



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:

Name of NFP or similar process

Name: Plan opÃ©rational
Internet Link: "

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:

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:

Fixing for five years objectives, actions, targets and indicators for main measures for forest and nature, with periodic evaluation.

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: in preparation
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:

Yes No

Existence of formally endorsed subnational forest policy document(s)

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

Following Doha decision and objectives of the EU

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

Following Doha decision and objectives of the EU

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:

In the political agreement of the new government, promotion of the use of wood for long term products and high quality timber.

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

Launching a "Cellule d'aide à la petite propriété privée" for helping the small private owners in management, forest works and timber sale.

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

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

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:

Designation of new forest and nature reserves, including integral forest reserves.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

integral forest reserves: 5500 ha Natura 2000: designation of sites and objectives for each site.

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:

Specific forest measures for areas on slopes > 15%

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

Launching the 'Office économique wallon du bois'

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:

Limitation of the number of persons in public 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

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:

Framework convention for forest research, between the Department for forest and nature and universities.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

New framework convention for 2014-2019

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.

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.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests			

Other. Please specify: Forest Private Owners Organisations (SRFB, Nature, terres et Forêts, ...)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- support to private forest management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- management of public forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments [max. 100 words]				
Nature and Forest Policies are strictly regional policies Management of Public owned forests is assumed by regional Forest Services. Private forest owners are supported by regional forest services, but in Flanders, they have to have Management Forest Plans approved by the authority, for Forests with more than 5 hectares.				

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

Yes No

B3. Health and vitality

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

OWSF, Walloon Observatory of Forest Health

Yes No

B4. Production and use of wood

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

OEWB, Walloon Wood Economic Office. Cellule d'Appui à la Petite Propriété Forestière Privée.
(Small forest properties assistance)

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 viability

Yes No

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

OEWB, Walloon Wood Economic Office. Cellule d'Appui à la Petite Propriété Forestière Privée.
(Small forest properties assistance)

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

Training programmes for foresters

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
 in legislation enacted by parliament
 in administrative decrees / regulations only
 Other:
- at central government level
 at federal level
 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Other	<input checked="" 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]

EU Timber Regulation;

Comments

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

EU Timber Regulation is managed in the belgian level by the Ministry of Environment.

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

Yes No

B2. Carbon balance If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
New "Plan Air Climat Energie" in preparation (public consultation stage)

Yes No

B3. Health and vitality If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No

B4. Production and use of wood If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
OEWB, Walloon Wood Economic Office. Cellule d'Appui à la Petite Propriété Forestière Privée. (Small forest properties assistance)

Yes No

B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

Yes No

B6. Biodiversity If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes
Natura 2000: general and specific measures and financial aids in N2000 sites. Designation of N2000 sites.

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
OEWB, Walloon Wood Economic Office. Cellule d'Appui à la Petite Propriété Forestière Privée. (Small forest properties assistance)

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 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

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 management

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.*

- Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:

For Natura 2000 sites, subsidies in compensation of restrictive forest measures.

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:

No inheritance rights for forests (standing wood).

- 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

21184

For forest administration

non included in total

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

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 %

Estimate of resources %

Comments and lessons learnt

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

No details by functions, as forest are considered as multifunctional.

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
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 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

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 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:

Only compiled data are available. Plot data are only available on demand, and for the owners.
(Protection of individual private data)**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]

Communication linked to forest certification

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 areaYes 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 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: