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# Living the FSC mission in Europe

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## Expanding certification

As of August 2025, over **63 million** hectares of forests were certified across Europe out of which over **4 million** hectares under the community and family forest programme.

- Countries with the fastest growth: Poland, Türkiye, Spain, Portugal, and the Baltic countries.
- State Forests became an ever more important partner in driving forest management growth as they hold a large share of forest cover in several countries.
- 550 forest management certificates, 156 smallholders, low-intensity forest operations certificates, and 14 community certificates.
- Over **23 thousand** Chain of Custody certificates in Europe.



## Innovative approach: Stronger network and capacity

FSC strengthened its team and expanded its network in Europe growing to 150 staff with 90% of them employed by network partners.

- **Romania:** 20 years after the first FSC certification of a forest management unit, FSC International established national representation (October 2023).
- **Türkiye:** national representative appointed to engage with stakeholders of the second-largest country in Europe after Sweden in certified forest management area (May 2024).
- **Bulgaria:** where half of the forests are FSC-certified, after 10 years of stakeholder engagement, we have set up a new Network Partner that will represent FSC (August 2025).



## Way forward in the construction sector

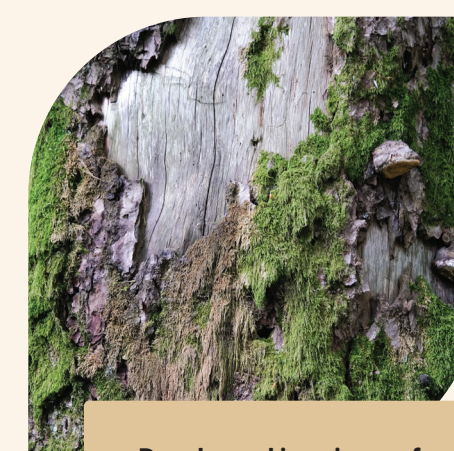
In 2025, the FSC construction coalition in Europe uniting several Network Partners particularly active in that value chain, entered a new phase, shifting from general awareness-raising to targeted, action-oriented engagement. This transition reflects a growing focus to address concrete implementation challenges, strengthen FSC's position across influential platforms, and convert stakeholder interest into measurable impact.

### Preliminary results:

- 5000 people registered for the Massive Open Online Course on 'Sustainable Building with timber' developed as part of LIFE EU project led by FSC Netherlands in collaboration with academic partners.
- FSC has secured its role in Built by Nature's COP30 principles workshop, effectively highlighting FSC's biodiversity and high conservation values advantages over PEFC. The Built by Nature engagement exemplifies coordinated impact, combining leadership relationships, event visibility, and expert participation for maximum influence.
- FSC facilitated discussions and presented a report on certified wood use for green recovery at ReBuild Ukraine in Warsaw showing that Ukraine's 500+ FSC-certified organizations provide a sustainable supply chain infrastructure needed for recovery aligned with New European Bauhaus principles.



Impulso Verde - a wood building made with FSC-certified timber in Spain.  
Credit: FSC Spain



Deadwood in primary forest in Bosnia and Herzegovina where a100% of state forests are FSC-certified.  
Credit: E.Hermanowicz/FSC Europe



Workshop about old-growth forests in Romania.  
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