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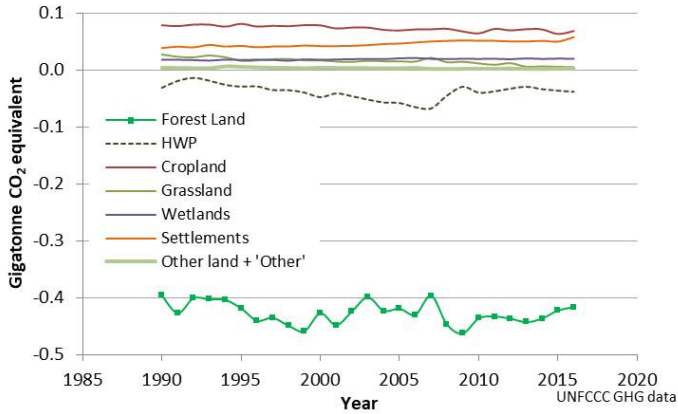
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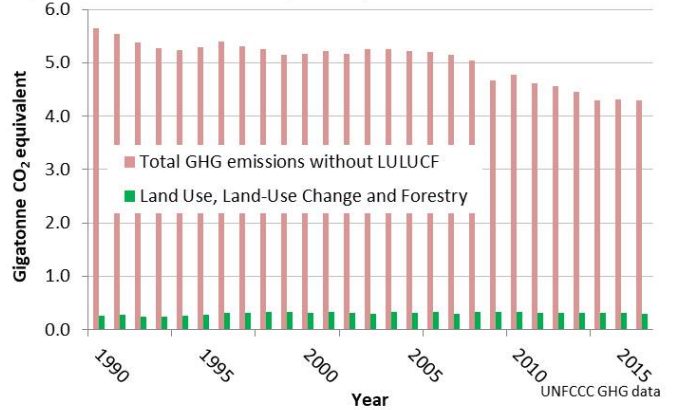
How use of forest biomass in the EU is burning up the carbon sink, in four rhyming graphs

1.) Forests are our only sinks



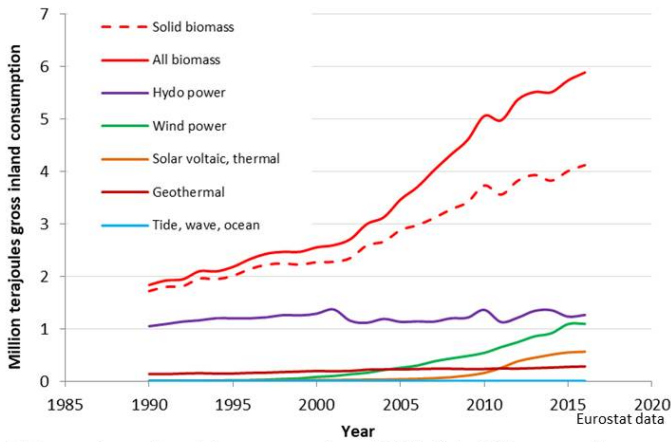
1.) Forests and harvested wood products are the only carbon sinks in the EU's carbon accounts

2.) But emissions far outpace uptake



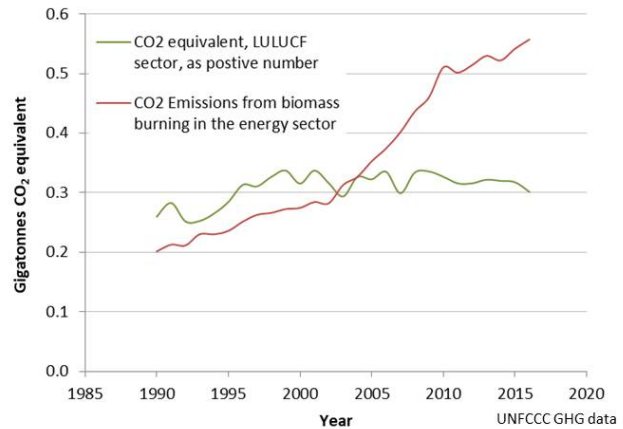
2.) The EU says it wants to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality by 2050, as the IPCC says is required to avoid climate catastrophe, but there is a long way to go (LULUCF emissions shown as positive number for comparison here)

3.) By increasing bio-energy...



3.) Energy input from biomass constituted 65% of the EU's renewable energy, and solid biomass 45%, as of 2016. Wood-burning and particularly use of wood pellets has increased dramatically.

4.) We're ensuring mitigation's fake



4.) CO₂ from biomass burning (reported as memo item by UNFCCC – incl. biofuels, residential heating, and energy sector) – exceeds the magnitude of the land carbon sink (shown as positive number for comparison).

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