### Forest sector as a solution to the EU Green Deal targets: Finnish Forest Industry's Climate roadmap

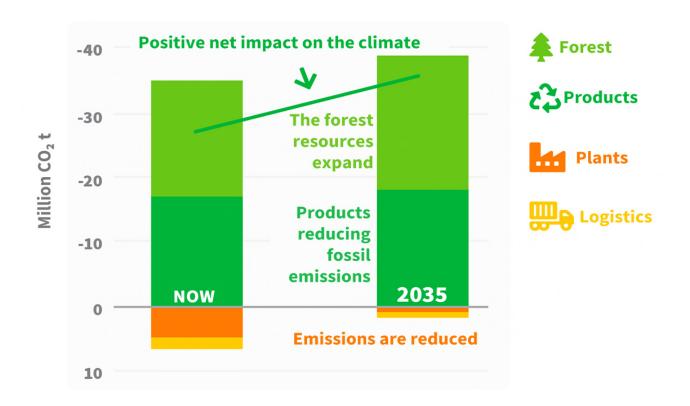
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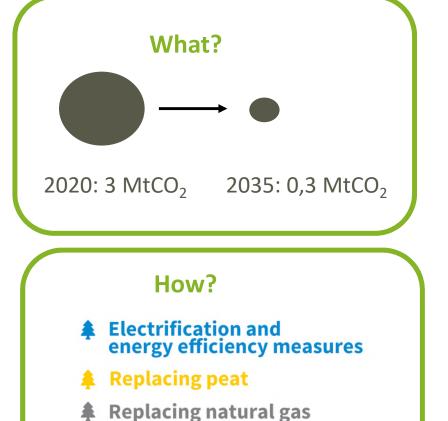
### Forest industry's solutions for Green Deal targets and carbon neutral Finland 2035



- The climate benefits of Finnish woodbased products estimated by VTT, one of Europe's leading research institutions
- Forests growth potentials estimated by LUKE, Natural Resources Institute that monitors natural resources and produce data on greenhouse gases
- Emission reduction potentials estimated by Afry, an engineering and consulting company operating across the globe

#### Fossil-free mills are realistic

- Fossil emissions are the main reason to climate change
- The forest industry may be close to zero fossil emissions by 2035
- The industry is already far into the process of phasing out the use of fossil fuels – 87 % are renewable



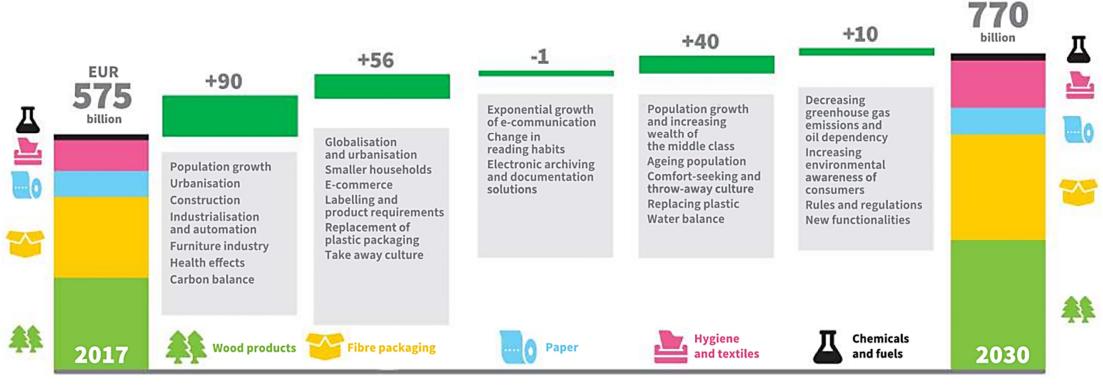
Replacing fossil oil

# The forest industry's renewable products offer climate-friendly options



- Our products help mitigate climate change by replacing fossil intensive products
- Our products provide over 16 million tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> benefit globally per year
- This is over 5 times more than fossil emissions at forest industry's mills

# European forest industry has potential to respond to expanding global markets of wood-based products



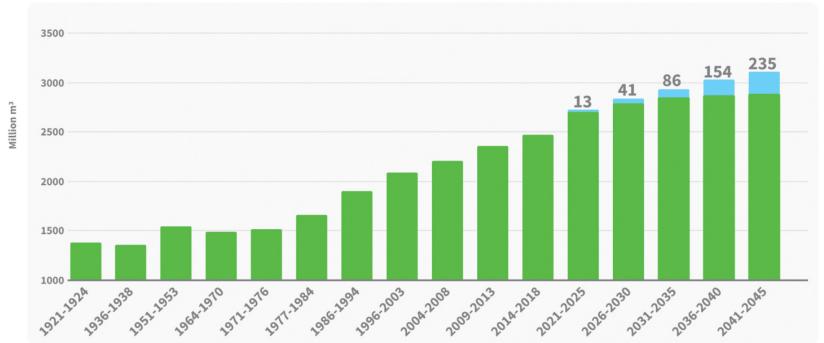
Source: Pöyry/The global markets and growth potential for forest industry products in 2030 – a 2018 report

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### Active and timely forest management is a key to increase forest growth



#### Volume of growing stock



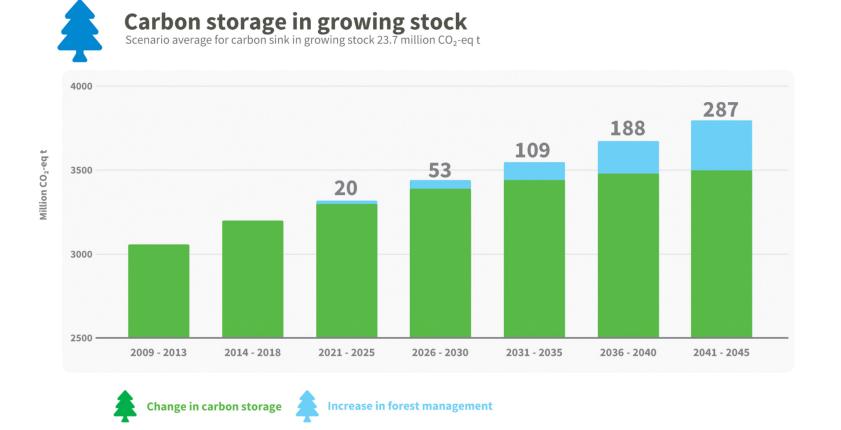
- Forest resources can be further increased through
  - Timely, active and longterm forest management
  - Afforestation
  - Using improved regeneration material







#### Stronger growth also in the forest carbon storage

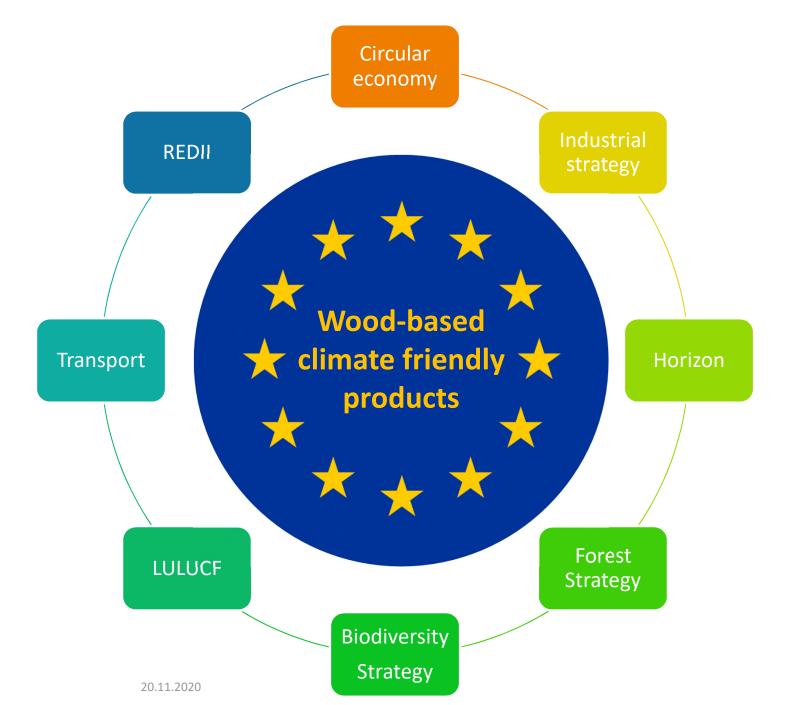


- Increased forest resources in turn result in significant carbon storage growth
- Maintaining the health and growth of forests with forest management is an affordable and efficient climate policy
- This requires an operating environment that supports forestry and the forest industry

Wood-based products offer huge climate benefits

EU policies need to take this into account

So far renewable materials are the best kept secret in EU files



### Existing and new innovative solutions from forest industry





