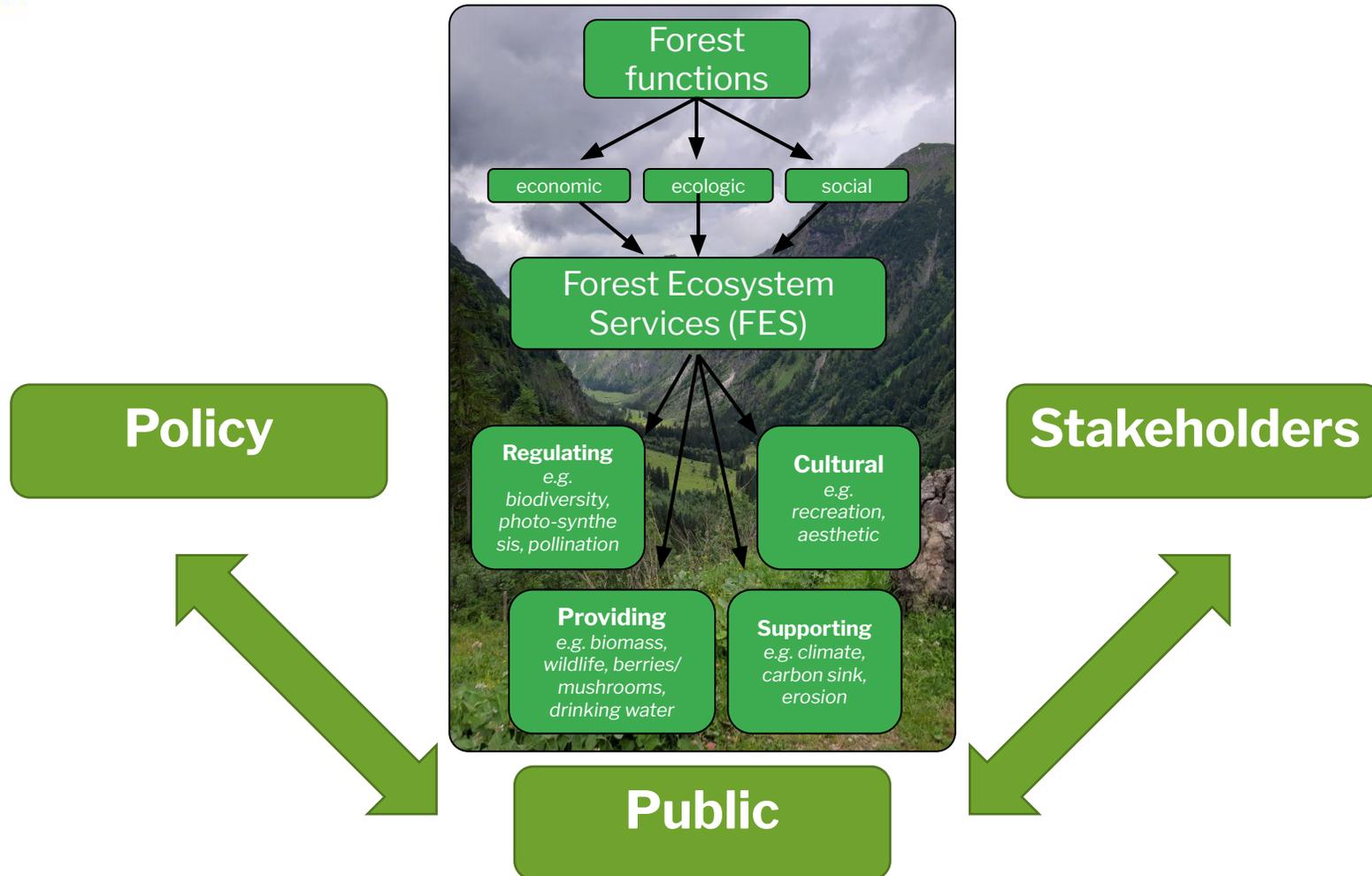
- high share of harvested timber from private-owned forests, in particular softwood
- more fuel wood leaves Catalonia than it is “imported”
- MFA confirms that a large share of wood removals are not recorded in the statistics

- **Wood processing**

- a small proportion of the softwood is used to produce sawnwood products and poles and stakes
- pulpwood all leaves Catalonia
- by-products of the sawmills and poles and stakes productions are processed to energy products
- hardwood from private forests is almost used as energy



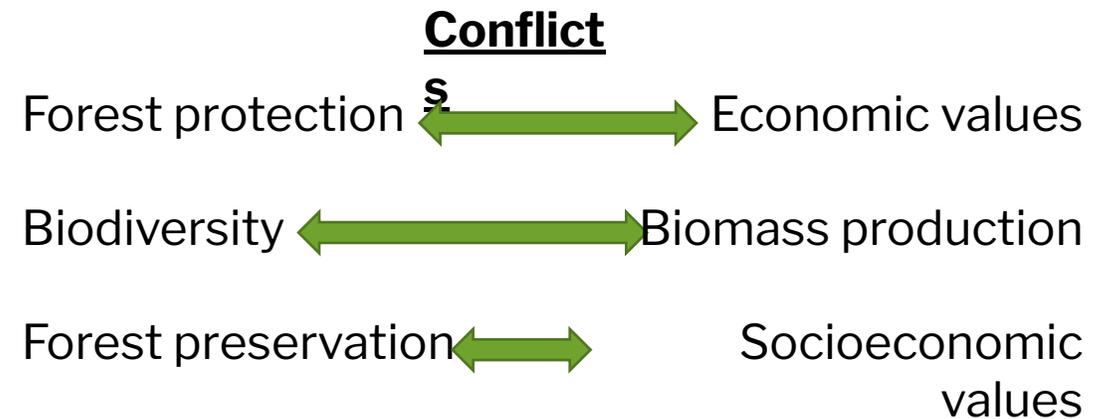
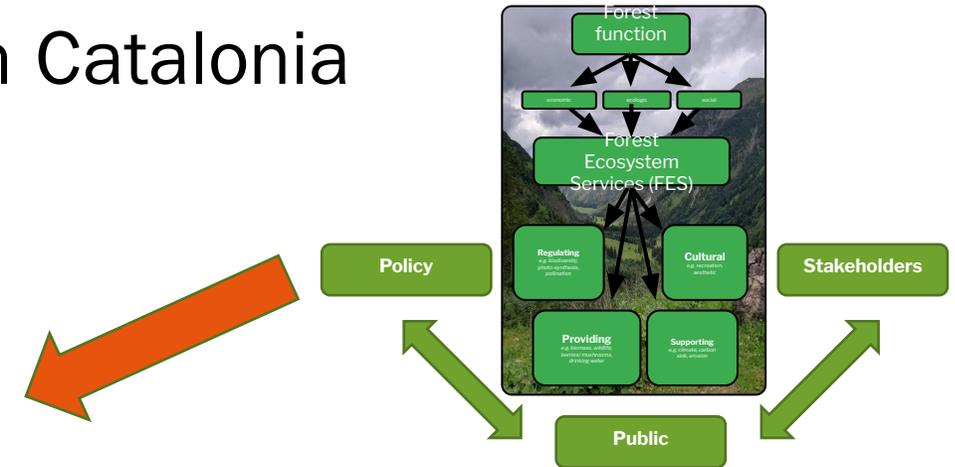
How do we view forest ecosystem services in Catalonia?



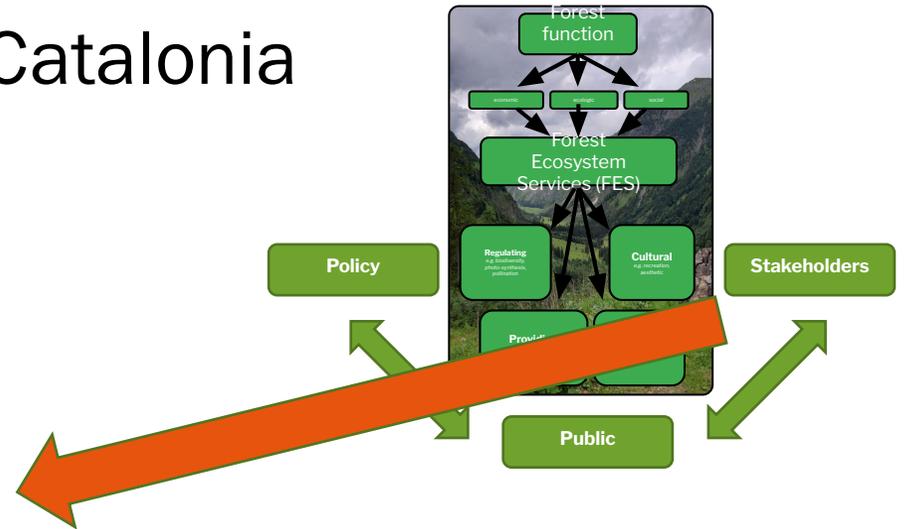
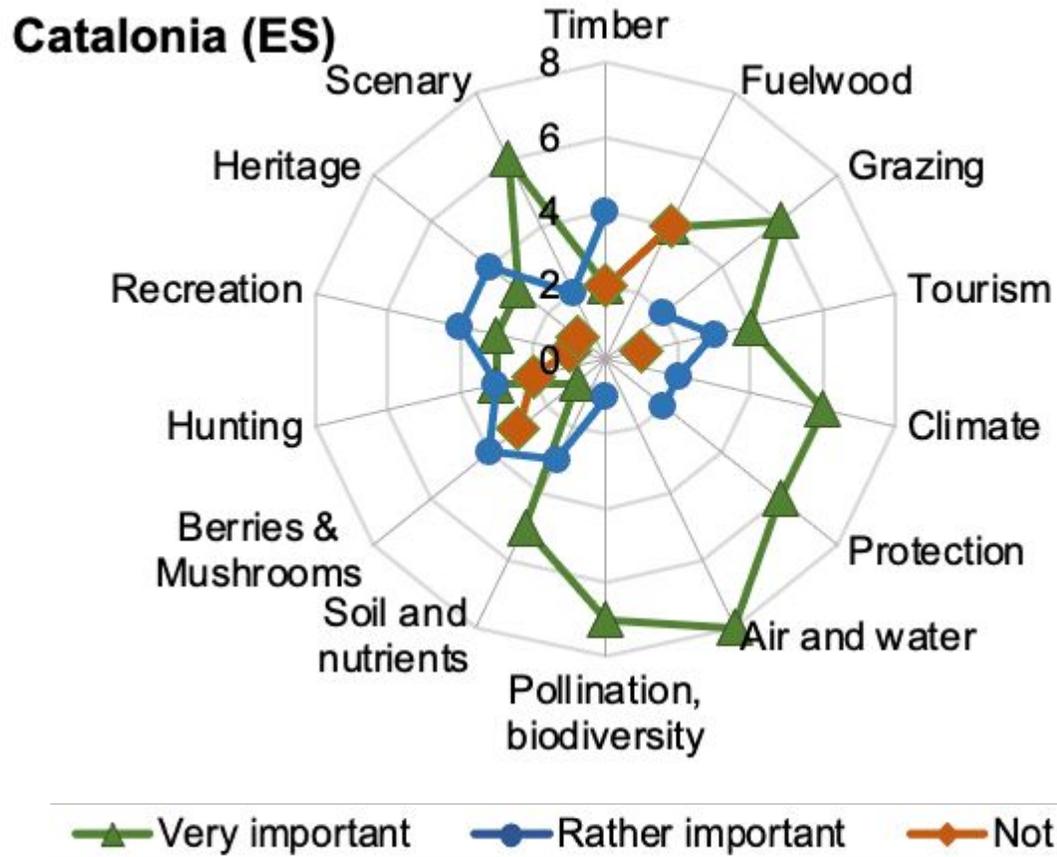


Forest ecosystem services in Catalonia

Main goals/region	Catalonia (ES)
Biodiversity	Regulate forest management to be more sustainable
Bioeconomy	Connect growth with preserving environment
Climate change	Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
Energy	Promote use of bio-energy
Forest	Regulate forest management balancing economic values and preservation

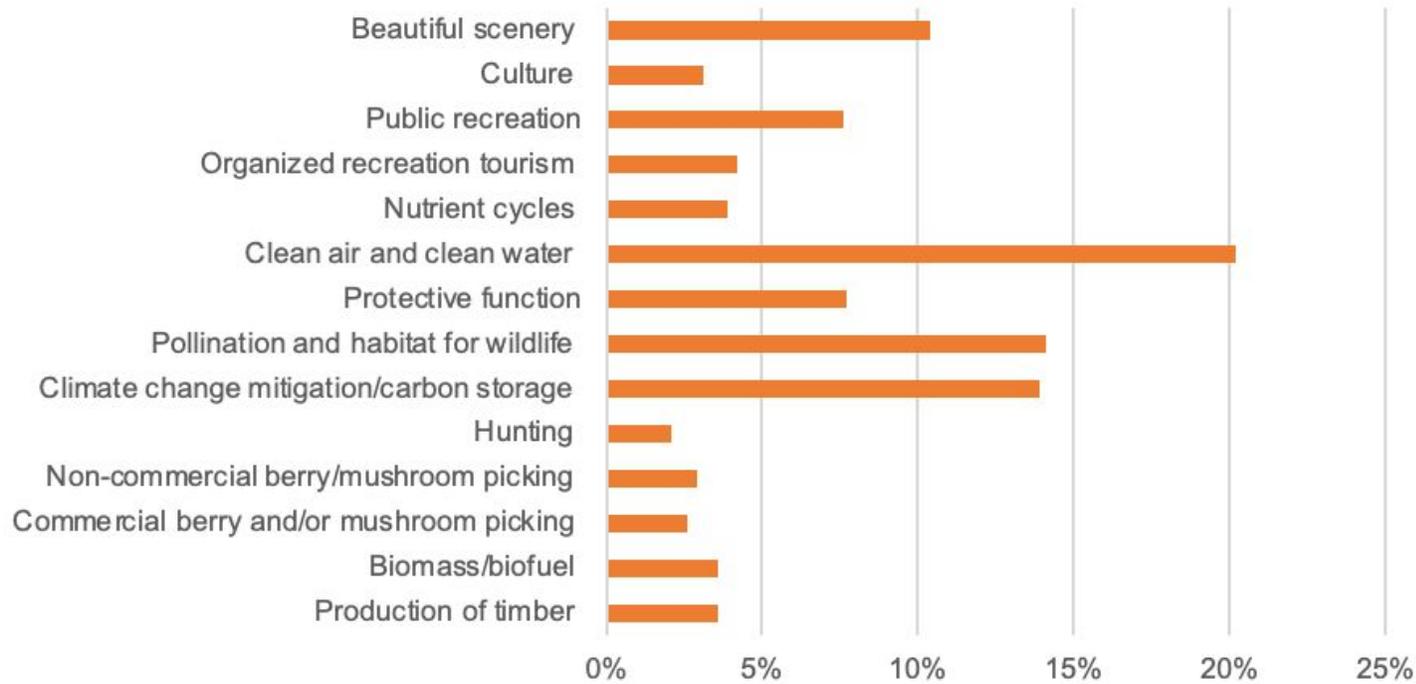


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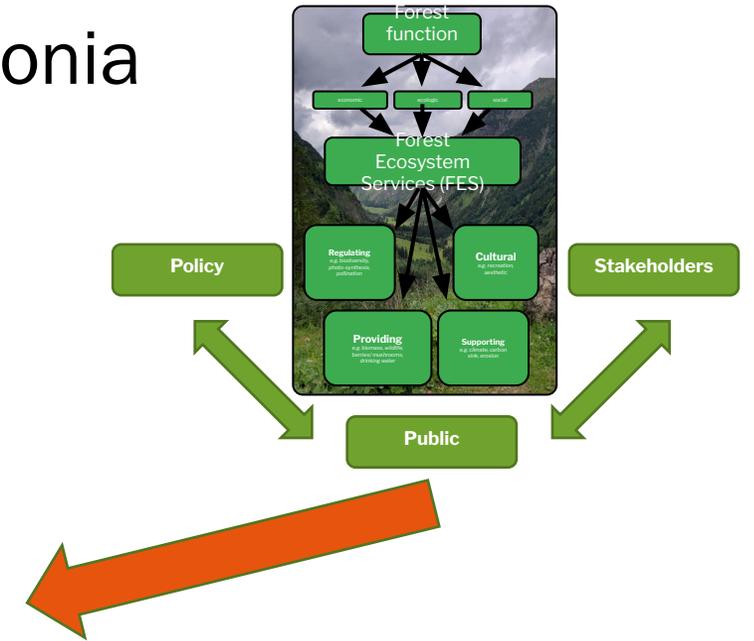




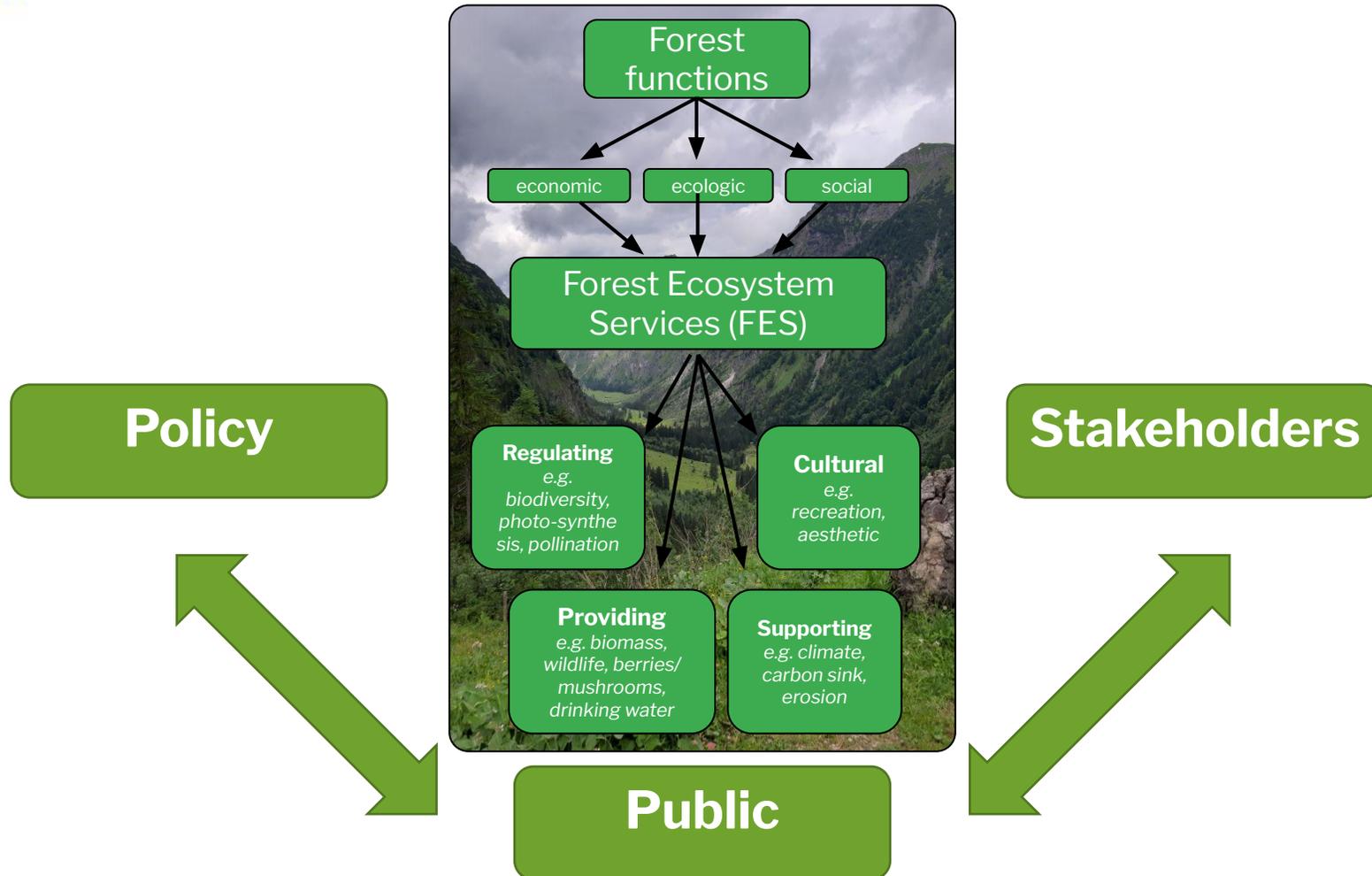
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Most important forest ecosystem services

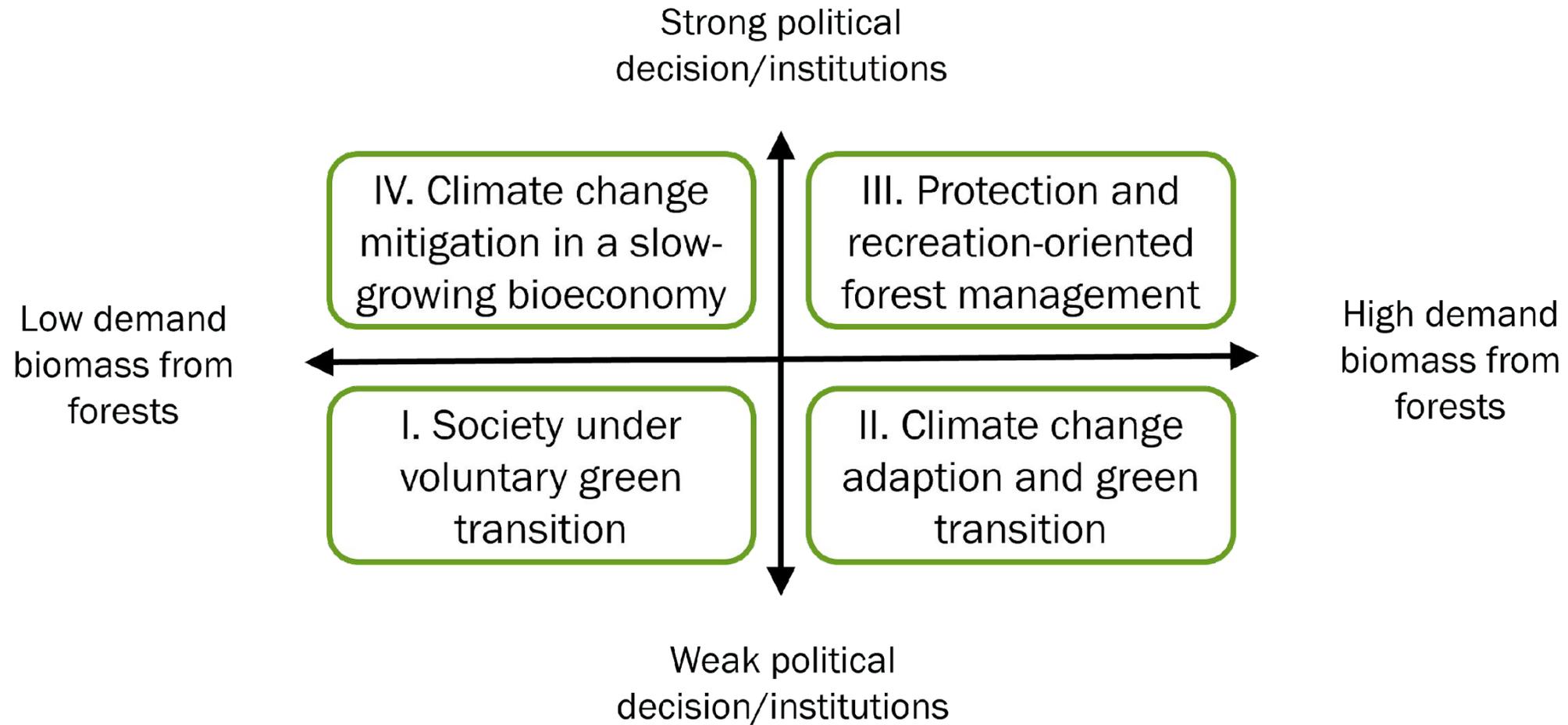


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Pathways forward – scenarios in Catalonia





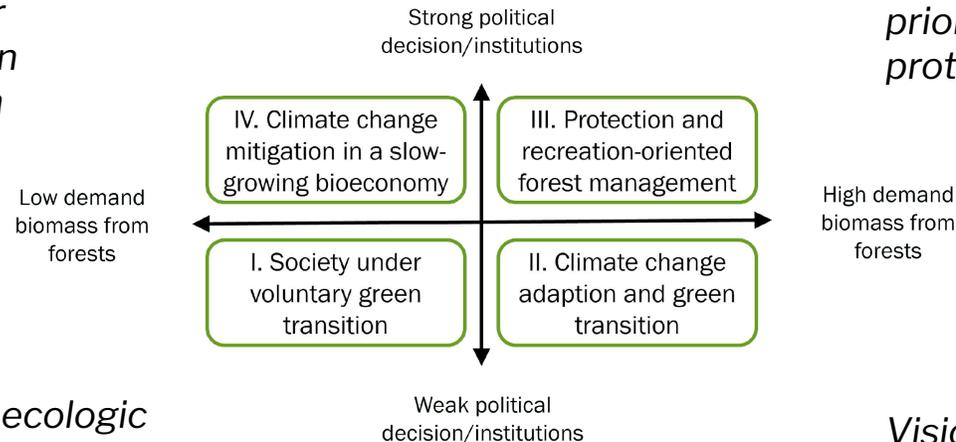
Vision and attitude in scenarios / Catalonia

Vision: Strong regulation to promote protection of forests for carbon storage.

Attitudes: supporting ecosystem services (carbon capture, water provision) and biodiversity are in focus, integrating preference in forest management decisions

Vision: balancing economic and ecologic values, supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Attitudes: forest management to handle increasing forest damages (e.g., fire) is recognized as important.



Vision: protection of forests to promote ecosystem services like recreation and clean air and water

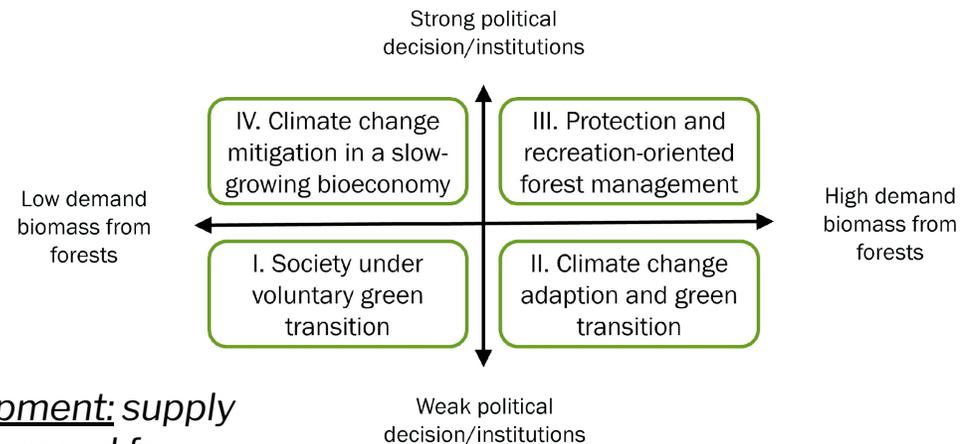
Attitudes: recreation and biodiversity are prioritized and conflicts between forestry or protection are more common.

Vision: Sustainable society, bioeconomy development with diversified forest use emphasizing climate change adaptation

Attitudes: forest management important to prevent effects of climate change (e.g., fire)



Wood value chain and industry development in Catalonia



Wood-value chain market development: supply for timber stays constant, while demand for timber for building sector increase as well as wood fuel.

Industrial development: traditional industry continues develop while new industry is not developing.



Scenarios, MCDSS and DVCM



How can decision-making be supported by a comprehensive tool for the forest wood value chain?

Time horizon
2020-2060

MCDSS
Interest of
stakeholders



Indicators

- Standing timber volume
- Harvested timber volume
- Wood revenues
- Number of large trees
- Visual attractiveness
- Volume of deadwood
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4 overriding scenarios for the forest wood value chain

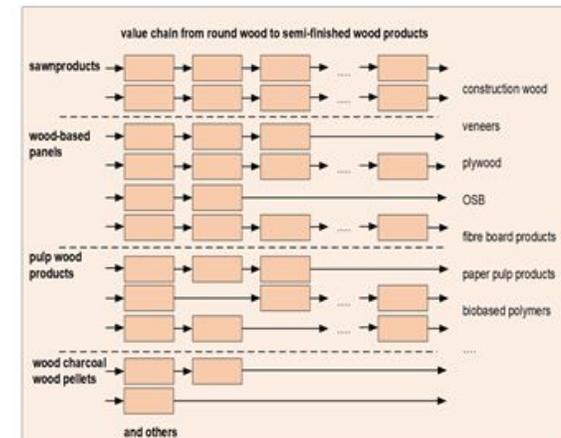
Forest Growth Models
of 4 CSRs

Forest management options
Forest operations methods



wood
assortments

Dynamic Model of
Wood Value Chain

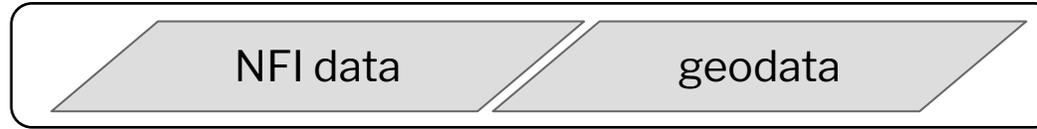


Output: forest management options

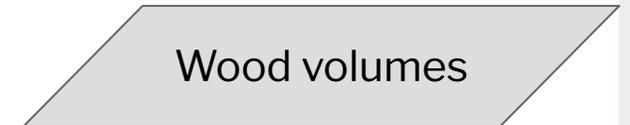
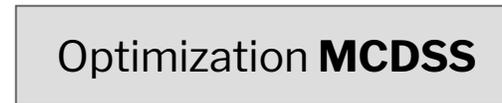
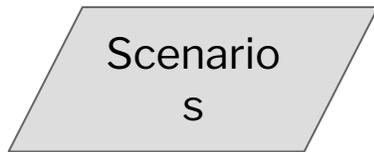
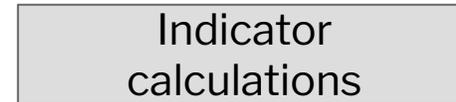
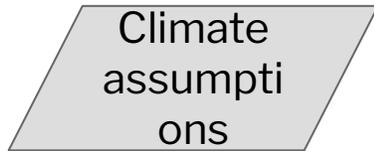
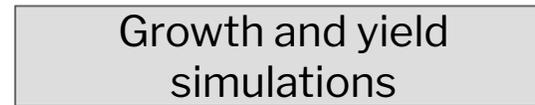
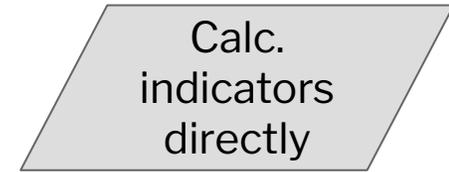
Impact on wood value chain



Data generation process



CS
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The Indicators

 Standing timber volume

Harvested timber volume 

€ Wood revenues

Number of large trees 

 Visual attractiveness

Volume of deadwood 

C Carbon sequestration

Shannon Index 

 Diameter variability

Risk of total loss 

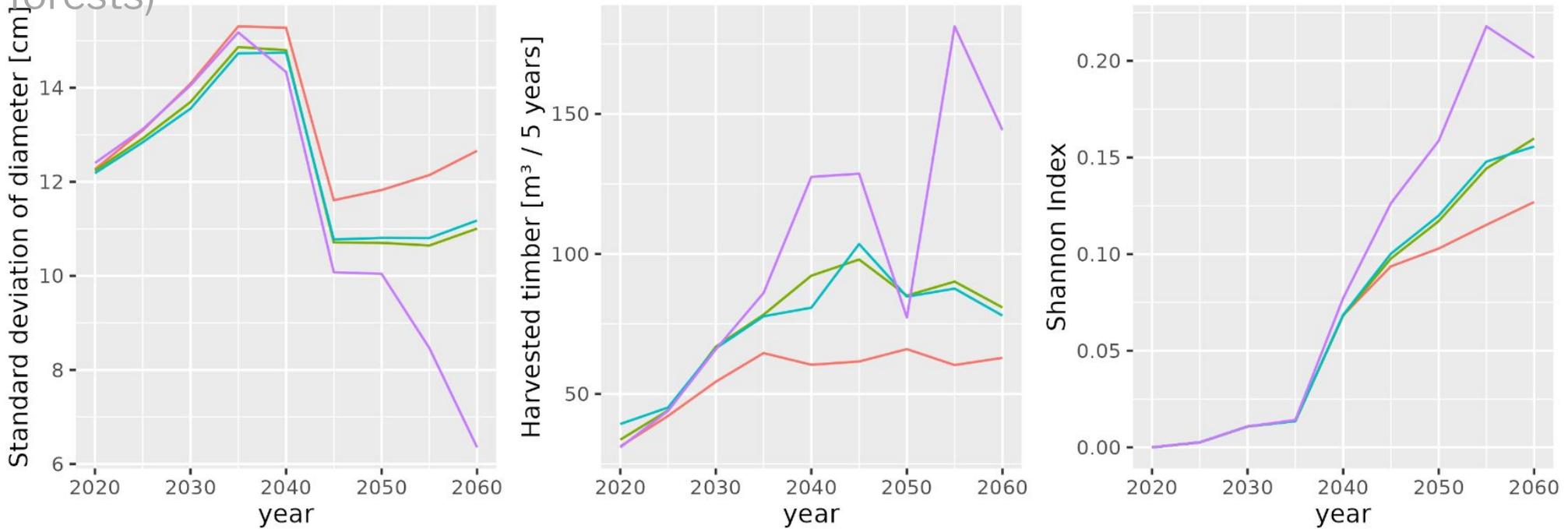
 Mean tree diameter

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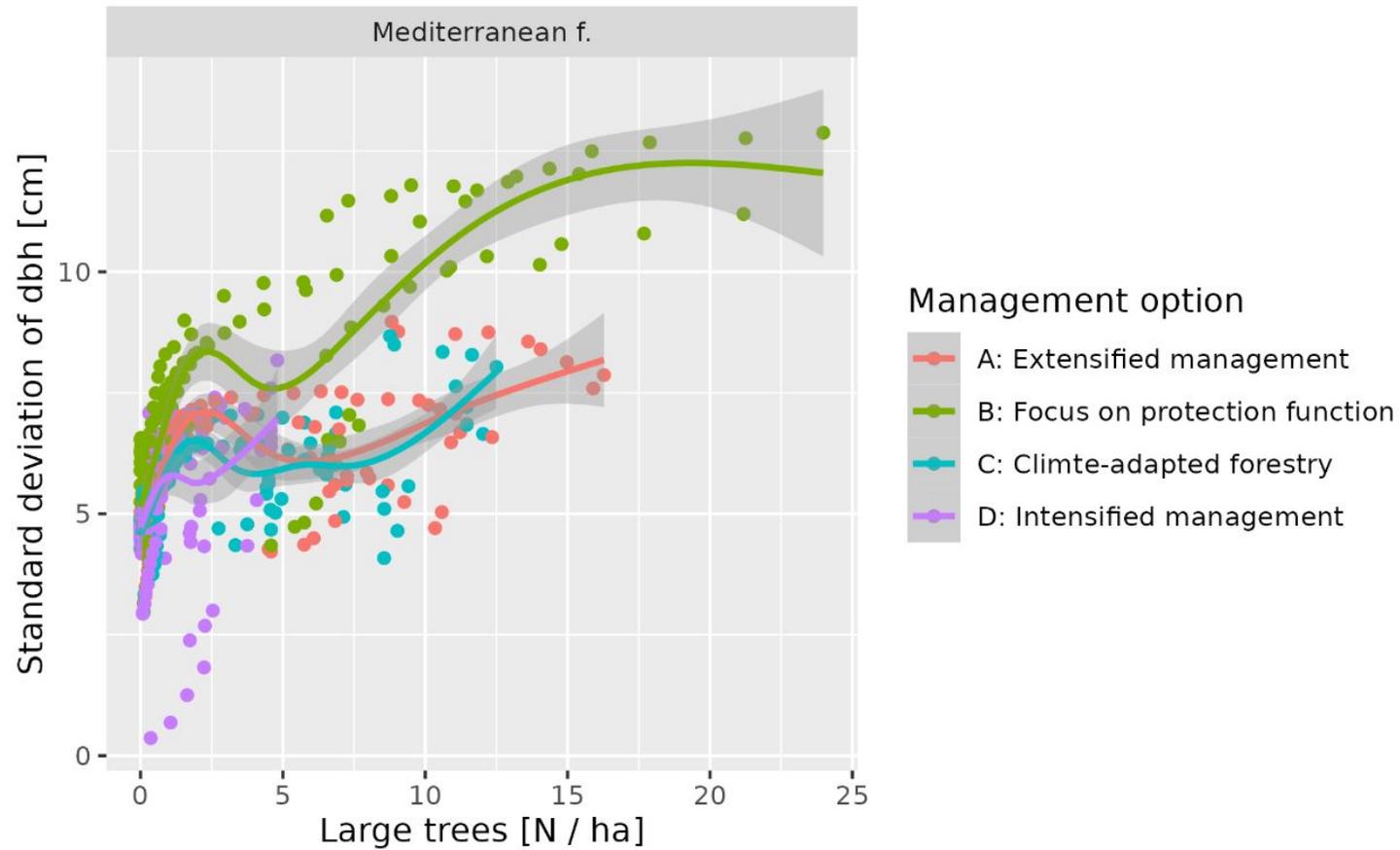
Exemplary simulated development of one representative forest stand

Pure beech stand of medium age (CSR continental forests)



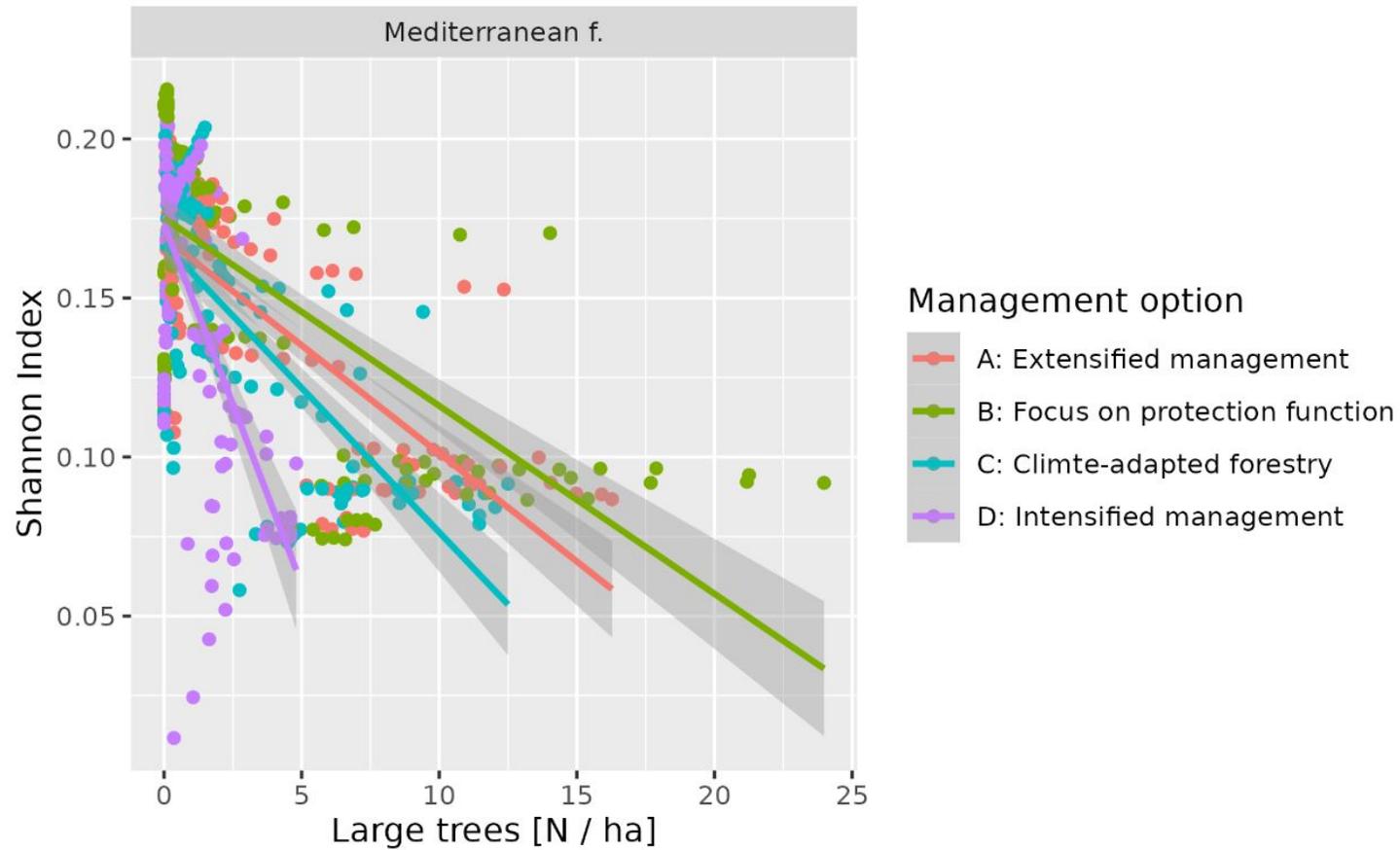
Management option — A: Intensified m. — B: Focus on protection function — C: Climate-adapted forestry — D: Extensified m.

Shannon index vs. number of large trees





Diameter variability vs. number of large trees

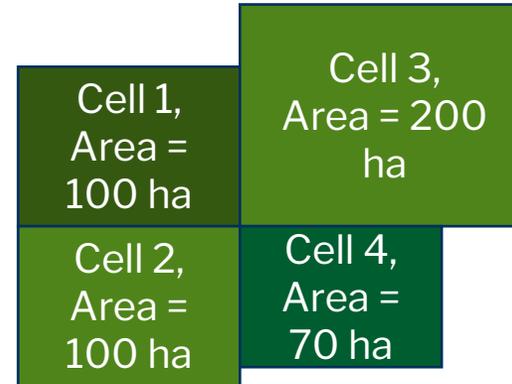




MCDSS - Concept

Initial stand	Species 1	Species 2	...	...
	share	share	share	
1	10	10	...	...
2	10	10	...	...
3	50	50	...	...
...
	0	100	...	...

Initial Stand	Management option	Indicators ≈ 20				
		0	1	2	...	8
1	A	0	1	1	...	5
1	B	1	0	1	...	0
1	C	1	1	1	...	1
1	D	1	2	0	...	0
2	A	...	...	...	...	...
2	B	...	...	...	...	...
2	C	...	...	...	...	...
2	D	...	...	...	...	...
...	
	A	...	...	...	...	...



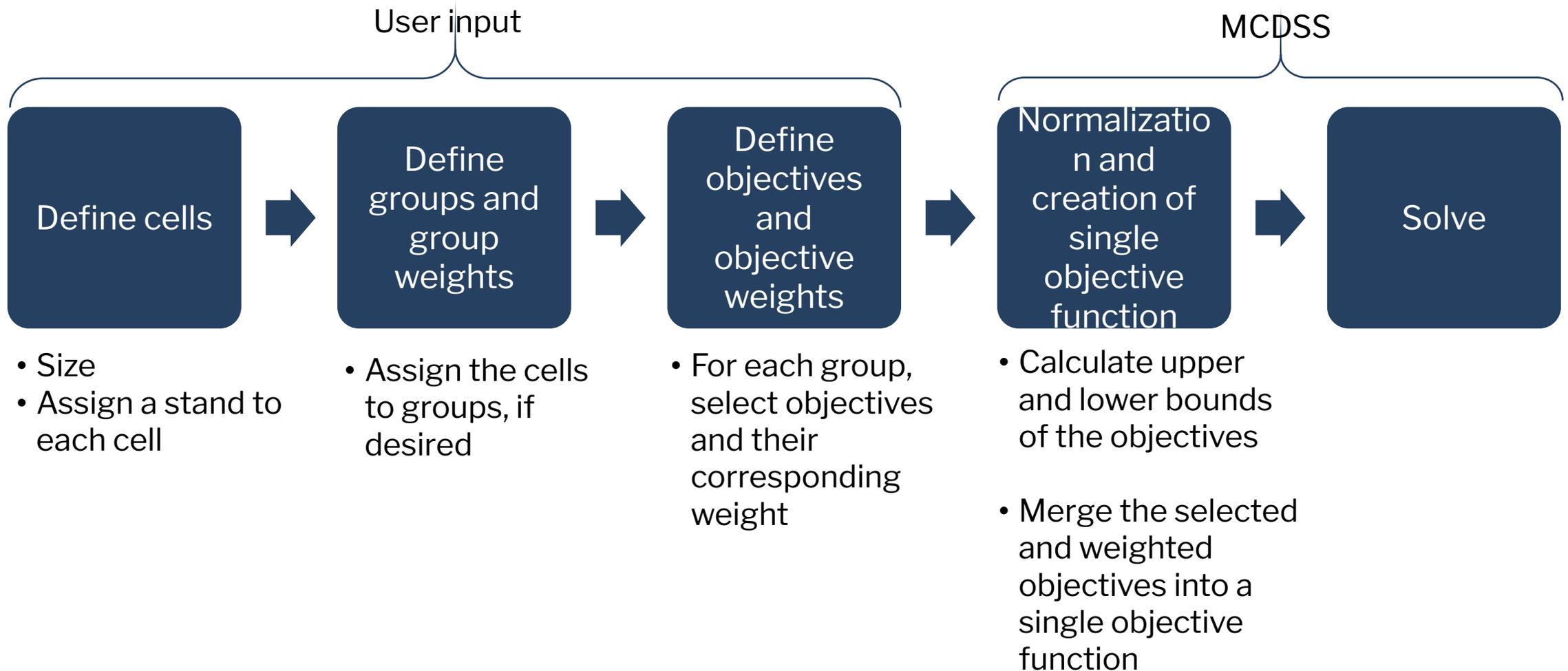
Cell	Management option
1	A
2	B
3	A
4	D

Management options (example):

- A: Low intensity
- B: Business as usual (BAU)
- C: Climate adapted forestry
- D: Intensified management

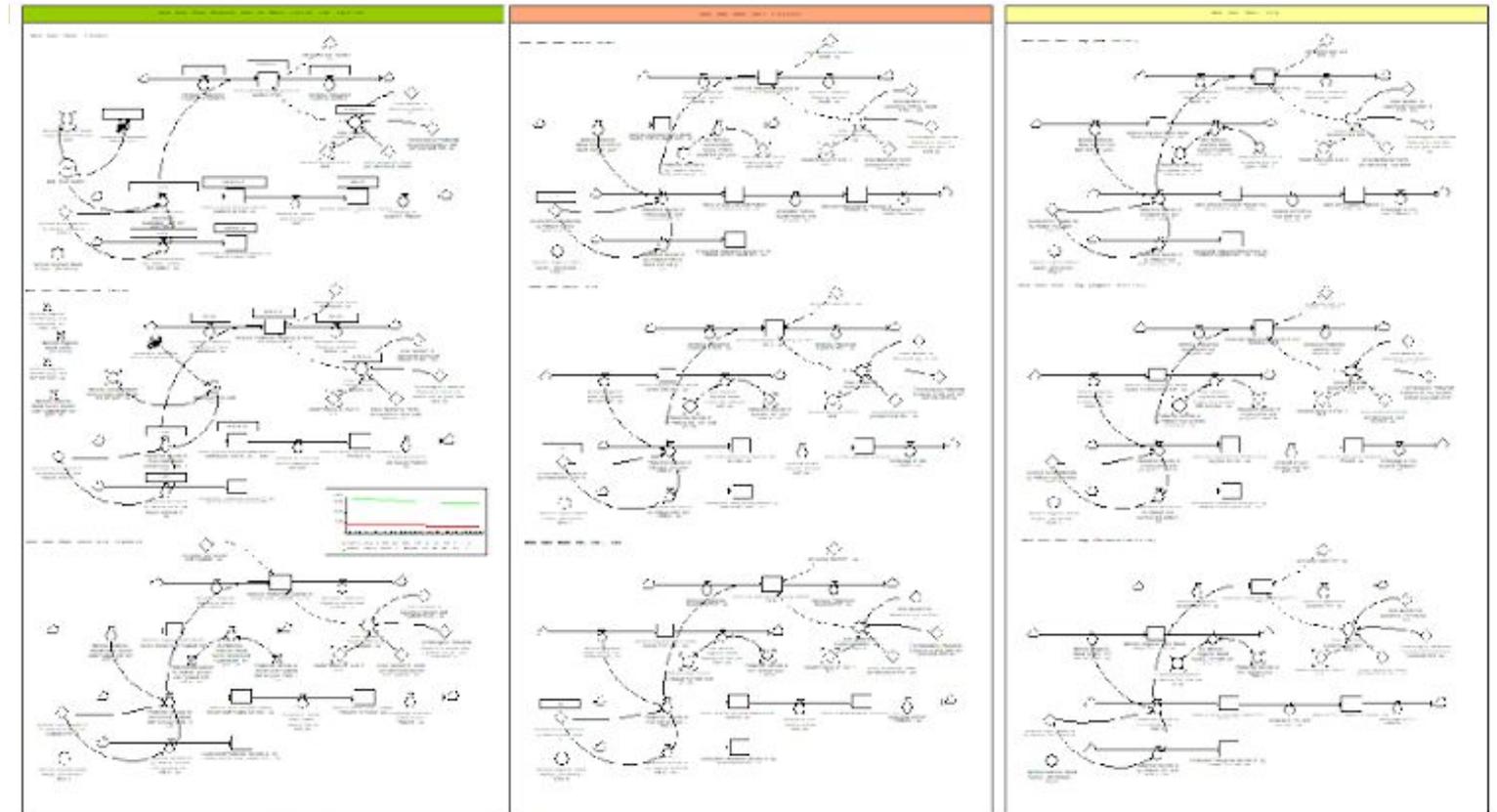
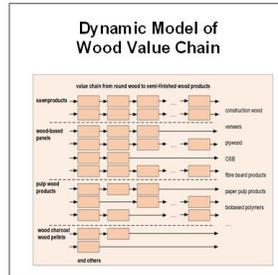
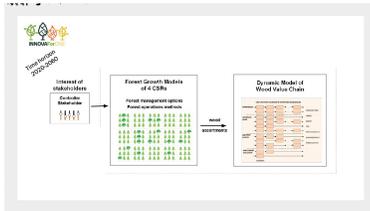


MCDSS - Solution steps





DVCM – What is the Dynamic Value Chain Model?



CSR-specific modeling of

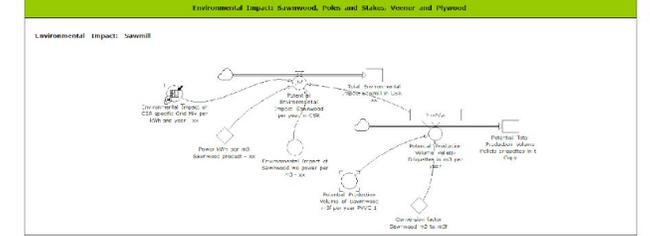
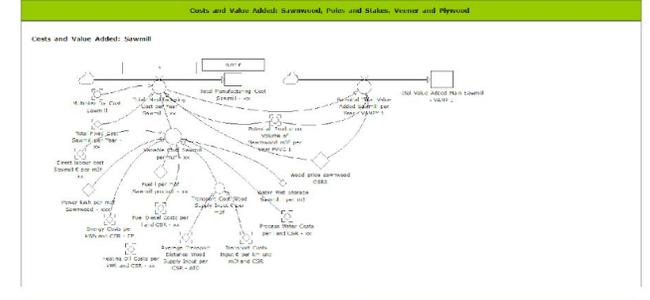
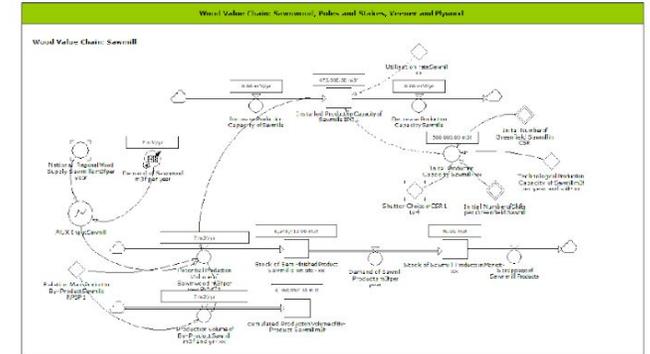
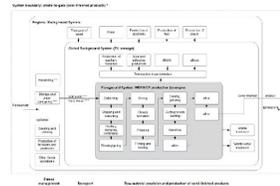
- different wood-based industries and their capacities
- the socio-economic impact
- the environment impact



Methodology of the DVCM

- DVCM uses the System Dynamics Approach (Club of Rome | World Model) to simulate the downstream value chain by taking into account constraints or system behaviour over the time horizon from 2020 to 2060
 - 12 different wood value chains from sawnwood, different panel board and pulp to energy products
- To quantify the wood flow, socio-economic and environmental impact other methodologies are combined with System Dynamics
 - Value Added Calculation based on a greenfield approach
 - Life Cycle Assessment (cradle-to-gate) streamlined and prospective approach
 - Social Life Cycle Assessment

Cost per year (€ per year)	Cost per unit (€ per unit)	Value added (€ per unit)	Value added (€ per unit)
1000000	1000000	1000000	1000000
2000000	2000000	2000000	2000000
3000000	3000000	3000000	3000000
4000000	4000000	4000000	4000000
5000000	5000000	5000000	5000000
6000000	6000000	6000000	6000000
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9000000	9000000	9000000	9000000
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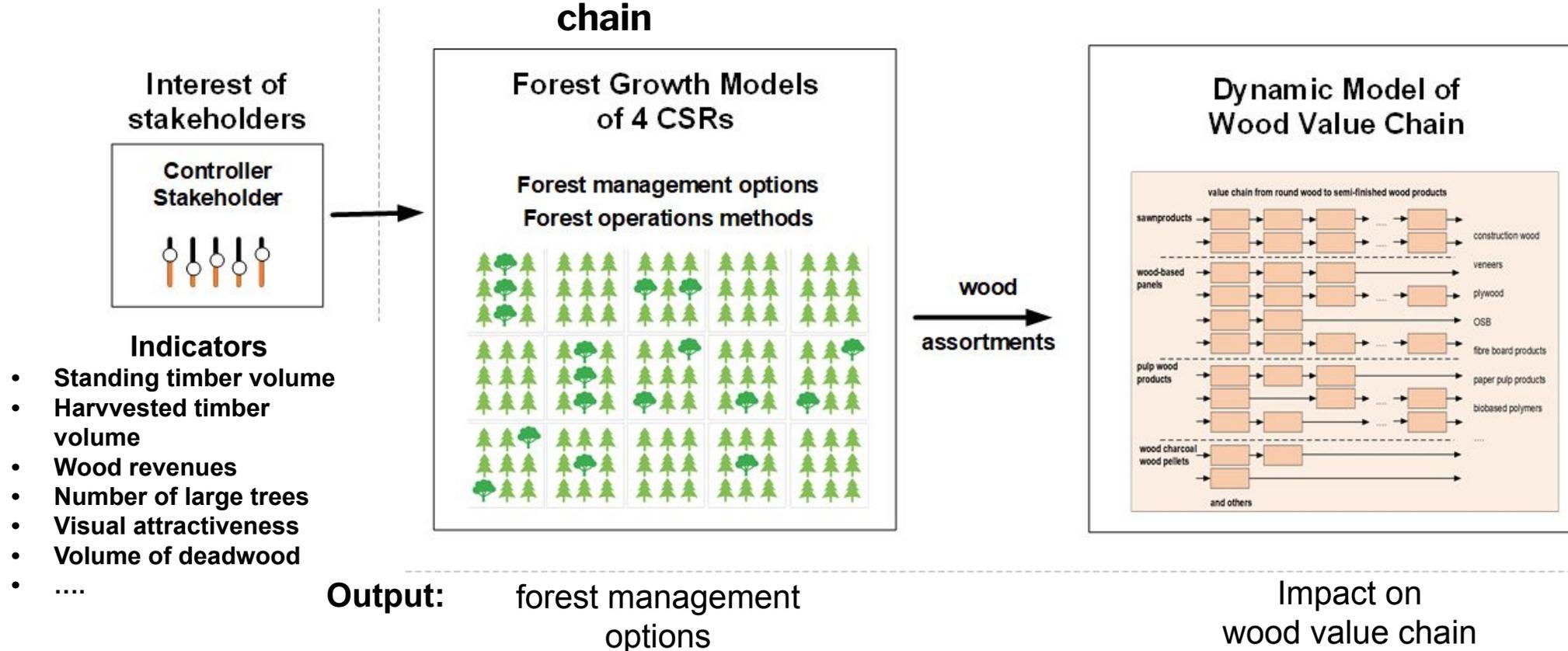


Results



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4 overriding scenarios for the forest wood value chain





MCDSS - Indicator weights in scenarios

	Scenario I Society under voluntary green transition	Scenario II Climate change adaption and green transition	Scenario III Protection and recreation-oriented forest management	Scenario IV Climate change mitigation in a slow-growing bioeconomy
Standing timber		5	10	10
Harvested timber total	50	30	10	20
Periodic annual increment	5	5	5	5
QMD (harvested species)	5	3		
QMD (harvested stand)	10	3		
QMD (standing species)		2	5	
QMD (standing stand)		2	5	
Height variability (SD)				5
Diameter variability (mean)				5
Deadwood with decomposition			10	10
Carbon in stock aboveground		5		5
Carbon sequestration	5	15		10
Number of large trees		5	20	10
Visual attractiveness		5	20	10
Risk of economic loss		5		
Shannon index	5	5	15	10
Wood revenues	20	10		

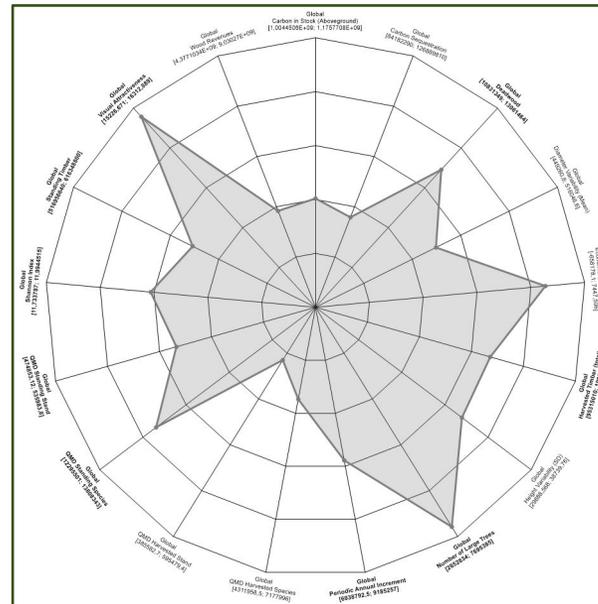
- 17 relevant indicators identified for CSR Catalonia
- Weights assigned to each indicator and for each scenario individually (THRO / SLU)



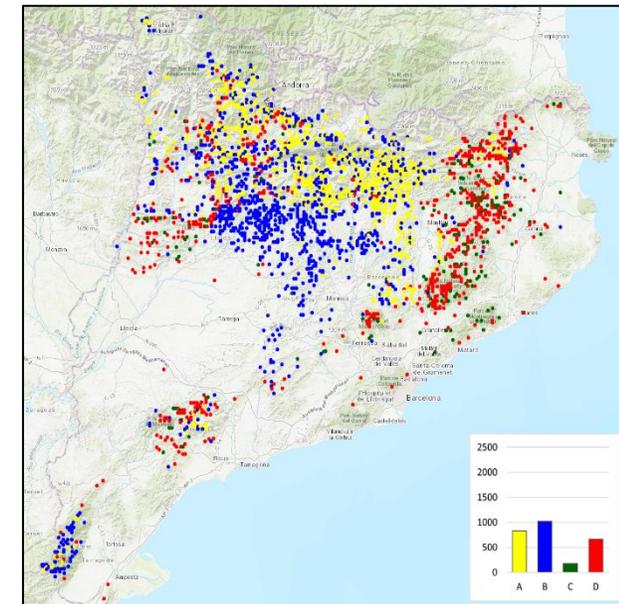
MCDSS - Results for Scenario III

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Objective		0,7553						
2	Computation Time		68,3525016						
3	MIP Gap	NaN							
4									
5	group	obj	lb	ub	objValue				
6	Global	Shannon Index	11,73378668	11,9944512	11,89346649				
7	Global	Visual Attractiveness	15226,6713	16312,8882	16265,97758				
8	Global	Number of Large Trees	2852834,009	7695385,115	7491898,613				
9	Global	Deadwood	10831349,04	13061463,88	12371772,98				
10	Global	QMD Standing Stand	474853,1271	535983,8234	507564,084				
11	Global	QMD Standing Species	12295500,71	13808342,74	13413874,71				
12	Global	Standing Timber	518956634,7	616348773,8	567492927,4				
13	Global	Harvested Timber (total)	95315007,3	199607400,1	165055326,1				
14	Global	Periodic Annual Increment	6938792,489	9185256,945	8236465,088				
15	Global	QMD Harvested Species	4311558,507	7177996,161	5306642,03				
16	Global	QMD Harvested Stand	385582,6796	595479,4034	433882,1608				
17	Global	Height Variability (SD)	29888,5675	38739,7614	35898,11194				
18	Global	Diameter Variability (Mean)	449260,8015	516046,6055	482516,6468				
19	Global	Carbon in Stock (Aboveground)	1004450633	1175770764	1073615319				
20	Global	Carbon Sequestration	84182291,67	126889810	99477369,96				
21	Global	Economic Loss RCP 4.5	-658178,1021	7447,5058	-89413,9097				
22	Global	Wood Revenues	4377103291	9030269783	6161616134				
23									
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28	21_HIGH_YOUNG	4	B	80014					
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Numerical output with objective values and assignment of management options to cells

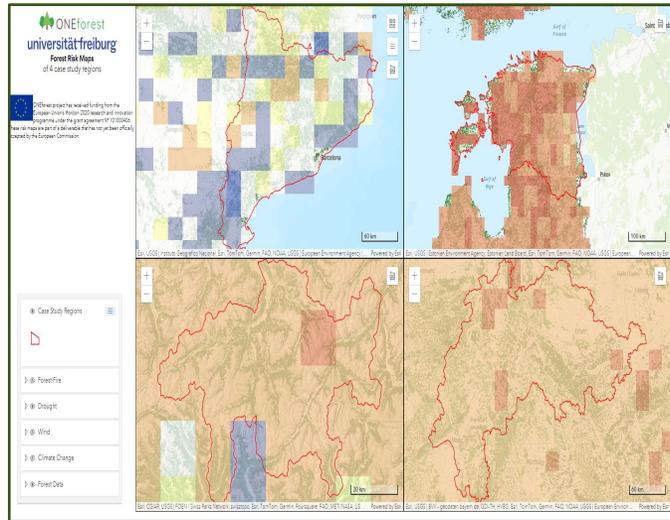


Radar chart with range of indicator values and optimization result



Distribution of management options in the CSR

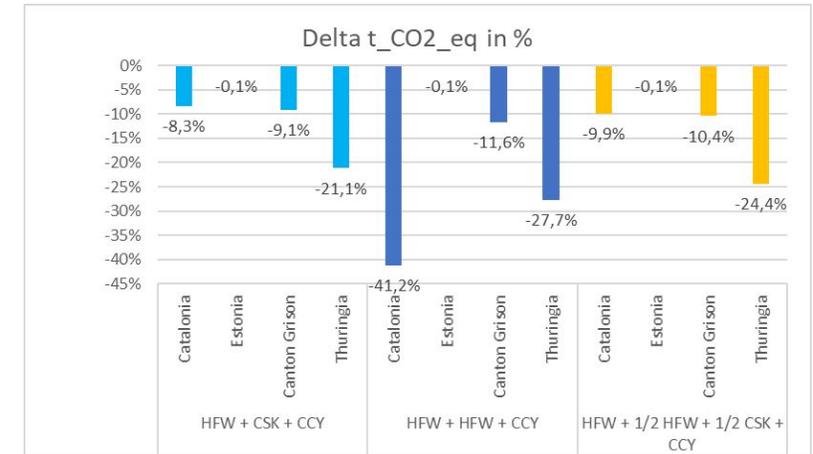
Perspectives of Forest Operations



Risk maps and practical guidelines for preparation against disturbances for all CSR regarding: Drought, Fire and Wind



Planting with fully biodegradable Hydrogel based on wood fibers
 Studies on: Biomass analysis
 Vegetative status
 Degradability
 Water storing capacity
 Application



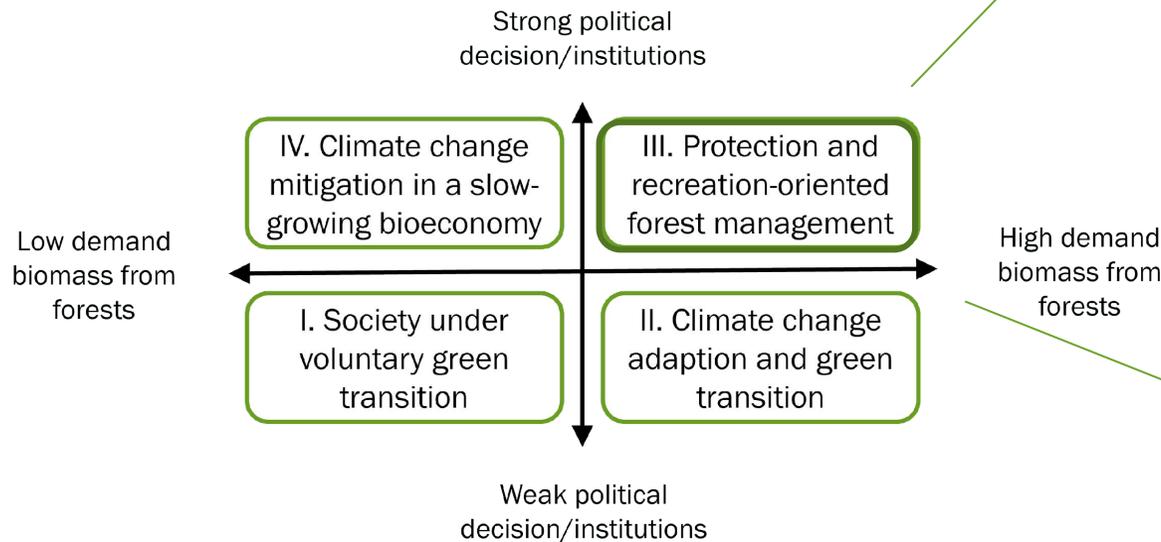
Best-Harvesting Method calculated for all CSR with three combinations regarding: CO₂-Emissions, Productivity, Jobs, Costs, Fuel Consumption



DVCM – Scenarios

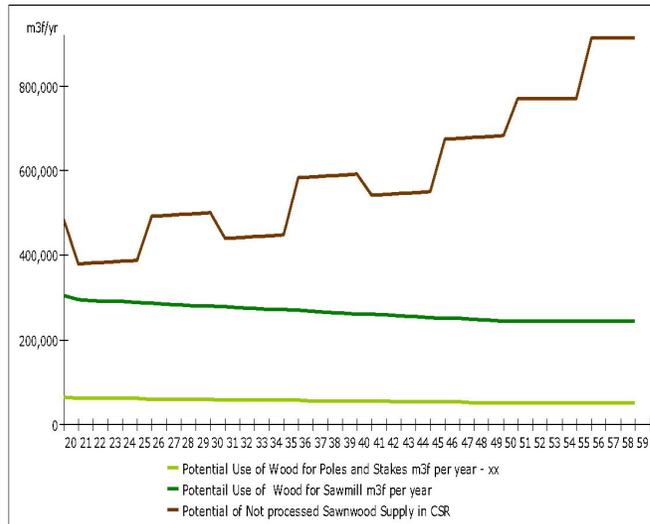
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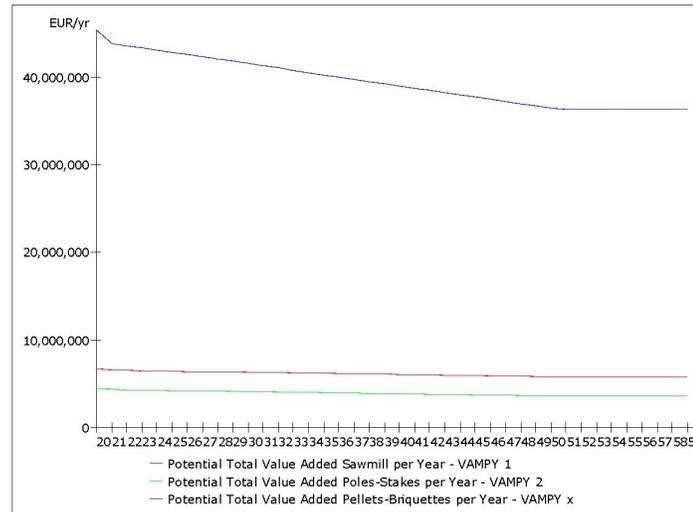




DVCM provides projections about ... Scenario III



... potential wood supply vs. potential use of wood assortments in the specific value chains of the regions related to the forest management options



... potential socio-economic impacts of the specific and total wood value chains of the regions related to the forest management options

Value Added per kg CO2eq.

Potential Value Added Sawmill	Potential Value Added Poles-Stakes	Potential Value Added Pellets-Briquettes	per kg CO2eq.
1 Jan 2020	€0.85	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2021	€0.87	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2022	€0.88	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2023	€0.90	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2024	€0.91	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2025	€0.92	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2026	€0.93	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2027	€0.95	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2028	€0.96	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2029	€0.97	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2030	€0.99	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2031	€0.99	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2032	€0.99	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2033	€0.98	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2034	€0.98	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2035	€0.98	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2036	€0.99	€0.04	€0.09
1 Jan 2037	€1.00	€0.04	€0.09

... potential environmental impacts of the specific and total wood value chains of the regions related to the forest management options



Conclusion



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- Multi-Criteria Decision Support System
- Dynamic Value Chain Model
- Data pool
- Policy Recommendations
- Top Soil Cover

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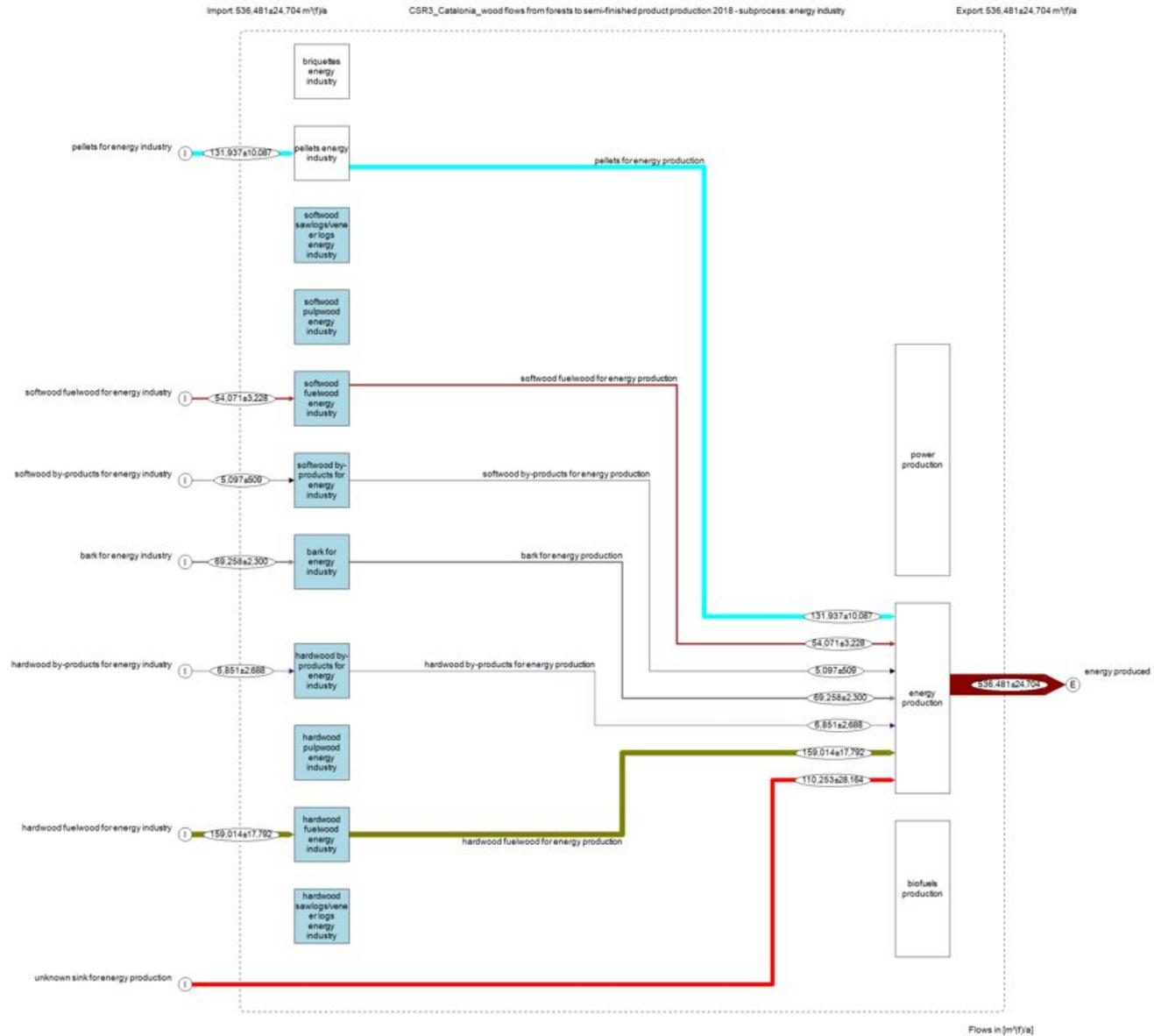
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DVCM – Scenarios

	I Society under voluntary green transition	II Climate change adaption and green transition	III Protection and recreation-oriented forest management	IV Climate change mitigation in a slow-growing bioeconomy
supply of wood and semi-finished goods	transport radius for wood supply (pellets 200 km, sawnwood/panel production 200-300 km) --> increase of transport costs	transport radius for wood supply (pellets 200 km, sawnwood/panel production 200-300 km) --> increase of transport costs	regional/national wood supply is declining and wood is imported from European level --i-> increase of transport radius and other transport means (trains)	transport radius for wood supply (pellets 200 km, sawnwood/panel production 200-300 km) --> increase of transport costs
demand of wood (and non-wood) products	demand of wood products is related to projected GDP (increase 2050)	demand of wood products increase by 30 % till 2050; favourisation of products that store carbon long time, fuel/energy wood will only be important till 2035, afterwards it decreases	demand of wood products decrease by 20 % till 2050 because wood-based products are becoming less attractive	demand of wood products is related to projected GDP (increase 2050)
development of industry (focus on capacity)	wood processing industry remains structurally unchanged, no increase/decrease of additional capacities (investments)	industry slowly dissolves, but is gradually replaced by large industry with a broader product portfolio	wood processing industry remains structurally unchanged, no increase/decrease of additional capacities (investments)	Wood processing industry increase their capacities and broaden their product portfolios including biomass products (energy) till 2050
development of industrial technologies and new industries	only rationalisation investments, no new industry from other sectors	new industry (biorefinery) enters the market from 2035 onwards	wood processing industry partly disappears and is replaced by other industries from other sectors (e.g. biorefinery)	only rationalisation investments, no new industry from other sectors
future work skills and work force	shortage of skilled labour in forestry and wood processing	due to increased wages and improved working conditions more skilled workers are attracted	increase of skilled workers, but they leave to work abroad due to low salary, poor working conditions and social recognition	by increasing wages and improving working conditions more skilled workers are attracted