



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

COUNTRY: Albania

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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: We are in process to compile a new National Forest Programme.

Name of NFP or similar process: Name: Albanian Forest Programme 2015-2020
 Internet Link: www.moe.gov.al" Starting year: 2015

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:

Yes No

Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar since 2011

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

Albania is in the process of drafting administrative reform. Some municipal forests will pass now in the process of merging to form larger units. In this context a new NFP is needed to fulfil the requirements.

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

Is there explicit reference to FOREST EUROPE instruments in the forest policy document?

- FOREST EUROPE definition of SFM Yes No
- FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM Yes No
- FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs Yes No
- FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land Yes No
- FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management Yes No
- FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation Yes No

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 2011

Yes 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

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

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

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

B11. Research, training and education

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

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.

B4. Production and use of wood

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes 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.**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - legislative supervision & enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - support to private forest management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - management of public forests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - legislative supervision & enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - support to private forest management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - management of public forests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments [max. 100 words] | | | |

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests

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

Total [estimate]

...of which forest administration ³

...of which management of public forests

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

... of which others

Significant changes in the institutional framework, 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.

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

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

B7. Protective forests

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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

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 [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 at central government level
 in legislation enacted by parliament at federal level
 in administrative decrees / regulations only other
 Other:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Name and reference to legal document |
| Main forest and SFM related legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act or code) | Main changes from previous legal act |
| | Date of enactment |
| | Date of latest amendment |

| | | Yes/fully | No |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework? | FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| | FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| | Other | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011 Yes No
 If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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]

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

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 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

B7. Protective forests

Yes 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:

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 forests**Please 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

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

State/federal forest management,

act or code)

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

Please 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.*

**Government financial instruments:
private forest management**

- 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
2011**

Yes No

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

Year:

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

Operational expenditure

**Transfer payments (support to
private forest management)**

Total public expenditure

For forest administration

Of which...

For management of public forests

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

Estimate of resources %

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

- C1. Forest resources and carbon
- C2. Health and vitality
- C3. Productive functions
- C4. Biodiversity
- C5. Protective functions
- C6. Socio-economic functions

Note: the total must be 100 %

Comments and lessons learnt

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

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 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

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B6. Biodiversity

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

B7. Protective forests

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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

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 [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 2011**Forest related communication** 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 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

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B11. Research, training and education

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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: