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## All eyes on the European Commission, as a crucial EU decision on forest monitoring is due.

Dear European Commission President Von Der Leyen, Commissioner Šefčovič, Commissioner Sinkevičius and Prime Minister Sánchez.

The European Commission has pledged to release a key law on EU Forest Observation, Reporting and Data Collection in the first quarter of 2023.

The Commission states that the aim of this initiative is to develop an EU-wide forest observation framework, to provide open access to detailed, accurate, regular and timely information on the condition and management of EU forests, and the many products and ecosystem services that forests provide.

This information would lead to more data-driven and harmonised policy and decision-making on forests. It is expected to increase public trust in forest management, reduce illegal logging, incentivise and reward more sustainable forest management, and support forests to adapt to climate change.

Given the gravity of the challenges our forests face in the onset of an evident climate- and biodiversity crisis, the undersigned NGOs urge you to follow up swiftly on the important commitments made and to ensure the realisation of a coordinated EU forest monitoring system.

We remain at your disposal to discuss this important pillar of the European Green Deal.

Yours sincerely,

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Partnership for Policy Integrity

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Protect the Forest

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