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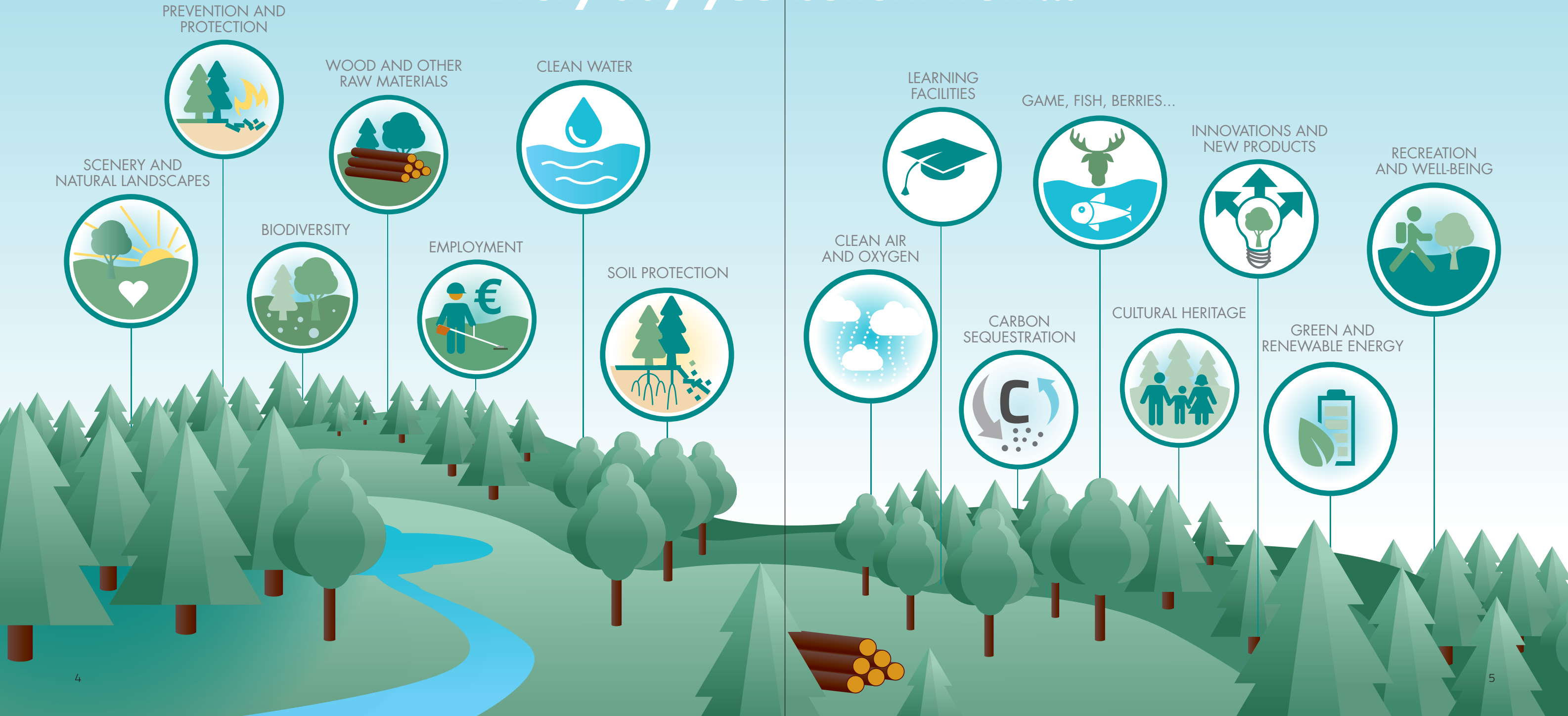
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European State Forest Management Organisations (SFMOs) are dynamic and capably managed entities, charged by European governments to effectively manage forest ecosystems – one of Europe’s greatest natural resources – for the benefit of society at large. As those who are actually responsible for making sustainable forest management (SFM) happen, SFMOs maintain an interface with the resource owners (states/governments), the citizens of Europe, the forest-based industries and all other stakeholders affected by forest management.

European SFMOs face a wide variety of challenges of a political, institutional and – very often – financial nature. It is therefore important that all opportunities, challenges, limitations and restrictions faced by state forestry are taken into account when further designing policies relevant to forests. Doing this not only at EU level, but also at national and international levels, will result in even further benefits for all Europeans.

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EUROPEAN STATE FOREST ASSOCIATION

The European State Forest Association (EUSTAfor) represents commercially-oriented state forest companies, enterprises and agencies that have sustainable forest management (SFM) and sustainable wood production as major concerns. The Association currently has 29 members in 21 European countries.

EUSTAfor's members represent one third of the European Union's forest area, including the management of 13 million hectares of protected areas. Most of their forests have been certified according to FSC or PEFC standards, or both. Their combined annual harvest amounts to approximately 123 million m³ of round timber and together the member organisations provide employment for more than 100 000 people. Only 60 % of the annual growth of state forests is harvested, thereby ensuring their increasing development over time.

The overall goal of EUSTAfor is to support and strengthen state forest management organisations throughout Europe, helping them to maintain and enhance their economically

viable, socially beneficial, culturally valuable and ecologically responsible sustainable forest management.

In addition to duly informing its member organisations on EU topics and issues that are of concern to them, EUSTAfor promotes the exchange of know-how and day-to-day field experiences between individual members. Not only does this facilitate the future development of sustainable and multifunctional forest management models, but it allows for the identification of common positions and experiences, especially as concerns the implementation of European legislation and political strategies related to forests.

Based on this knowledge, EUSTAfor has become a capable partner in dialogues with the EU institutions and stakeholders of the forest-based sector. By providing practical and comprehensive feedback to the EU's decisional bodies and participating in policy developments at international level, EUSTAfor is able to make a key contribution to legal and strategic decisions concerning the sustainable development of Europe's forests.

OUR STATE FORESTS DELIVER

European State Forest Management Organisations adhere to the principles of sustainable forest management (SFM) based on the following three pillars:

1) ECONOMIC VALUE

- Acting as a cornerstone of Europe's bio-economy, producing over 1/3 of the EU's timber harvest
- Creating and maintaining economic prosperity and jobs, especially in Europe's rural areas
- Serving as reliable partners for research and innovation in the forest-based sector
- Leading the way in providing the necessary conditions for Europe to move towards a bio-based green economy

2) ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE

- Acting as forerunners in the use and development of ecologically sound silvicultural methods of sustainable forest management that allow forest ecosystems to adapt to climate change

- Maintaining a home for biodiversity and protecting endangered species through the management of most of Europe's Natura 2000 network and other protected areas
- Helping to regulate and control changes in the climate by providing carbon sinks and carbon-neutral raw materials
- Supporting fundamental natural processes such as nutrient and water cycles and protecting the soil
- Maintaining forest infrastructures to make them resilient to diseases, flooding, erosion and fire hazards

3) SOCIAL VALUE

- Offering a significant number of ecosystem services and other non-material benefits for the general well-being of all Europeans
- Provisioning of clean air and water supplies
- Creating and maintaining recreational areas open to the general public for hiking, wildlife observation and other outdoor activities
- Maintaining scenic and natural heritage areas of cultural value
- Provisioning of wild food and game

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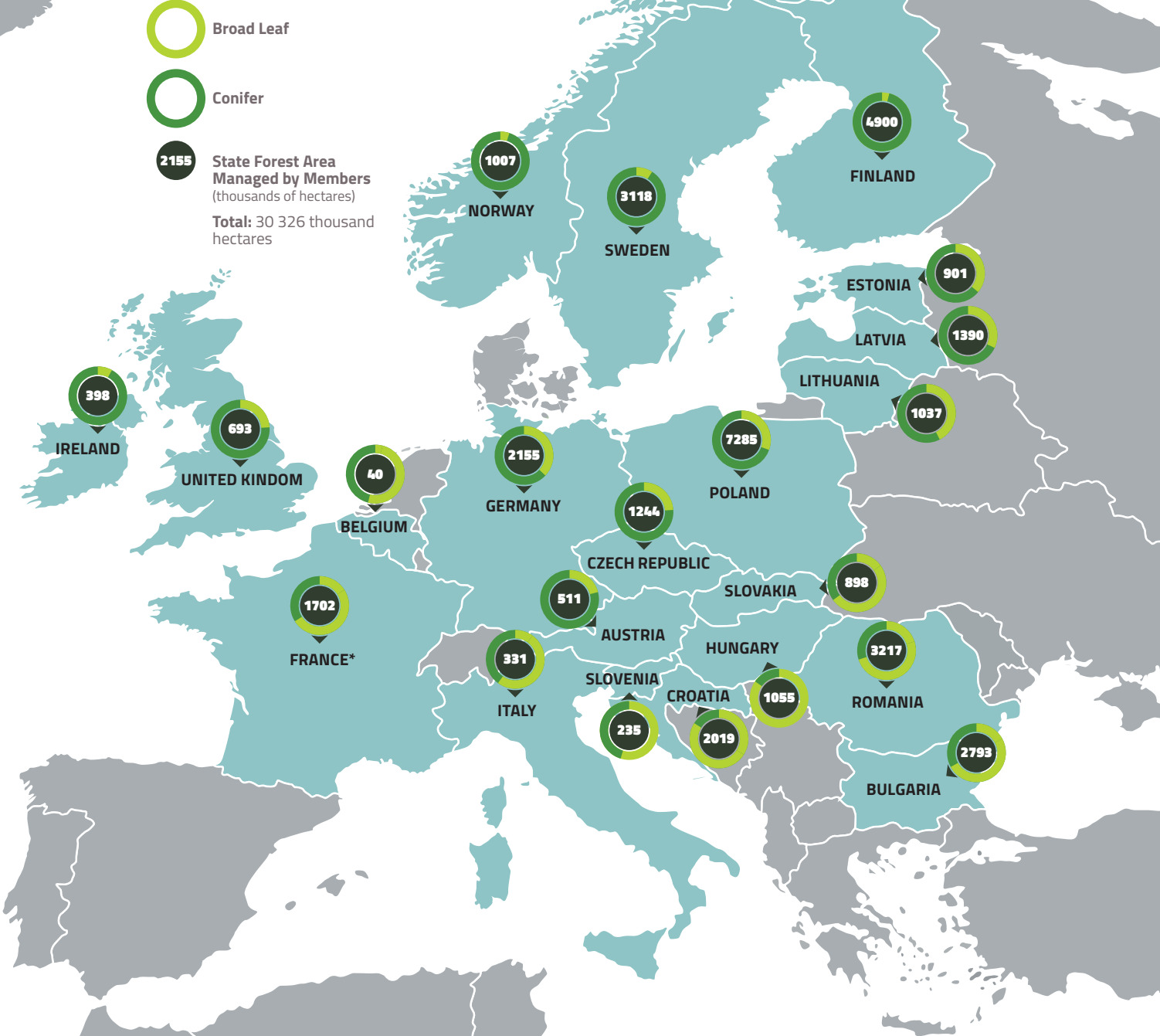
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