

# New Opportunities within the European Partnership for Forests, forestry, and the forest-based sector: Research and innovation for a Sustainable Transition (FOREST)

**28 countries**

**100 partners**

**7 joint calls**

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# FROM LOCAL INNOVATION TO EUROPEAN IMPACT

## WE HAVE JUST SEEN

**Exoskeletons**  
**Precision forestry**  
**Remote sensing**

Different technologies -  
common European  
challenges

## THE CHALLENGE

**Scale solutions**  
**Test across conditions**  
**Share knowledge**

Many challenges cannot be  
solved by one country alone

## FOREST OPPORTUNITY

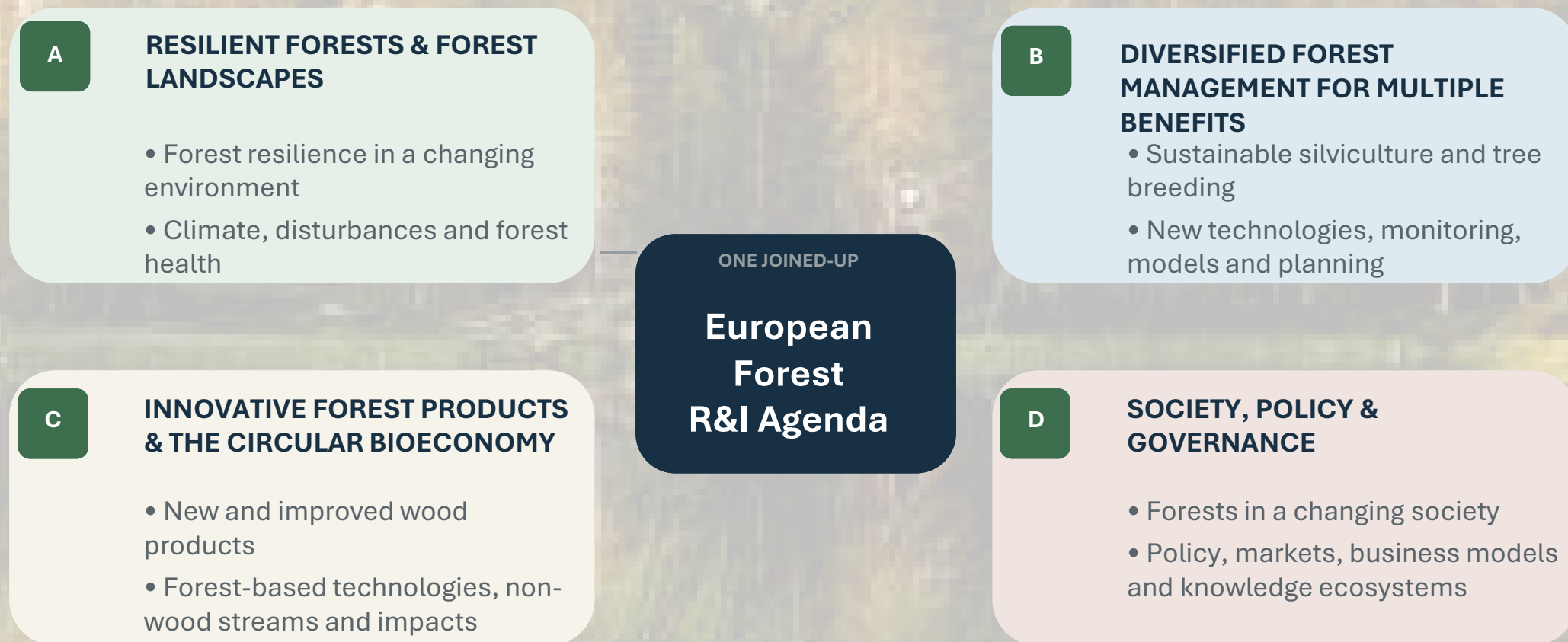
**Joint R&I**  
**European collaboration**  
**Uptake & impact**

Turn promising ideas into  
broader European impact

**FOREST is being built to connect research, innovation, practice and policy - and to create opportunities for stakeholders across Europe.**

# Where does your innovation fit?

The SRIA identifies four interconnected research themes - a single, joined-up research agenda.



**Today's technologies — remote sensing, precision forestry, decision-support and digital monitoring — align directly with these SRIA priorities.**

Source: EUFORE Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and Roadmap:

**EUFORE • Explore the SRIA & Roadmap →**

# 7 joint calls: a long-term roadmap for participation

The value is not only funding — it is continuity, coordination and European critical mass.

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**CONSECUTIVE  
JOINT CALLS**

**A continuous  
European R&I  
programme**

01

**FUND**

**National + EU  
resources**

Combine resources to support research that is difficult to deliver through isolated national efforts.

02

**COLLABORATE**

**Research  
priorities**

Build common priorities around shared European forest challenges.

03

**SCALE**

**Partners,  
knowledge &  
practice**

Bring countries and stakeholders together and create routes from research to uptake.

**FORESTPATHWAYS • JC2026**

**15 Sep 2026 • call launch**

> €40m public funding  
38 RFOs • 28 countries

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**LONG-TERM CONTINUITY**

2027

2028

2029

2030

2031

2032

2033/  
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**Build your network •  
follow call preparation  
• engage in SRIA  
implementation**

# How can stakeholders get involved?

FOREST is intended to create opportunities across the innovation chain — not only for research organisations.

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## RESEARCH

Knowledge, methods,  
consortia & coordination

## COMPANIES & SMEs

Technologies, products,  
markets & scaling

## FOREST OWNERS & PRACTITIONERS

Real-world needs,  
testing & implementation

## ADVISORY SERVICES

Knowledge transfer,  
training & adoption

## PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Policy links,  
programming & scaling

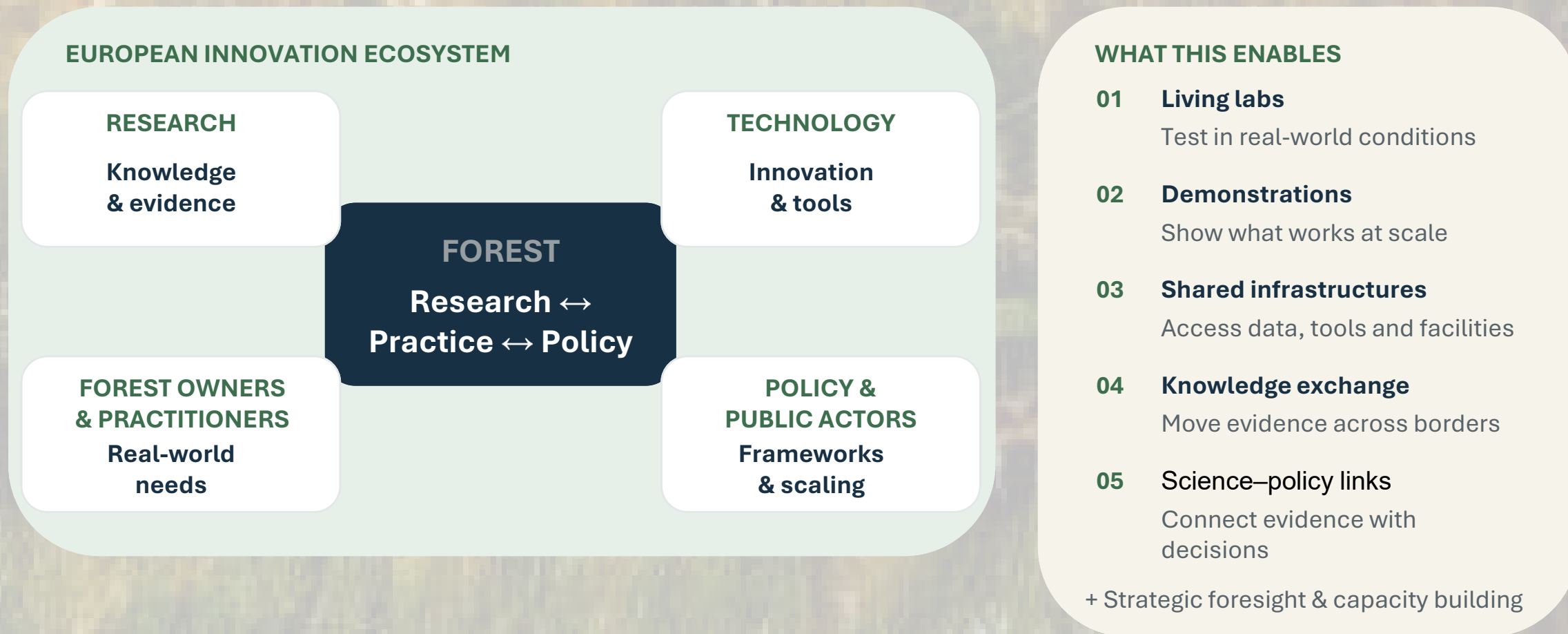
## OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Networks, NGOs,  
users & societal  
perspectives

The key question is not only “Who can receive funding?” - but “Who can help develop, test, demonstrate and adopt solutions?”

# More than project funding

FOREST can help build an innovation ecosystem that connects research, technology, practice and policy.



**Start now: identify your role, connect with potential partners, and bring practical needs into the dialogue.**

**The ambition: shorten the distance between a promising idea and a solution that works in European forests.**

# LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER

**FOREST is still being built - stakeholder input matters.**

## 1 PRIORITIES

What technologies are most needed?

## 2 UPTAKE

What barriers slow adoption?

## 3 EUROPEAN VALUE

Where should Europe collaborate more?

**The opportunity: help shape a long-term European innovation ecosystem for resilient, sustainable and multifunctional forests.**

### **Take-away:**

**The technologies we see today can become European-scale solutions – if we build the right networks to develop, test and adopt them.**

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