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

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

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: Estonia
DATE OF SUBMISSION: / / 

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Deadline for submission:

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

☐ Formal NFP process
☐ Process explicitly guided by the FOREST EUROPE NFP principles
☐ Similar process
☐ Other. Please specify:

Existence of NFP process or of similar process

Name of NFP or similar process

Name: Estonian Forestry Development Plan until 2020
Internet Link: http://www.envir.ee/et/metsandusearengukava-2011-2020/
Starting year: 2011

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]

Estonia has implemented participatory and cross-sectoral forest policy formulation since 1997.
**Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar**

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

Public availability of up-to-date information and knowledge about forest and forest sector is a factor of success. Broad participation of stakeholders involved facilitates the adoption of the policy document.

**Comments on the NFP or similar process**

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

The need for participatory and cross-sectoral NFP process after every 10 years derives from Sustainable Development Act and Forest Act.

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

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

| Yes ☐ No ☑ |

**If the responsibility for forest policy is decentralized:**

| Yes ☐ No ☑ |

**Existence of formally endorsed subnational forest policy document(s)**

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**Significant changes related to main forest policy document since 2011**

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

The Development Plan covers all Forest Europe criteria of SFM and involves measures of improvement. The integral part of the Plan is quantitative assessment of wood supply from the forests.

**Comments on the main forest**

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

The main objective of the Development Plan is to ensure the productivity and vitality of forests as well as diverse and efficient use of forest resources. In the long run, timber will be used as a renewable
Policy objectives by policy area

**Policy areas**

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

**B1. Land use and forest area**

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**B2. Carbon balance**

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Strategic document did not contain climate issues earlier.

**B3. Health and vitality**

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No quantitative targets before

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resource in industry and energy sector up to the amount of increment; to maintain forest productivity, regeneration works will be carried out on at least half of the regeneration area; in order to preserve good condition of threatened species and endemic species of Estonia at least 10% of the forest land will be placed under strict protection.
B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:
Ensure the multiple use of forests without harming the biodiversity. Recreational visits to forests will be promoted up to 1.6 million annually.

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:
In order to preserve good condition of threatened species and endemic species of Estonia at least 10% of the forest land will be placed under strict protection. Secure forest functions as habitat and natural environment. To preserve forest genetic resources the area of gene reserve forests will be increased up to 2876 ha. Share of genetically improved forest reproductive material will be increased. Area of regeneration 34500 ha annually.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

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

Strategic document did not contain gene reserve issues earlier.

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:
Increase the competitiveness of forest sector including creation of jobs. Increase the use of wood to mitigate impact of use fossil fuels and non-renewable resources. Area of private forests belonging to forest owners' associations will increase up to 500 ha.

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:
Secure the existence of properly trained workforce

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:
B10. Public awareness and participation

Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:
Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011
Improve awareness of benefits of sustainable forest management.
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:
Increase investments in forest sector including research and development.
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

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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 ☐

Forest Act and forest related national information systems have been improved to reduce bureaucracy, but increase transparency and effectiveness of timber trade.

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 ☐

Hunting Act and every man's right have been improved to facilitate non-wood use of forests.

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

### B6. Biodiversity

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes ☐ No ☐

Regular work to improve the representativity of strictly protected areas

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 ☐

Regular improvements in planning activities

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 ☐

Investment support and tax deductions for natural when investing in forest management.

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 ☐

Regular public awareness raising routines

**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 ☐

Regular improvements in quality and quantity of training

**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 ☐

Completion of multiannual inventory of cultural heritage places in forests

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

Comments

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

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**PART II: Overall institutional frameworks and by policy area**

A2. Institutional frameworks

Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements

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Other. Please specify: The Foundation Private Forest Centre (foundation is governed by the Ministry of the Environment) manages support for private forest owners. State Forest Management Centre manages state owned forests. The State Forest Management Centre is a profit-making s

Government bodies

Please specify the level of main responsibility

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- support to private forest management ✔
- management of public forests ✔

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)
Ministry of the Environment Forest Department - 8 persons
Environmental Board appr. 70 persons
Environmental Agency - 36 persons
Environmental Inspectorate - appr. 70 persons
Estonian Environment Agency - appr. 40 persons
The State Forest Management Centre - Employees 745, Private Forest Centre â€” 49 persons
Total 1018

...of which forest administration 3 273
...of which management of public forests 745
...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]
Estonian Environment Information Centre was merged with Estonian Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology into Estonian Environment Agency, responsible for environmental, including forest related information management

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

Institutional frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

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

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B2. Carbon balance
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B3. Health and vitality
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**B4. Production and use of wood**

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Main functions in public awareness raising was assigned to Estonian Forest Society

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**Comments**

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**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:**
- ☑ in legislation enacted by parliament
- ☑ at central government level
- ☐ in administrative decrees / regulations only
- ☐ at federal level
- ☐ other

**Legal framework:**

- **Formal authority on main forest matters:**
  - ☑ lays down in constitution
  - ☑ in legislation enacted by parliament
  - ☐ in administrative decrees / regulations only

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

- **Name and reference to legal document:** Forest Act

- **Main changes from previous legal act:**
  - Less bureaucracy, more rights for forest owners taking actions

- **Date of enactment:** 07.06.2006

- **Date of latest amendment:** 19.06.2014

- **Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?**
  - Yes/fully ☑
  - No ☐

  - **FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM** ☐

  - **FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM** ☐

  - **Other** ☐

**Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011:**

- **Yes ☑**

  - If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes:
    - More rights for forest owners taking actions in the forests. Less bureaucracy due to the improved information systems

**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 ☑

  - 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

**B1. Land use and forest area**

- **Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011:**

  - Yes ☑

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## 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**

Increase revenue to state budget from state owned forest by more effective operations in both forest management and nature protection and organisational structure

Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of **privately owned forests** or other

Investment support and tax deductions when investing in forest management

#### 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]

Income tax deduction when investing in forest management

#### Comments

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

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### Financial instruments

#### State/federal forest management, act or code)

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

- Grants/subsidies. Please elaborate:
  - National Fund - paid subsidies for private forest owners (2013) 2.5 mln €, mainly for investment support in forest management

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:
  - Income Tax Act enables forest owner (natural person) to deduct forest management costs 3 years from income of timber sales

#### Government financial instruments: private forest management

- 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

Improvement of Income Tax Act

Year: 2013

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Operational expenditure

Transfer payments (support to private forest management)

2.5

Total public expenditure

For forest administration

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 %

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:

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### PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area

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| Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Informational means | Yes | No |
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| Forest related communication | Yes | No |
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