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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 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:
 Internet Link: "

Starting year: 2006

Main formal decision making body of the process

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

Yes No

Significant changes related to the NFP process or similar since 2011

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

The NFP process was supported by an international institution (SNV until 4-2012) and an international project (FODEMO, Lux-Development, until 9-2013), which enable early and wide participation of stakeholders, professionals and experts. After that, the process has continued with limited participation of stakeholders and with very limited participation of experts

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:

Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar

- If the process lasts too long (more than 7 years in case of Montenegro), it could become a goal for itself, rather than a main instrument for achieving the NFP goals and thus non-efficient in terms of outcomes; - If the national forestry human and financial capacity is too low and/or the national ownership of the process is not taken, a little or no future sustainability of it could be assured; - If the international principles and standards are promoted and taken over without critical judgements and the national capacities and possibilities are not respected sufficiently, the proposed solutions could not really be implemented; - If the NF

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

Comments on the NFP or similar process

The NFP process under international projectTMs or institutional support delivered many contemporary technical and capacity building results, which however could not be used / implemented in practice, as they have not gained the real national ownership. From the other side, also certain attempts of the decision makers have been made currently in the direction to get back to certain former solutions (e.g. in forest legislation and forest management planning). The NFP process (under international support) has actually not assured its future sustainability (under national support) in terms of human and financing capacities. It could be concluded

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: National Forest and Forest Land Administration Policy (NFFLAP)
Internet Link: <http://www.minpolj.gov.me/en/organization/national-forest-policy?alphabet=lat>

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

24th April 2008

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:

The main contents and objectives of the NFFLAP were given in the 2011 questionnaire. The NFFLAP should be implemented through the 2014 National Forestry Strategy and Plan (NFSP).

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:

Objectives in terms of forest land: - forest and forest land should not further be increased, particularly not in areas that allow agricultural activities or areas with high non-forest biodiversity; Objectives in terms of forest resources: - Improve structure and standing volume in forests; - Increase the share of highly-productive forests compared to low-productive forest types; - Reconstruct devastated forests; Objective set by NFSP: - Increase the growing stock in forests available for wood supply from 104 to 115 millions m³; - Further demarcation between the private and state ownership and within the private ownership - Establishment of

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:

The NFFLAP anticipates the promotion of use of timber for construction and for producing energy (by pilot projects), establishing technical standards for construction and heating systems, promote the construction of biomass heating plants especially near wood processing plants, and encouraging valorization of wood waste used for producing energy.

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:

The forest protection objective against fires set by the new NFSP. The FL contains specific forest health protection provisions, including health condition monitoring as well as monitoring of illegal

B3. Health and vitality

harvesting (based on Petersburg's FLEG declaration).

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:

Objectives for production and use of wood are given by various NFFLAP statements, such as: - Establish Association of Wood-Processing Industries on new grounds - Introduce measures to discourage export of round wood - Introduce modern technical standards - Support programmes for exporting final wood products. - Harmonize forest utilisation fees with market prices - Certify forests in National Parks - Gradually certify state forests - Promote certification within the chain of custody (CoC). Objective in NFSP: - Increasing the growing stock in state forests by accumulating 30% of annual increment and increasing the average growing stock fr

B4. Production and use of wood

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

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

The objective set by the new NFSP: - Establishing of sustainable system of use of non-wood forest goods (NWFG) through organizing existent and new enterprises or individuals and their integration in the system; - Valorisation of forest ecosystem services. Specific provisions on collection and use of NWFG and services included in the FL

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

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes No

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

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:

Main NFFLAP objectives are: - Maintain and improve forest habitats and biodiversity; - Improve forest diversity (diversity of species, habitats and ecosystems); - Reconstruct devastated forests; - Maintain the existing and establish new protected forest areas; - Identify the Natura 2000 areas until EU accession; - Develop action plans for the priority NATURA animal species. Biodiversity objectives set by the new NFSP: - Integration of biodiversity conservation into forest development and forest management plans; - Introducing ecosystem approach in forest management

B6. Biodiversity

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:

The NFFLAP states that "it is necessary to maintain the existing and establish new protection forests; it also states that "conditions will be created for valorisation of other forest functions (which include protective services); Specific objectives should be part of forest development plans. Specific operational guidelines regarding forest protective services are already part of forest management plans

B7. Protective forests

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:

B8. Economic viability

The NFFLAP only generally addresses the economic viability in various statements but gives no specific objectives. Economic (viability) objectives set by the new NFSP: - Increase GDP of forestry, wood industry and related branches from 2% to 4% (until 2023); - Develop a more flexible system of state forest wood sales, by introducing competitive selling of wood (in addition to the concessions) and thus increase revenue from forests for the state

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:

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Guidelines regarding employment and safety at work in NFFLAP are: - Provision of employment opportunities in forests and forestry sector, particularly for rural people; - Introduce professional, technical and safety standards to forestry. No guidelines regarding protection of human health, as well as other safety at work, requirements set in the NFFLAP. Special conditions for concessionaires and executors of forest operations required under FL and its by-law, and through tender requirements for granting concessions. The conditions include minimum professional, work force and technical capacities (equipment) for executing forest operations

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:

B10. Public awareness and participation

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

There are the following guidelines in the NFFLAP document: - establishing a forestry information system and making it available to public, - raising awareness of the importance of forest resources (information materials, PR activities, press statements), - promoting wider public involvement in managing forest resources, - building technical and human resources for public relations, - developing and implementing public relations strategy. Certain objectives set also by the new NFSP, particularly regarding rural / local people involvement

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:

B11. Research, training and education

The guidelines in the NFFLAP are: - establishment of a unit for professional development within the FA; - development of education forestry programs; - systematic introduction of education courses for the FA, forest owners and forest users / workers; - allocation of long-term funds for research, training and education within the NFSP

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 NFFLAP remain unchanged from 2008, although certain adaptations and changes would be needed in order for it to serve as an actual forest(ry) policy. The new NFSP has brought some new forestry policy objectives and guidelines. The NFSP however implements only a part of the NFFLAP objectives. Currently, the NFSP document is available in local version only

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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If yes, please specify National forest inventory conducted (in 2010); Forest growing stock increased; A FDP for a district (Mojkovac) elaborated; Expired FMPs for state FMUs renewed; Some afforestation of bare land realised	Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant. The NFI gave much higher growing stock values than former stand inventories and appurtenant FMPs. There was critical lack of budget funds for realisation of the forest planning and afforestation
B2. Carbon balance	Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011 Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Action plan on forest biomass elaborated (in 2012); Support to a number of biomass heating investments for rural households assured (by FODEMO) 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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Forest health condition (ICP) monitoring conducted (in 2011) Implementing of action plan of illegal activities conducted Key lessons learnt. Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant. After 15 years, the ICP monitoring was started and conducted again

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

A number of forestry publications issued and the NFP website maintained (until end 2012) Some wide public participation and consultation events conducted

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

Various education and trainings of foresters conducted under international donors' support

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:

The NFFLAP has been implemented to minor extent only. State forest production has not increased because of capacity and financial problems of some big concession holders. Implementation of the concession contracts became ecologically and economically unsustainable for the state as forest owner. Revenues from state forest concessions as source of budget financing of forestry administration / service and forest measures are decreasing. The extent of forest sector budget financing did not allow to conduct optimally the basic forestry service and support functions. There was also very little or nothing sylvicultural investments to forests (which

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- support to private forest management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. Please specify:			

Government bodies	Please specify the level of main responsibility	Central government	Subnational governments	Other. (please specify in comments below)
	- administering forest policy development and implementation	<input 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]				

State body responsible for forest law supervision and enforcement is the Administration for Inspection Affairs (AIA), which is an independent body under responsibility of the Government, i.e. the forestry inspection is not any more under responsibility of the Ministry for agriculture and rural development (MARD).

Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests	Name or group/type ¹ :	Forest-related staff ² (2013, Full time equivalent)
	Total [estimate]	430
	...of which forest administration ³	65
	...of which management of public forests	355
	...of which public forest research, education and training institutions	7
	... of which others	3

Yes No

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

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

The following changes in the forestry administration structure occurred by the new Systematisation of the MARD (in 2013): - the status of the FA has been changed (to the body within the MARD); - the (primary) wood industry sector has been moved from the Ministry of economy to the MARD; Forestry inspection service has been separated from the MAFRD (and joined to the AIF as independent Governmental organ). Some changes in the state forest concession holders' setup occurred, i.e. some concessions have been terminated, some concession holders including the big one, bankrupted. Private forest owners associations became (after the international

Comments

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

Institutional frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes No

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

B2. Carbon balance

Yes No

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

B3. Health and vitality

Yes No

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

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

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

B6. Biodiversity Yes No
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

B7. Protective forests 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 [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant:
The institutional changes could not be linked to specific policy areas

PART III: Overall legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments and by policy area

A3. Legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments

Legal/regulatory frameworks

General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework: formal authority on main forest matters is laid down... [multiple answers possible]

- in constitution at central government level
 in legislation enacted by parliament at federal level
 in administrative decrees / regulations only other

Other:

Name and reference to legal document

Forest law (2010)

Main changes from previous legal act

1) Forest and OWL definition, which was harmonised with FAO/MCPFE; 2) MCPFE definition of

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

sustainable forest management (SFM) and C & I introduced; 3) National forest inventory introduced (with 10 years repetition period); 4) National forestry policy and strategy (including plan) documents introduced; 5) (District) Forest development plans, including all forest functions and ownerships introduced; 6) Forest management planning (FMP) system changed to joint state and private FMP, to be performed by the FA; 7) New system for establishing protection forests and compensations for the income lost introduced; 8) Participation of stakeholdersâ€™ and t

Date of enactment

December 2010

Date of latest amendment

No one

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

Yes No

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

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

The reason is in adoption of the new Forest law (2010). The changes are thus marked as significant because in the period of reporting for the 2011 inquiry, the changes from 2000 â€“ 2010 had been reported. The content of the changes from 2010, i.e. from 2011 questionnaire is given above

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

International commitments

Yes No

Significant initiatives undertaken since 2011 in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country

If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]

Montenegro signed declarations and resolutions of the MCPFE (Oslo 2011). International commitments have been implemented through: 1) Adoption of the new Forest law (in 2010); 2) Adoption of national criteria and indicators for SFM, based on MCPFE C&I and POLG, in form of secondary legislation (in 2012); 3) Adoption of the new NFSP (in 2014).

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

Comments

The following commitments (from the OSLO Ministerial decision) have been implemented: a) The NFP has been developed and partly implemented; b) Forest knowledge has been improved through trainings and education of foresters and information sharing; a number of forestry publications has been produced and an internet site on NFP maintained (until 2012); c) Strategy for forests and climate change adaptation and mitigation generally integrated in the new NFSP; d) A significant increase in financial benefits from state forests for local communities (municipalities) and rural development; e) Certain measures have been taken to reduce illegal logging

Legal/regulatory frameworks per policy area

Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011

Yes No

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

B1. Land use and forest area

Forest and OWL definition modified; National forest inventory introduced (with 10 years repetition period); Forest functions™ mapping introduced; National forestry policy and strategy (including plan) documents introduced; (District) Forest development plans, including all forest functions and ownerships introduced; Forest management planning (FMP) system changed to joint state and private FMP, to be performed by the FA; New rulebooks for forest management planning and designation of forest functions and protection and special purpose forests adopted

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

Monitoring of SFM, illegal harvesting and forest fires, as well as ICP monitoring introduced

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes No

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

System of permitting the harvesting for private forest owners adapted and financial compensations for the FA services, to be paid by forest owners, reduced (on about a half of the previous level); Obligatory certificate of origin of wood enabled by the FL to be issued by forest owners or users themselves (lastly until the accession to the EU); System for granting state forest concessions fully defined in the FL based on the Concession law (formerly the system of granting contracts for forest utilisation existed only); Possibilities for the FA to sell the standing wood (instead of concessions) and the wood assortments (at road side), after the

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

Yes No

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

Improved system for granting rights (by the FA) for collection and use of NWFG for state forests introduced

B6. Biodiversity

Yes No

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

Biodiversity issues and measures integrated and financing sources for NATURA 2000 measures for these forests introduced by the FL

B7. Protective forests

Yes No

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

New system for establishing protection forests and compensations for the lost income introduced by the FL

B8. Economic viability

Yes No

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

Additional forest financing sources introduced by the FL from the use of forest functions/services, in particular the use of forest land for certain non-forestry purposes

B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)

Yes No

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

Participation of stakeholdersâ€™ and the private forest ownersâ€™ associations included in the FMP development and adoption procedures

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:

Source: "Main changes from previous legal act" above

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**

Characteristics: State forest sectorâ€™s financing is further based mainly on self-financing (i.e. so much budget financing available for the sector, as much budget revenues the sector provides) and channelled through state budget. State budget program for forestry (e.g. forestry budget) is being prepared and adopted each year. 30% revenues from state forest concessions became now the state budget revenue, while 70% of concession revenues is granted to budgets of municipalities. Economic benefits from state forest land use for certain non-forestry purposes were envisaged by the FL. General objective: Increasing quality and productivity of state

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

Characteristics: Forest administration / service activities, including FMP, for private forests are expenditures of the State budget. Possibility for co-financing of private forest measures / works from state budget, based on annual forest management programme, was introduced by the FL. Possibility for subsidies from state budget for certain private forestry measures, in the context of rural development, were introduced by the FL. General objective: Support to the development of private forests and forestry, particularly in the context of rural development

Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011Yes No

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

Significant changes of public financial support to private forest owners introduced (by the FL), but not implemented yet

Comments

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

The current level of collected budget revenues from forestry and/or available state budget funds for forestry is sufficient for basic functioning of state forest administration / service only. It is not sufficient for elaboration of needed extent of FMPs. There is no funds for FMP in private forests. Further, almost no any funds are available for state forest protection and silviculture. There is no budget funds for co-financing or subsidizing the private forests and forestry measures. In conclusion, currently there is critical lack of budget funds to achieve the policy objectives, particularly not for private forests / owners

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:

Some funds provided to rural households by the FODEMO project for investments in use of forest biomass for energy. Other subsidies, anticipated by the FL, not yet used/assured at all.

- Tax measures. Please elaborate:

- Incentives. Please elaborate:

- Public funds. Please elaborate:

Used for part-financing of forestry service activities for private forest owners, provided by the FA. A source of that financing is also the forest owners' financial contribution in the amount of about 10% of the stumpage price of wood which is marked for felling).

- Investment support. Please elaborate:

- Loans. Please elaborate:

- Other. Please specify:

Granting planting material to private forest owners from the FA's nurseries

Significant changes in financial instruments related to forests since 2011

Yes No

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

Significant changes in financial instruments for private forests / owners were introduced by the 2010 FL, but not implemented yet because of lack of state budget funds

Year: 2013	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding ⁴ (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	4.95	0	4.95
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	0	0	0
Total public expenditure	4.95	0	4.95
Of which...			
	For forest administration		0.20
	For management of public forests		0.65
	For public forest research, education and training institutions		0.02
	For other institutions. Please specify:		0.0

If transfer payments are made for forest management and conservation, indicate for what specific objective(s) - Please tick all that apply.

- Reforestation
- Afforestation
- Forest inventory and/or planning
- Conservation of forest biodiversity
- Protection, of soil and water
- Forest stand improvement
- Establishment or maintenance of protected areas
- Other

	Estimate of resources %	
Please specify the allocation of total public expenditures among the six criteria	C1. Forest resources and carbon	12
	C2. Health and vitality	0.1
	C3. Productive functions	87.9
	C4. Biodiversity	0
	C5. Protective functions	0
	C6. Socio-economic functions	0
Note: the total must be 100 %		

Comments and lessons learnt

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

Public funds within criterion C1 were used for forest inventories and management planning

Financial instruments per policy area

Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011

Yes No

B1. Land use and forest area

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

Public funds anticipated to be used for financing the private forest management planning

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

Subsidies and incentives anticipated for financing private forests and forestry measures

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

Yes 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

Yes No **B7. Protective forests**

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

Financial compensations for the lost income anticipated for protective forests in private ownership

Yes No **B8. Economic viability**

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

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

PART V: Overall informational means and by policy area**A5. Informational means**

Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Main characteristics of

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

informational means

Yes No

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

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

Yes No

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

Informational meansYes No

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

Significant changes in informational means / forest related communication since 2011**Forest related communication** Yes No

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

Comments

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

Financial instruments per policy area**Significant changes in informational instruments since 2011****B1. Land use and forest area**Yes No

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

B2. Carbon balanceYes No

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

B3. Health and vitalityYes No

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

B4. Production and use of woodYes No

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

B5. Production and use of non-Yes No

wood goods and services

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

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Comments

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