

## Updates on the implementation of the LULUCF Regulation

**LULUCF** Workshop

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### Overview - 2024

- Report on the Operation of the LULUCF Regulation (Art. 17(2))
- LULUCF Handbook
- Evaluation of the LULUCF Regulation
- Delegated Reg. on LULUCF Registry (Art. 15(1))
- Implementing Reg. to the Governance Reg. Amendment
- Implementing Reg. on additional flexibilities (Art. 13b(10))
- Yearly Assessment Cycle & Climate Action Progress Report
- TSI 2025 Flagships: support for Member States
- Technical Correction to the Forest Reference Level (Art. 8(11))

# Report on LULUCF Operation

• Article 17(2): "... within six months after the global stocktake ..." under the Paris Agreement

- Taking stock of how the Regulation is being implemented
- Explaining recent policy developments
- Exploring policy options



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#### REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

on the operation of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 ("LULUCF Regulation") pursuant to Article 17(2) as amended by Regulation (EU) 2023/839





### **LULUCF Handbook**

- Updated <u>Version 2</u> published on 15 May
- Explains all elements of the LULUCF Regulation
- Provides practical tips, examples and case studies to increase the quality of GHG inventory data
- Disseminates knowledge and experience on how GHG monitoring can be improved
- Addressed to everyone involved in land use policy making



Handbook on the updated LULUCF Regulation EU 2018/841

Guidance and orientation for the implementation of the updated Regulation

Version: 2

Date: 13.05.2024

EEA activity: FRAMEWORK SERVICE CONTRACT EEA/CET/22/001



### **LULUCF Evaluation**

- Starting the evaluation process in 2024
- Numerous policy developments in recent years
- Assessing against Better Regulation Principles (effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, EU added value)
- Assessing potential for simplification
- Within the context of the adoption of the CRCF, assessing possible benefits of including sustainably sourced long-lived carbon storage products (Art. 17(3))
- Ultimate objective: ensuring that the policy framework for the land sector remains an effective means of delivering on the key goal of climate neutrality of the sustainable circular bioeconomy.

## Amendment of the Delegated Regulation 2019/1122 ('Registry Regulation')

- Revised LULUCF Regulation introduced, for the period 2026-2030:
  - new targets,
  - budgets,
  - flexibilities,
  - and simplified reporting rules.
- All these elements need to be reflected in the EU Registry
- Two discussions within the Climate Change Expert Group so far



# Amendment of the Implementing Regulation 2020/1208 under the Governance Regulation

- Annex XX and XXV setting out rules for the reporting of information relevant for the LULUCF
- Simplified reporting prompted by the transition from accounted to reported values in the second compliance period; allowing further alignment with GHGI reporting
- Some clarification by means of footnotes to tables, and in Annex V on technical correction
- Amended implementing regulation adopted by the CCC on 2<sup>nd</sup> May

## Implementing Regulation on additional flexibility (Art. 13b(10))

- For the period 2026-2030, additional compensation foreseen, to submitting evidence concerning either:
  - Impact of climate change resulting in excess emissions or diminishing sinks, or
  - Effects of an exceptionally high proportion of organic soils in their managed land area compared to the Union average
- Flexibility subject to certain conditions, such as:
  - Including specific measures, in NECP, to ensure the conservation or enhancement of all land sinks,
  - Having exhausted other flexibilities, etc.
- Art. 13b(10): Setting out the structure, format, technical details and process for submission of evidence, as part of an implementing act.

### Climate Action Progress Report

- Progress in key pieces of climate legislation (ETS, ESR, LULUCF)
- Planned to be published in October 2024 Part of the yearly assessment cycle
- Latest trends and key policy actions
- Assessment of collective progress towards climate neutrality, and consistency of national and EU measures with the climate neutrality
- 2024 GHGI submission (data up until 2022 + approximated data for 2023)



### TSI 2025 Flagship: Supporting resilience of natural resources

- Technical Support Instruments for Member State Authorities
- Strengthening natural resource management at national, regional and local level
- Biodiversity, climate change mitigation & adaptation

### **EXAMPLES** of Work Packages

- More sustainable land management, recognising multifunctionality of landscapes
- More efficient, sustainable and resilient forests
- Promoting biodiversity





### Later on - Overview 2025

- Comprehensive Review (Gov. Reg Art. 38(1a))
- Implementing Acts setting linear trajectories (Art. 4(5))



## Thank you

