



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 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: Framework Program for the Forest Sector (Programma Quadro per il Settore Forestale, PQSF)
 Internet Link: <http://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/416>
 Starting year:

Main formal decision making body of the process

Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry
 Ministry responsible for forestry
 Similar process
 Other. Please specify: Ministries plus Regions

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]

Slow implementation of the PQSF, if any

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 scattered Italian legislation on forestry makes growingly difficult the coordination of broad forest policies and their implementation in the field, together with the monitoring of the related activities

Comments on the NFP or similar process

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

Another serious constraint in PQSF implementation has been represented by the lack of own financial resources, foreseen at the beginning to catalyse the local activities but down due to financial crisis adjustments

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: PQSF - a programme, not a law
 Internet Link:
<http://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/416>

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:
 Conferenza Permanente Stato - Regioni (Standing Conference State - Regions)

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

18 December 2009

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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE criteria and indicators for SFM | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE guidelines for NFPs | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |
| FOREST EUROPE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation | Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> |

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]:

The is a new national law dealing also with forestry: Law 14 January 2013 n. 10 "Norme per lo sviluppo degli spazi verdi urbani" (Prescriptions to develop green urban areas)

Comments on the main forest policy document

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

The PQSF is in line also with the previously existing Italiana legislation related to forests

Policy objectives by policy area

Policy areas

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

Yes No

B1. Land use and forest area

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

B2. Carbon balance

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

B3. Health and vitality

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

B4. Production and use of wood

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

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

B11. Research, training and education

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

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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:

The PQSF and related documents do not foresee clearly measurable targets

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 | <p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>If yes, please specify</p> <p>In 2013 started the implementation of the 3rd National Forest Inventory dealing also with forest carbon sinks evaluation</p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p>Beginning of implementation still ongoing</p> | |
| B2. Carbon balance | <p>Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>In 2013 started the implementation of the 3rd National Forest Inventory dealing also with forest carbon sinks evaluation</p> <p>Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.</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> | |

B4. Production and use of wood

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes No

In 2014 approved the Decree to launch the EUTR regulation and its implementation

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.**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

B11. Research, training and educationYes 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 valuesYes No **Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.****Comments**

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

The main forest policy changes after the 2011 reporting are represented by the new legislation on green urban areas, the launch of the new national forest inventory and the EUTR provisions. All the rest stays basically unchanged although growingly scattered and weakly monitored at central level

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| - management of public forests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other. Please specify: organisations, often private or volunteers | | | |

Government bodies

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

Comments [max. 100 words]

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forest Policies(MiPAAF) hosts the Italian State Forest Service (CFS)

and shares the few central forest responsibilities mainly with the Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea (MATTM). Since 2001, due to a modification of the Italian Constitutional Law, the local Administrations (Regions) became the unique responsible for forest management. In the field of forestry, the main role of national State Administrations such as the two Ministries above, is the co-ordination of regional policies with agreements and commitments taken at international level. CFS cares some forest policies as FLEGT/EUTR

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests

| | |
|---|--|
| Name or group/type ¹ : | Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent) |
| Total [estimate] | n.a. |
| ...of which forest administration ³ | some 8.000 staff people in CFS |
| ...of which management of public forests | n.a. |
| ...of which public forest research, education and training institutions | n.a. |
| ... of which others | n.a. |

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]

Decreasing in the number of public forest officers due to retirement and cuts in budget to hire new young staff especially on permanent basis

Comments

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

While the PQSF coordination body in principle is still existing (although not active) the official forest coordination for stakeholders hosted by CNEL is not active at all since some years and it is foreseen its closure

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

Launch of EUTR provisions and national structures

B5. Production and use of non-

Yes No

wood goods and services

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:

Staffing and coordination in some forest policy areas are decreasing due to the effects of financial crisis

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

Decree of Government n. 227 of 18th May 2001 on modernization of the Forest Sector. - Law n. 296, 27/12/2006 (National Financial Law 2007 " paragraphs 1082 and 1084). .- Decree 16/06/2005 of the

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

Ministry of Environment on guidelines on forest programmes

Main changes from previous legal act

Not significant

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

FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM

Other

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

Yes No

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

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:

Most significant initiatives were undertaken before 2011

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 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

State owned forests are mainly used for protection of biodiversity and soil, locally owned forests (e.g. municipal ones) have also economic relevance and management (mainly for bioenergy purposes) depending on the owner

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

They depend by the owner and the local forest structures (if coppices or others)

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]

Growing interest of the market for bioenergy although without significant national policy instruments

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:

Rural Development Regulation according to regional programmes (some 20)

- 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: 2010 Domestic funding (mil€) External funding ⁴ (mil€) Total (mil€)

Operational expenditure

Transfer payments (support to private forest management)

Total public expenditure 1354027 n.a. 1354027

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

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

| | Estimate of resources % |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| C1. Forest resources and carbon | n.a. |
| C2. Health and vitality | n.a. |
| C3. Productive functions | n.a. |
| C4. Biodiversity | n.a. |
| C5. Protective functions | n.a. |
| C6. Socio-economic functions | n.a. |

Note: the total must be 100 %

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

Comments and lessons learnt

Operational expenditure: All government expenditure on public institutions uniquely engaged in the forest sector including the ones involved in research, training and marketing. Data refers to national, regional and EU aggregated funds. Transfer payments: All government expenditure on direct financial incentives paid to ONG and private institutions, enterprises communities or individuals involved in the implementation forest related activities. Data refers to national, regional and EU funds (FRA2015 report based on 2010 figures).

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:

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:

Aggregated data are available to the public through a dedicated website,
<http://www.sian.it/inventarioforestale/>

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

Yes No

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

Apart from some general information given by the website of the Italian State Forest Service <http://www3.corpoforestale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/1> each Region gives its own strategy and information through its institutional channels (websites, Facebook pages, seminars, etc)

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

Yes No

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

Fra2015 Italian report, prepared during 2014, and SoEF 2011 prepared for the Oslo Ministerial Conference

Main characteristics of informational means

Informational means

Yes No

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

Broader use of informatic means, in particular Facebook pages and Twitter, also by the Italian State Forest Service: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corpo-forestale-dello-Stato/130948847085319> and <https://twitter.com/corpoforestale>

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]

Rather scattered by different subjects

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 balanceYes No

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

B3. Health and vitalityYes No

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

B4. Production and use of woodYes No

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

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

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

B6. BiodiversityYes No

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

B7. Protective forestsYes No

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

B8. Economic viabilityYes No

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

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

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

B10. Public awareness and participationYes No

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

B11. Research, training and educationYes No

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

B12. Cultural and spiritual valuesYes No

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

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant: