

Opinion

**of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee
of the Senate of the Republic of Poland**

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use
change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework
and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council
on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other
information relevant to climate change**

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1. The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland (FEUAC) welcomes the idea of a new flexibility instrument, enabling a Member State to use a limited level of net removals under LULUCF (land use, land use change and forestry) related to agricultural activity.
2. The FEUAC considers that, from the point of view of the Polish interests and in accordance with the Paris Agreement, the role of forests in CO₂ sequestration should be given greater consideration in the EU climate policy. Such sequestration should be treated on a par with other measures aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions, as it brings tangible environmental benefits, in compliance with the idea of sustainable development and ensuring economic efficiency of emission reductions.
3. The FEUAC points out that forestry remains the prerogative of the Member States, therefore it considers any transfer of national competences to the European Commission to be unfounded with respect to reviewing and assessing national forestry accounting plans and technical corrections, as well as with respect to the possibility to re-calculate the proposed forest reference levels.
4. The FEUAC is convinced that the compliance with the principle of subsidiarity should not limit the Member States' choice regarding the way in which they implement the "effort sharing" objective in proportion to their capabilities and in line with their energy security considerations.