

RENEWABLE RECYCLED RESPONSIBLE EUROPEAN PAPER 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of Slovene Paper Industry: »BETWEEN CIRCULAR, BIO AND DIGITAL«

# Cepi Fresh from Brussels!

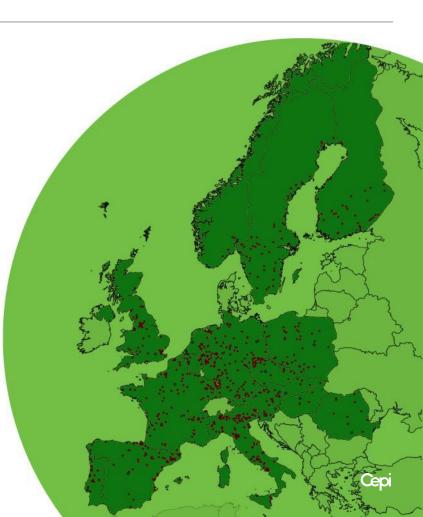


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#### **Represents in Brussels**

495 pulp, paper and board producing companies897 mills across Europe181000 people employed directly18 national associations

Working across the value chain – from forest owners to converters and further



We deploy our agenda in 6 focus areas Outline of CEPI activity areas 2019

ETS, energy policy, renewables, 2050 climate strategy

Sustainability performance, chemicals, packaging, food contact,

Land use and forestry, certification, forest-based industries joint strategy

Markets & production reports, Intal trade, industrial policy, transport

Circular economy, recyclability guidelines, single-use plastics

Bioeconomy strategy, R&D programmes, skills agenda



We are renewable and recyclable, sourced, made and recycled in Europe, a responsible industry towards the environment, its customers and workers

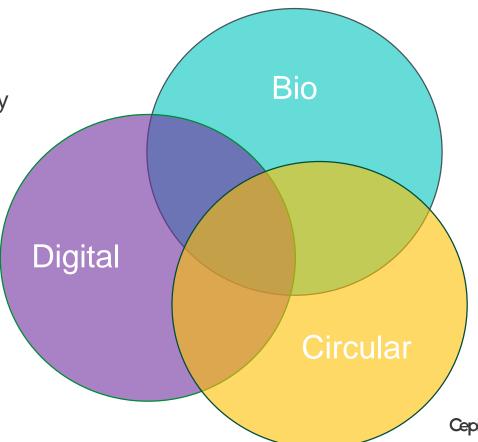
> Transforming pulp wood into cellulose and bio-based products >92% of our raw materials is sourced in Europe and certified as sustainable

> > Keeping the fibres in the loop >72% recycling rate of EU paper-based products

#### Producing

Pulp & fibres Nano-cellulose Bio-energy Bio-chemicals Print & graphic paper Packaging solutions Hygiene and tissues Speciality papers

In the focal point of the circular, bio and digital economy



# The New Politics

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### New politics

Everyone is green, some yet greener Is there any party that is not populistic? Questioning the market economy Fierce and fast?

But: maybe they still spot the right problems!

Industry in general seen less important Past track record of little interest Showing (further) progress important Being able to deliver essential



# Where will we be challenged?

In everything!

- Energy and Climate Change
- Forest
- Recycling
- Water
- ... And in trade!

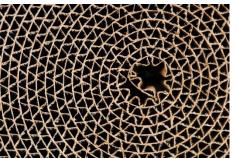








# Our fibres are challenged double





- · Plastics industry in survival mode
- New fibre-based products, new recyclability questions
- Reduction of highly recycled products
- Mandatory recycled content

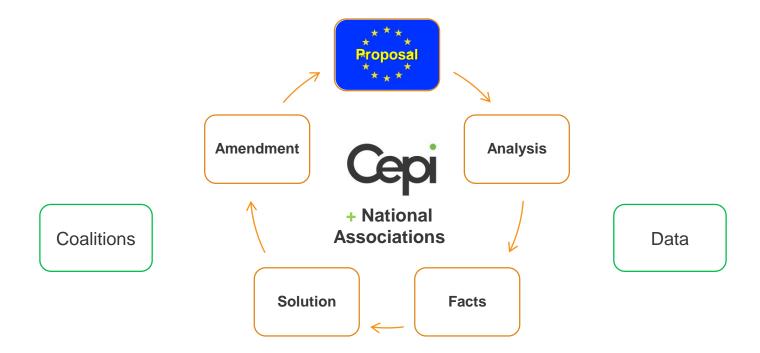


Forest

- General attitude towards forests
- ... combined with needs for sinks
- Biodiversity
- Landuse
- No EU forest competence (no holistic approach)

# Who would defend us in Brussels?

# So how did we do it?



## Confirmation bias necessity

- Connected Europe requires connected advocacy – from *Ljubljana* to *Brussels*
- Cepi advocacy stands on two feet

**Confirmation bias** is the tendency to search for, interpret, favor, and recall information in a way that affirms one's prior beliefs or hypotheses. It is a type of cognitive **bias** and a systematic error of reasoning. (Wikipedia) *But it doesn't mean people won't search and need confirmation.* 







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