

# Towards an EU policy framework for forest ecosystem services Reflecting on 2020, exploring 2021!

A webinar organised jointly by SINCERE and the European Network Integrate  
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*The SINCERE Talks webinar series continues with an insightful debate on the changing policy framework at EU level for forest ecosystem services, organised jointly with the European Network Integrate.*

2020 has been a year of upheaval from the impacts of COVID-19, and also a year of renewal in the EU policy framework for forests, with the new EU Green Deal and the Biodiversity Strategy to 2030. 2021 is set to be another important year for the forest policy framework at EU level, with the upcoming EU Forest Strategy. What will the implications of the new policies be for the provision of forest ecosystem services? What do people working with forest ecosystem services on the ground consider essential in the future policy framework to increase the resilience and sustainability of Europe's forests?

This policy debate, hosted jointly by the SINCERE project and the European Network Integrate, brings together EU policy makers and forest stakeholders to reflect on 2020 and look ahead to what 2021 can do for forests, people and the economy. SINCERE Innovation Action partners are testing novel policies and business models for forest ecosystem services across Europe and beyond, including ways for forests to be managed for multiple ecosystem services, and many forest and conservation practitioners connected to the European Network Integrate are working with integrated forest management approaches. Practitioners, managers and researchers will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with policy makers, and explore some "Christmas & New Year Wishes" for an EU policy framework that supports both management and innovations for multiple forest ecosystem services.

## Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- What does the EU policy framework offer for forest ecosystem services – reflecting on 2020, exploring 2021
  - Andrea Vettori, DG for Environment, European Commission
  - Alfonso Gutiérrez Teira, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
  - Fanny-Pomme Langue, Confederation of European Forest Owners
  - Piotr Borkowski, European State Forest Association
  - Julia Christian, Fern
  - Tomáš Krejzar, Czech Ministry of Agriculture, European Network Integrate
- Panel discussion and questions from the audience

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