



Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

Reporting on the pan-European Qualitative Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

A special request is related to any foreseen changes related to policies, institutions and instruments until December 2014. Please select the button to provide such information.

Yes No

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PART I: Policies for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

A1. National forest programmes (NFP) or similar and related forest policies

NFP or similar process for forest related dialogue, policy development & implementation

Existence of NFP process or of similar process

- Formal NFP process
 Process explicitly guided by the FOREST EUROPE NFP principles
 Similar process
 Other. Please specify: Annual Operational Plans for Forestry

Name of NFP or similar process

Name:
 Internet Link: "

Starting year:

Main formal decision making body of the process

Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry
 Ministry responsible for forestry
 Similar process
 Other. Please specify: In collaboration with Decentralized Administrations (Bodies responsible for the implementation of forest policies and laws)

Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]

Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar

Please specify [max. 100 words], particularly on the NFP principles related to NFP as iterative process, stakeholder participation and approaches to inter-sectoral coordination and collaboration:

Comments on the NFP or similar process

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents when relevant:

Main Forest policy document (national forest programme document, forest policy statement, strategy or other)

Existence of forest policy document (other than law)

Yes No

Title of main forest policy document and internet links

Name:
Internet Link:

Forest policy document development process

formal NFP process or process explicitly guided by NFP principles
 process similar to NFP or other process

Name of endorsing/authorizing/enacting institution of the main forest policy document

Parliament
 Council of Ministers or similar
 Minister responsible for forestry
 Forestry Department or similar
 Other. Please specify:

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

Evaluation of policy implementation

Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document
 Periodically, but not pre-specified
 Not specified, not planned
 Other

	FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments in the forest policy document?	FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>

If the responsibility for forest policy is decentralized:

Existence of formally endorsed subnational forest policy document(s) Yes No

Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011Yes No

If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max. 100 words]:

Comments on the main forest policy document

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Policy objectives by policy area**Policy areas**Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:**B1. Land use and forest area**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:**B2. Carbon balance**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:**B3. Health and vitality**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:**B4. Production and use of wood**

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes No

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forests

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viability

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participation

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

B11. Research, training and education

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:

Yes No

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area

Policy areas	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011	Key lessons learnt
	If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

B1. Land use and forest area

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please specify

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

B2. Carbon balance

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

B3. Health and vitality

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B4. Production and use of woodYes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B6. Biodiversity**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B7. Protective forests**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B8. Economic viability**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B10. Public awareness and participation**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****B11. Research, training and education**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.**

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****Comments**

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area**A2. Institutional frameworks**

Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements	Part of Ministry	Sub-national ministries or bodies	Other body. Please specify
- forest policy administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please specify:			

Government bodies

Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
- administering forest policy development and implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments [max. 100 words]

Name or group/type ¹ :Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent)

Total [estimate]

3818 (staff in spring 2014). This number includes the personnel at the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change/Directorate General for the development and Protection of Forests and the Rural Environment, at the Forest Services of the Decentralized Administrations, at Universities and Technological Institutes.

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests...of which forest administration ³

2968

...of which management of public forests

...of which public forest research,
education and training institutions

126 (Education, Universities and Technological Institutes)

... of which others

Yes No

Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, since 2011

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Not in the Forest Services of the Regional Administrations. The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change has a new more compact structure since 29/10/2014. Regarding forestry, the competent body -within the Ministry- is the Directorate General for the development and Protection of Forests and the Rural Environment with 4 Directorates (Previous structure: Secretariat Special for Forests-Directorate General-6 Directorates)

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

The new structure of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change was created with the Presidential Decree 100/27-08-2014 (Gov. Gaz. no 167/A/2014).

Institutional frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

The Presidential Decree 106/2011 amends and modifies the Presidential Decree 365/2002 (for the transpose of Council Directive 2000/29). The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change is responsible for the coordination of the Regional Forest Services for the implementation of the legislation regarding the implementation of phytosanitary control

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B7. Protective forests**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B8. Economic viability**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B10. Public awareness and participation**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B11. Research, training and education**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No **B12. Cultural and spiritual values**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART III: Overall legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments and by policy area**A3. Legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments****Legal/regulatory frameworks**

General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework: formal authority on main forest matters is laid down... [multiple answers possible]

- in constitution
 in legislation enacted by parliament
 in administrative decrees / regulations only

- at central government level
 at federal level
 other

Other:

Main forest and SFM related legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code)

Name and reference to legal document

Presidential Decree 86/1969 "Forest Code" Law 998/1979 "about the protection of forests and forests areas of the country" Law 3208/2003 "protection of forest ecosystems, establishment of forest cadastre, regulation of legal rights on forests and forest areas and other provisions"

Main changes from previous legal act

Date of enactment

Date of latest amendment

8 August 2014, publication of law 4280/2014.

Yes/fully No

Are the following **FOREST EUROPE** instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?

FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM

FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM

Other

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Law 4280/2014 "Environmental upgrade and private urbanization-sustainable development of settlements-Regulations of forest law and other provisions": that amends or modifies parts of the aforementioned laws/decrees.

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

International commitments

Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country

Yes No

If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]

The management of forests in Greece is based on the principles of sustainability. The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate and the Regional Forest Services also implement projects (funded mainly by the Rural Development Regulation 2007-2013) for the afforestation of agricultural lands, the restoration of burned areas and infrastructures for the prevention of fires and the protection of forests.

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area**Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011**Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B1. Land use and forest area

Some interventions are allowed in forests and forest areas under the condition that an equivalent area will be reforested or afforested (the area will be specified by the Forest Service) (art. 48 par. 8 of law 4280/2014)

Yes No **B2. Carbon balance**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

as above

Yes No **B3. Health and vitality**

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

answer as in Part II

B4. Production and use of wood Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. Biodiversity Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
The law 3937/2011 "conservation of biodiversity and other provisions" has as a general objective the sustainable management and the effective maintenance of biodiversity.

B7. Protective forests Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viability Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health) Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participation Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
The ref. no 125599/737/12-4-2014 Circular of the Secretary Special for Forests (Min. of Environment, Energy & Climate Change) provides directions for civilians volunteering in reforestation works.

B11. Research, training and education Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual values Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART IV: Overall financial instruments/economic policy and by policy area

A4. Financial instruments and economic policy

Economic policy

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of publicly owned

forests

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forestsPlease specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of privately owned forests or other**Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011**Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

Financial instruments**State/federal forest management, act or code)**

Please specify financial arrangements related to state-owned forests and their management [max. 100 words]

- Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management
- Additional financial support from government to forest management
- Other. Please specify

Government financial instruments: private forest managementPlease specify the use of financial instruments for private forests and their management, incl. main objectives [max. 100 words]. *For the EU Member States, please specify apart from the EU Rural Development Programme Funds.*

- Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:
- Tax measures. Please elaborate:
- Incentives. Please elaborate:
- Public funds. Please elaborate:
- Investment support. Please elaborate:
- Loans. Please elaborate:
- Other. Please specify:

Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Year: 2011

Domestic funding (mil€) External funding ⁴ (mil€) Total (mil€)

Operational expenditure

76,036,389

76,036,389

Transfer payments (support to private forest management)

Total public expenditure 106,714,305.00 106,714,305.00

For forest administration

Of which...

For management of public forests 30,677,916

For public forest research, education and training institutions

For other institutions. Please specify:

If transfer payments are made for forest management and conservation, indicate for what specific objective(s) - Please tick all that apply.

- Reforestation
- Afforestation
- Forest inventory and/or planning
- Conservation of forest biodiversity
- Protection, of soil and water
- Forest stand improvement
- Establishment or maintenance of protected areas
- Other

Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria

	Estimate of resources %
C1. Forest resources and carbon	45.80
C2. Health and vitality	
C3. Productive functions	30.32
C4. Biodiversity	
C5. Protective functions	17.20
C6. Socio-economic functions	6.68

Note: the total must be 100 %

Comments and lessons learnt

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

the above data derive from the Forest Services Accounts for year 2011 (table 19):
<http://www.ypeka.gr/Default.aspx?tabid=588&language=el-GR>

Financial instruments per policy area

Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B4. Production and use of woodYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and servicesYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. BiodiversityYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forestsYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viabilityYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participationYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B11. Research, training and educationYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:

PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area**A5. Informational means**

Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Main characteristics of informational means

Does a written (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?

Yes No

If yes, please provide reference: [max. 100 words]

Does a national report on the status of sustainable forest management exist?

Yes No

If yes, please provide reference/link: [max. 100 words]

Informational meansYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011via internet at the site of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change: www.ypeka.gr**Forest related communication** Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]

relevant information is published on the site of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change: www.ypeka.gr**Comments**

Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

Financial instruments per policy area**Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011****B1. Land use and forest area**Yes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B2. Carbon balanceYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B3. Health and vitalityYes No

If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B4. Production and use of woodYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and servicesYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B6. BiodiversityYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forestsYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B8. Economic viabilityYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)Yes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B10. Public awareness and participationYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B11. Research, training and educationYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant: