



Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

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

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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 dialogues, 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: Programme Forestier National
 Internet Link: http://agriculture.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/pfn_010606.pdf Starting year: 2006

Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry

Main formal decision making body of the process

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:

The current NFP lacks a legal basis and interministerial approval

Comments on the NFP or similar process

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

The NFP is valid until 2015 and will be reviewed in 2015 NFP in France does not yet rely on a legal basis. A new legislation on forest (July 2014) provides a legal basis to the next NFP, which will become the national framework programme for sub national forest programmes. It will be agreed among all ministries concerned to enable inter-sectoral coordination. Objectives and targets will be added and it will take into account the EU forest strategy.

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: Programme Forestier National
 Internet Link: http://agriculture.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/pfn_010606.pdf

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

2006

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

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

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

Yes No

B6. Biodiversity

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

B7. Protective forests

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

B8. Economic viability

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

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

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

B10. Public awareness and participation

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

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual values

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

Policy objectives and targets will be added to the next NFP (2015)

Comments

Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area

Policy areas	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011	Key lessons learnt
B1. Land use and forest area	<p>If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]</p> <p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>If yes, please specify</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p>Specialised local commissions are in charge of following up on agricultural spaces consumption (commissions départementales de la consommation des espaces agricoles). Their mandate will be extended to forest spaces consumption.</p>
B2. Carbon balance	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/></p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p>Carbon capture by forests is recognised by the new legislation, as being of general interest. National plan for adaptation to climate change adopted in 2011.</p>
B3. Health and vitality	<p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/></p>	<p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B4. Production and use of wood

A forest industries National action plan has been adopted in 2013. The forest sector is recognised as an industrial sector and is integrated in the national strategic committee for industry

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

The forest sector gained visibility among industry sector in France

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

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

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B6. Biodiversity

The National biodiversity strategy has been published in 2011

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B7. Protective forests

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B8. Economic viability

The forest sector, now recognised as a strategic industrial sector, has access to fundings by the Public bank for investment. Tax measures for insurance and works have been improved

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

B10. Public awareness and participation

International year of forests (2011), more than 500 events in France. International day of forests since 2014

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

Creation of a label "forÃt d'exception", for public forest of special cultural interest

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 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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	- legislative supervision & enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments [max. 100 words]

Management of public forest: National Forest Agency (Office national des forÃts), is under the authority of the

ministry in charge of forests

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests	Name or group/type ¹ :	Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent)
	Total [estimate]	10470
	...of which forest administration ³	400
	...of which management of public forests	9000
	...of which public forest research, education and training institutions	400
	... of which others	CNPF: 490 (Forestry development and management plans in private forests) IGN: 180 (Forest inventory)

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

The national forest inventory has been integrated in the national geographic institute, now named "National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information"

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 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

Yes No

B6. Biodiversity

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 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

Code forestier (Forest code)

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

1827

Date of latest amendment

2012 (restructuring and rewriting) July 2014 (forest act)

		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 checked="" type="radio"/>
	FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
	Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" 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]

EUTR enforcement (FLEGT) National biodiversity strategy (CBD)

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

Yes No

wood

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

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
National biodiversity strategy (CBD)

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

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 forests

To provide timber to the forest sector. To achieve the financial stability of the national forest agency

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

To improve the mobilisation of wood, to ensure the profitability of forest management and its sustainability. To develop forestry as a source of economic growth and employment, to promote the use of timber in construction sector as well as wood for energy, with due respect to SFM and the existing forest-based industry.

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]

Creation of a new strategic forest fund to improve the management of existing financial resources used in favor of forests Improvement of tax measures for insurance and works New financial contribution of local authorities for the national forest agency budget balance.

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:

Financial support for the creation and repair of forestry road network in order to improve access to forest Territorial forestry development and animation

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:

Tax reductions to encourage the owners to actively manage their forests, to buy forests, to contract with forest managers and timber industry, to insure their forests

- Incentives. Please elaborate:

- Public funds. Please elaborate:

- Investment support. Please elaborate:

- Loans. Please elaborate:

Investment for modernization of sawmills

- 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

EU funds (EAFRD) will be managed directly by subnational authorities (decentralization) CAP reform

Year: 2013	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	305,4		
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	75,0		
Total public expenditure	380,4	38,3	418,7
Of which...	For forest administration		47,1
	For management of public forests		193,4
	For public forest research, education and training institutions		26
	For other institutions. Please specify:		12
	IGN (forest inventory)		

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 Forestry animation/development

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

- 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 %

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

Comments and lessons learnt

The six criteria are interlinked, expenditures for SFM do contribute to the 6 functions. Activity report to the parliament: http://www.performance-publique.budget.gouv.fr/sites/performance_publique/files/farandole/ressources/2013/rap/pdf/DRGPGMPGM149.pdf

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

Yes No

B2. Carbon balance

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

Keeping of the total amount of public expenditures, in spite of a difficult economic context

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:

<http://inventaire-forestier.ign.fr>

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

Yes No

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

Website of the ministry in charge of forests <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/foret-bois> Website of the national forest agency <http://www.onf.fr/> Website of the national center for private forestry <http://www.cnpf.fr/>

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

Yes No

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

Indicateurs de gestion durable des forêts <http://inventaire-forestier.ign.fr/spip/spip.php?rubrique80>

Main characteristics of informational means

Informational means

Yes 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

Yes No

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

B1. Land use and forest area

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
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B10. Public awareness and participation Yes No
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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:

