

Stakeholder Engagement & Feedback

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Overview & Purpose

Building on Living Lab III (December 2025), which identified skills gaps, barriers, and learning preferences, this session aimed to explore when and in which ways individuals and communities can benefit from forest carbon farming.

Objectives	Channels
Explore individual and collective pathways to benefit	Live Polls (5 polls)
Identify barriers to participation	Breakout discussions
Understand which benefits matter most to stakeholders	Written reflection
Examine equity and inclusion concerns	Feedback form
Gather input on toolkit priorities and next steps	Pre-webinar skill questionnaire

Participant Profile Poll Results

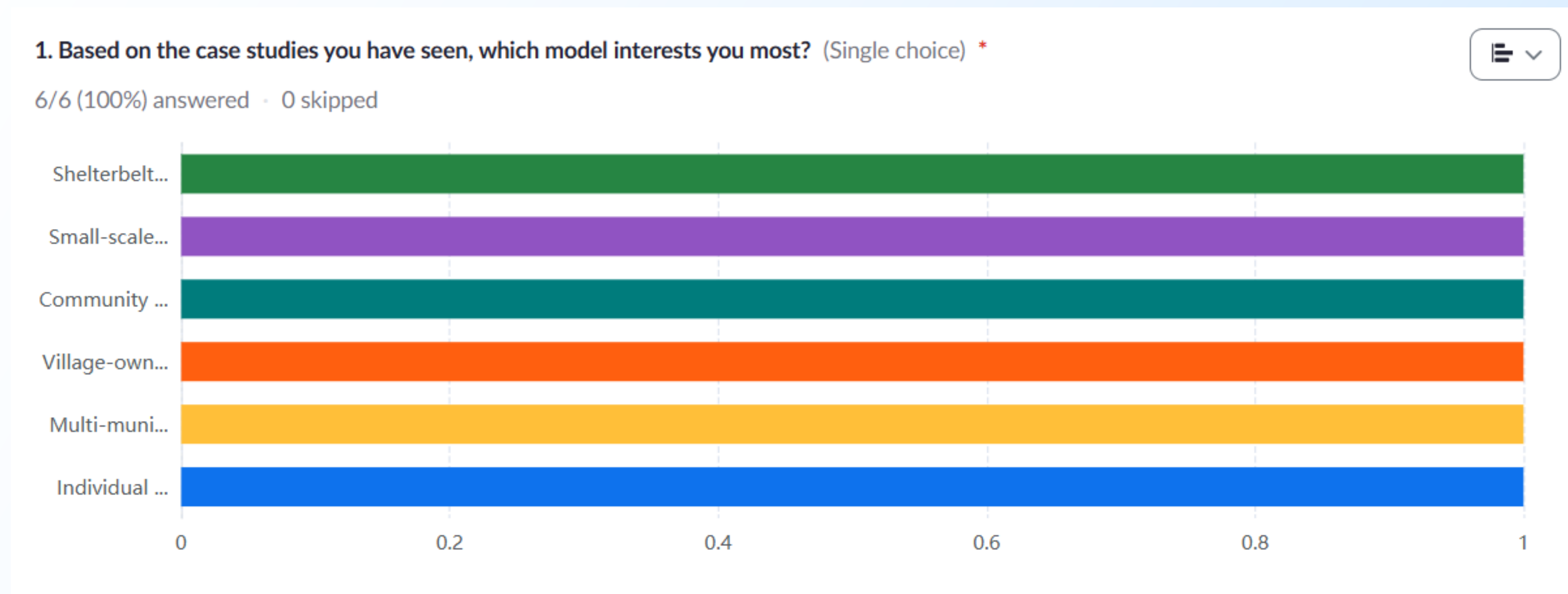
Which of the following best describes your primary role or interest in forest carbon farming? n=8



The audience was evenly balanced between individual landowners (38%) and community group members (38%), with advisors making up the remaining quarter. This mix was ideal for the session's focus on both individual and collective pathways.

Participant Profile Poll Results

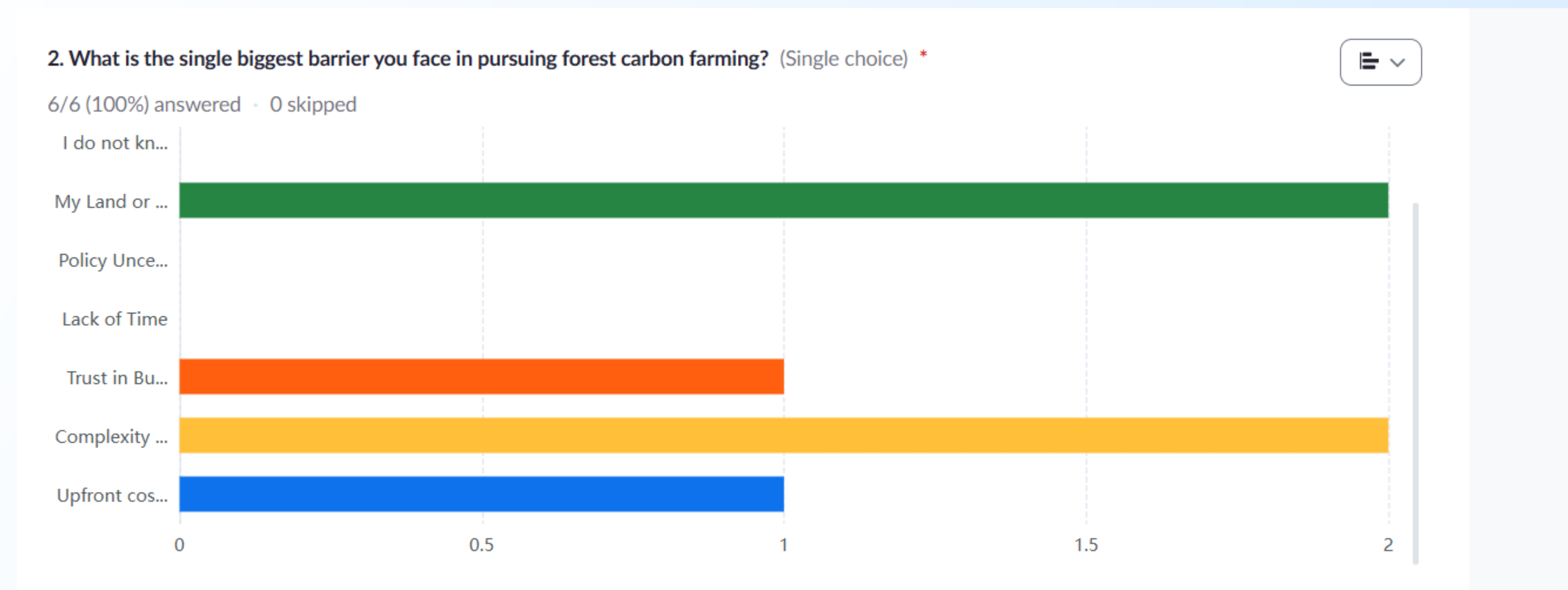
Based on the case studies you have seen, which model interests you most? n=6



Every respondent chose a different model. No single pathway dominates interest. This suggests the toolkit must offer multiple entry points tailored to different stakeholder situations.

Participant Profile Poll Results

What is the single biggest barrier you face in pursuing forest carbon farming? n=6



Perceived small land size and complexity were the most frequently cited barriers, tied at 33% each. Trust in buyers and upfront costs were also noted.

Participant Profile Poll Results

What benefit matters most to you or your community? n=6

Direct Income from Carbon Credits	3/6 (50%)
Simplicity & Low Hassle	0/6 (0%)
Biodiversity or Habitat Improvements	1/6 (17%)
Water Quality or Flood Management	0/6 (0%)
Community Development or Local Jobs	1/6 (17%)
Long-term land stewardship	1/6 (17%)
Other -Please specify in chat	0/6 (0%)

Direct income was the top priority for half of respondents. Biodiversity, stewardship, and community development each received 17%, indicating a range of motivations.



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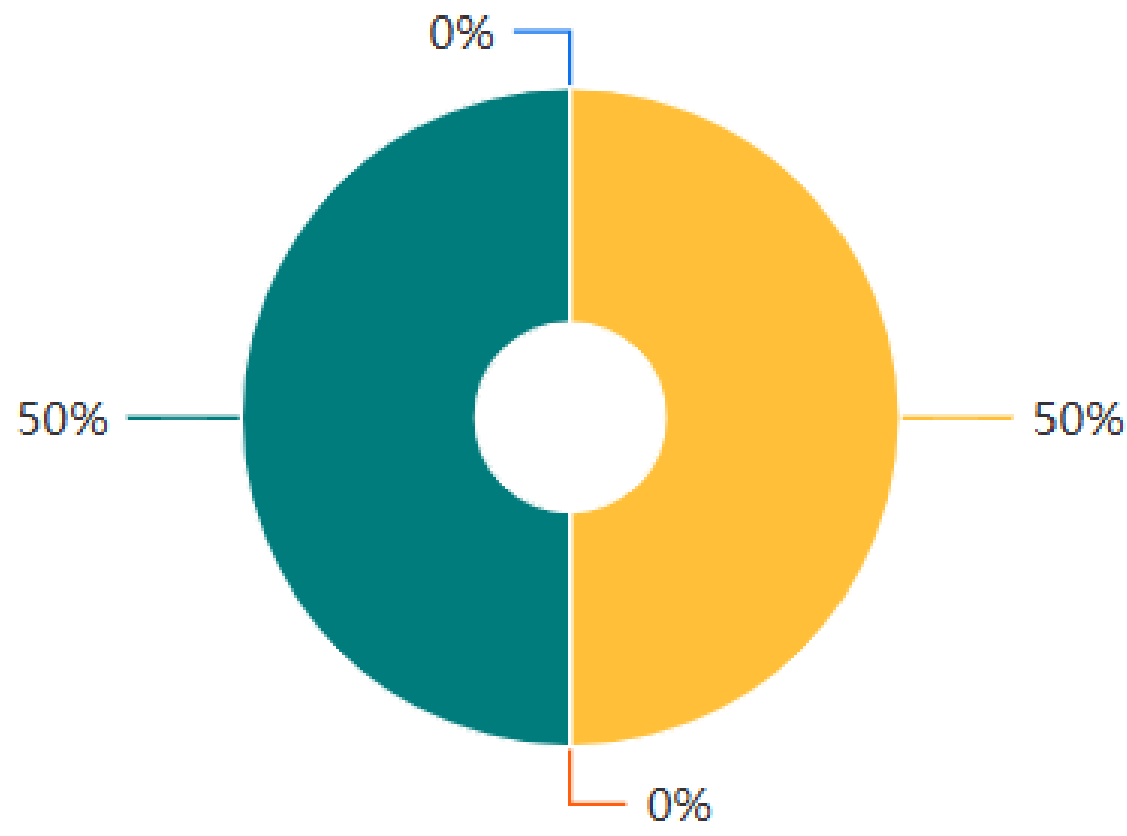
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Participant Profile Poll Results

Do you feel that equity issues in forest carbon area? n=6

1. After your breakout discussion, do you feel that equity issues in forest carbon farming are... (Multiple choice)

6/6 (100%) answered · 0 skipped



■ Mostly manageable – we can address them with good design ■ Challenging – but we can learn from other projects' mistakes ■ Deeply concerning

The 50/50 split indicates that while stakeholders are aware of equity concerns, many still need more information to fully understand the issues and potential solutions.

Participant Profile Poll Results

Would you be interested in any of the following next steps? n=8

Joining the Forest Carbon Peer Network	3/6 (50%)
Testing Draft Toolkit Chapters and Providing Feedback	2/6 (33%)
Sharing your Experience as a Case Study	1/6 (17%)
Attending a Future Site Visit/ Field Demonstration	1/6 (17%)
Receiving updates about future Living Labs	1/6 (17%)
Not at this time, but keep me informed	0/6 (0%)

The Peer Network was the most requested next step, followed by toolkit testing and site visits.

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Participant Profile Written Reflections

What is ONE way forest carbon farming could benefit your community that we haven't discussed today? n=8

Make video for YouTube based on practical example, covering methodology

Alignment with SDG's or the use of methodologies which value the Social aspects of carbon / nature project - measure and quantify them through SROI (social return on investment)

More information generally...

Key themes emerging: Practical demonstration materials (video, methodology examples, Social value measurement (SDG alignment, SRI), Community empowerment (action-focused, not just consumer behavior change), Local business connections & networking

Bringing the community together with a practical way they can influence climate change and biodiversity that doesn't simply tell them to shop differently.

Carbon farming could extend harvest rotations, ecosystem services benefits for locals.

Potential new opportunity to connect with a local business/credit buyer

Participant Feedback n=6

What questions or topics would you like to explore further?

- Grassland carbon sequestration measurement
- How or what standard/ methodology / registry intending to use moving forward
- Ultra small landowner's options
- Demand side analysis

What is one thing you learned or found interesting today?

- Interesting projects around the world
- The Finnish MRV tool was cool
- That there are already agents helping small groups sell credits
- Examples of carbon projects around the world

Event Rated
Good or
Excellent

Found
Information
Clear

Felt able to
Share Views

Found
Workshops
useful

100%

Context & Limitations

Living Lab IV was held online via Zoom on 7 May 2026. It was the fourth in a series of stakeholder engagement sessions, following three previous Living Labs held Oct-Dec 2025.

The session focused on when and in which ways individuals and communities can benefit from forest carbon farming. Building on Living Lab III, which identified skills gaps and barriers, this session shifted focus to outcomes: which benefits matter most, which models appeal to different stakeholders, and how equity can be embedded in carbon project design. Stakeholder insights presented here are derived from small, self-selecting groups who participated in voluntary, dialogue-based sessions. These findings are qualitative and exploratory rather than representative or systematically sampled.

The timing was significant. The session occurred shortly after the Interreg NPA partner meeting, where the toolkit structure was agreed, and approximately one month before the planned stakeholder test of toolkit v0.1.

LIMITATIONS: Sample Size & Geographic scope: The session attracted 8 active participants. This is smaller than Living Lab III (22+ participants). Findings should be considered indicative rather than statistically representative. Most participants were based in Ireland; findings should not be generalized to the wider NPA region without additional validation.

Online Format: Breakout discussions were shorter, and the absence of in-person interaction may have affected the depth of insights.

Absent stakeholder groups. Despite targeted outreach, the session did not secure participation from local authorities, commercial forestry bodies, or DAFM. This limitation was noted in the project's Period 1 partner report and persisted into Living Lab IV.

Case Study Relevance: While case studies presented were selected to illustrate the range of models and co-benefits, stakeholders noted that some non-EU examples may not be directly transferable to the Irish regulatory context and should exercise caution when interpreting non-EU models.

Despite these limitations, the core insights align with patterns observed in Living Lab III and the November 2025 stakeholder session, particularly regarding biodiversity, practical learning formats, and concerns about complexity and fairness. The resulting output will provide a toolkit of options and insights to support the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) and sector stakeholders in developing future roadmaps.

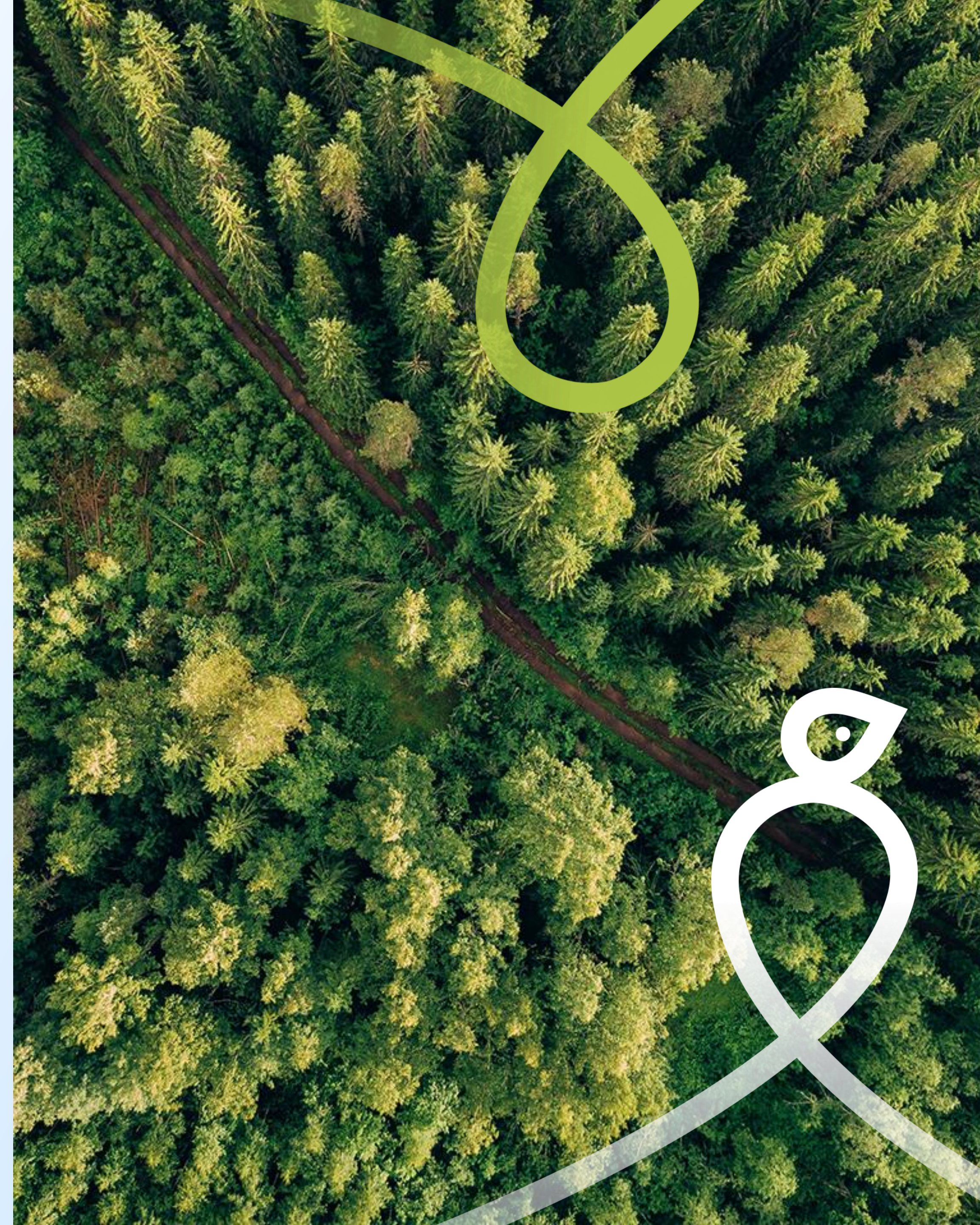
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