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Bioeconomy aims its attention at utilization of renewable resources while ensuring the principles of sustainability. Forests have a great potential to play an important role in bioeconomy in countries with favorable conditions, e.g. high share of forests and sufficient stock of wood. In Finland, afforested land represents around 70 % of the country and in addition to that is Finland perceived as a leading country in applying the principles of bioeconomy. A dedicated bioeconomy strategy was launched in 2014 and already updated in 2020; biomass and organic matter from forests are important resources in Finnish bioeconomy. In the Czech Republic, there is not yet an official bioeconomy strategy, however the bioeconomy principles are taken into consideration, also in the field of forestry. The article focuses on the similarities and differences in the attitudes towards bioeconomy in Finland and in the Czech Republic and also on the development of the issue since 2012 (when European bioeconomy strategy was launched) and also with the prospects of bioeconomy in forestry and wood-working industry in the near future. The information presented in the article are based mostly on the findings from official strategic documents and questionnaire survey conducted in the Czech Republic.