VIDEOCONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with FERN
Date	26-05-2021
Participants	Ext : COM: Laure Chapuis, Kitti Nyitrai, Ares initial request : Ares(2021)1713393
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Issues raised & follow-up	 FERN expressed concerns on the increased use of woody biomass and possible incentive RED II revision could bring to continue using woody biomass as an energy source. FERN pointed out that the next revision of REDII should distinguish between the types of woody biomass that have a positive impact on climate and biodiversity and types for which the impact is limited. FERN expressed a concern that the vast majority of the wood (99%) burned in Europe would be classified as 'sustainable' with no additional checks done FERN also pointed out to the very high increase of bioenergy use since the 2000, and the related impacts on biodiversity FERN also stressed out that there is a decrease in the carbon sinks and between now and 2030 it is projected that there will be a 30% decrease to the sinks On this basis FERN advocated that only secondary residues should be classified as renewable The Commission acknowledged the concerns raised by FERN and described the legislative process going forward.