



Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

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

A special request is related to any foreseen changes related to policies, institutions and instruments until December 2014. Please select the button to provide such information.

Yes  No

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### PART I: Policies for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

#### A1. National forest programmes (NFP) or similar and related forest policies

NFP or similar process for forest related dialogue, policy development & implementation

Existence of NFP process or of similar process

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

Name of NFP or similar process

Name: National Forest Policy  
 Internet Link: "

Starting year: 1998

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]

In 2014, the first issue of a publication on the forest resources was published. The publication "Sustainable forest management in Norway" will be published on an annual basis.

**Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar**

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

**Comments on the NFP or similar process**

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

Norway do not have one single process for forest related dialogue, policy development and implementation. We have several parallel processes. This processes are guided by the following principles: Participation, Holistic and inter-sectoral approach, iterative with long-term commitment, capacity building, consistency with national legislation and policies, integration with national sustainable development strategies, consistency with international commitment, institutional and policy reform, ecosystem approach, partnership for implementation and awareness raising.

**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: Annual state budget Prp. 1S.  
Internet Link:  
<http://www.regjeringen.no/nb/dep/lmd/dok/statsbudsjettet/statsbudsjettet-2014.html?id=737626>

**Forest policy document development process**

- formal NFP process or process explicitly guided by NFP principles  
 process similar to NFP or other process

**Name of endorsing/authorizing /enacting institution of the main forest policy document**

- Parliament  
 Council of Ministers or similar  
 Minister responsible for forestry  
 Forestry Department or similar  
 Other. Please specify:

Date of endorsement / authorization / enactment

**Evaluation of policy implementation**

- Periodically, pre-specified in the NFP document  
 Periodically, but not pre-specified  
 Not specified, not planned  
 Other

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

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

*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**

Yes  No

2011

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 forest policy is presented in the annual state budget. The basis for the forest policy is the Forestry Act and the economic measures presented in the state budget.

**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**

The Planning and Building Act regulates changes in areas designated for agricultural purposes (including forest area). The Planning and Building Act designates areas for agriculture, nature and open-air recreation. In order to use this type of area for other purposes, the area has to be subject to a renewed planning process. The Land Act secures the use of cultivated and cultivable land for agricultural purposes. The Land Act also has provisions on division of agricultural property, which is in practice a tool for preventing land use change. Agricultural property (includes forestry) may not be divided without the consent of local authorities.

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**

The Government will strengthen the use of forest policy instruments with a view to increased sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> by means of sustainable, active forestry, planting, plant breeding and other forestry measures and make provisions for increased use of wood with a view to permanent binding of carbon and the environmental benefits of replacing more climate-unfriendly materials with 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:**B3. Health and vitality**

The Norwegian Monitoring Programme for Forest Damage has run since 1985, but is subject to continuous improvement. Effects of climate change on forests is included in the monitoring programme. The regulation on sustainable forestry instructs the municipalities to monitor forest damage.

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

The forest policy aims at increasing the annual harvest in the case of increased demand. The forest policy also aims at increasing the use of wood. The most important instrument in this regard is an aid scheme promoting innovative 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

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

#### B6. Biodiversity

A main objective of the Norwegian forestry policy is to stimulate an active and sustainable use of the forest resources - in both short and long term as well as conservation and further enhancement of environmental values in forests. Forest management plans for small forests play an important part in Norwegian forestry. The goal is to promote a sustainable forestry, the planning is meant to stimulate a high level of forestry activity while preserving the biodiversity and other environmental functions of forest land. The forest management plans include environmental inventories to provide the forest owner with information about 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:

#### B7. Protective forests

Norway has a wide spectre of measures aimed at protecting fragile ecosystems. Approximately 20 % of the forest area in Norway is defined as protective forests. In protective forests, the management is clearly directed to protect forest ecosystem functions, or to protect infrastructure and managed natural resources against natural hazards.

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 financial instruments as described in part IV contributes to the economic viability of the forest sector

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)**Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes  No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

The general forest policy contributes to maintaining employment in the forest sector.

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

**B10. Public awareness and participation**Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes  No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Det norske Skogselskapet (the Forestry Society) is a nationwide member organisation providing information on the importance of and the benefits of the forest to the public. The Forestry Extension Institute provides further education for forest owners and forest workers. Both institutes have important roles in communicating forestry knowledge to children and young people. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food supports a project called "Learning with the Forest", which is an interdisciplinary teaching program designed for all levels from kindergarten.

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**Are there any specifically stated policy objectives in relation to each policy area:Yes  No If yes, please specify and provide quantified targets, if any:

Are there any significant changes in main policy objectives since 2011

Yes  No 

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

**Comments**

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant:

**Key measures and lessons learnt per policy area**

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Key lessons learnt

## Policy areas

If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]

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

## B1. Land use and forest area

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

If yes, please specify

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

## B2. Carbon balance

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

The emphasis on regeneration has been strengthened since 2011. Based on reports on decreasing level of planting, forest owners were urged to increase regeneration

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

## B3. Health and vitality

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

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

## B4. Production and use of wood

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

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

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

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

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

## B6. Biodiversity

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No 

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

## B7. Protective forests

Key measures taken on implementing the policy since 2011

Yes  No

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

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**Comments**

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

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

### A2. Institutional frameworks

Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- management of public forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other. Please specify: Legislative supervision is carried out by the Agricultural Agency, which is a national body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

**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]

**Resources and capacity of public organizations related to forests**

Name or group/type <sup>1</sup> : Forest-related staff <sup>2</sup> (2013, Full time equivalent)

Total [estimate]

...of which forest administration <sup>3</sup>

...of which management of public forests

...of which public forest research, education and training institutions

... of which others

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

Yes  No

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

**Comments**

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

**Institutional frameworks per policy area****Significant changes in institutional frameworks since 2011****B1. Land use and forest area**

Yes  No

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



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**B2. Carbon balance** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B3. Health and vitality** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B4. Production and use of wood** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B5. Production and use of non-wood goods and services** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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

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**B7. Protective forests** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B8. Economic viability** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B10. Public awareness and participation** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B11. Research, training and education** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B12. Cultural and spiritual values** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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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
- at central government level
- at federal level
- other

Other:

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

Name and reference to legal document

Forestry Act, LOV 2005-05-27 nr 31

Main changes from previous legal act

The main objective of the Forest Act is to promote sustainable management of forest resources. The responsibility of the forest owner is made more explicit. Requirements for regeneration after harvesting are set out more clearly. Environmental considerations are more properly addressed. International commitments were important when framing the forestry act.

Date of enactment

01.01.2006

Date of latest amendment

01.06.2014

Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the [national?] legal/regulatory framework?

	Yes/fully	No
FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other The Norwegian Forest policy builds on the FOREST EUROPE definition and the criterias, but there is no reference to FOREST EUROPE in the legal and regulatory framework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework since 2011

Yes  No

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

Comments

Please explain and provide reference documents where relevant.

International commitments

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

Yes  No

If yes, please specify [max. 100 words]

**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 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**Yes  No

participation

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

The main objective of the economic policy related to forests is to provide incentives for sustainable forestry. The incentives are directed at forest production, silviculture, infrastructure, environmental values, as well as production of wood and bioenergy. The instruments are direct grants as well as tax advantages.

Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests

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

National Trust Fund: 4-40 % of the gross value of timber sold has to be placed in the forest property's trust fund. The money are to be used for investments. Using the fund results in tax advantages. State Budget: Schemes for value creation: The Wood-based Innovation scheme has an annual budget of 26 mill (2014), and its objective to increase the use of wood and value creation in the entire value chain. The Bioenergy Scheme has an annual budget of 60 mill

Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) since 2011

Yes  No 

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

Comments

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

Financial instruments

State/federal forest management, act or code)

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

- Profit/financially self-sufficient forest management
- Additional financial support from government to forest management
- Other. Please specify

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:

Norway grants aid for development of forest infrastructure and for silviculture, forestry planning, environmental measures and forest extension. The ministry have also established schemes for value creation: The Wood-based Innovation scheme with the its objective to increase the use of wood and value creation in the entire value chain, and the Bioenergy Scheme for increased production of bioenergy.

**Government financial instruments:  
private forest management**

Tax measures. Please elaborate:

National Trust Fund: 4-40 % of the gross value of timber sold has to be placed in a trust fund belonging to each forest property. The fund are to be used for investments in forest infrastructure and forest production. The fund gives the forest owner a tax advantage when carrying out the investments.

Incentives. Please elaborate:

Public funds. Please elaborate:

Investment support. Please elaborate:

Loans. Please elaborate:

Other. Please specify:

**Significant changes in financial  
instruments related to forests since  
2011**

Yes  No

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

Year:	Domestic funding (mil€)	External funding <sup>4</sup> (mil€)	Total (mil€)
Operational expenditure	n/a		
Transfer payments (support to private forest management)	42		42
Total public expenditure	42		42
	For forest administration		
Of which...	For management of public forests		42
	For public forest research, education and training institutions		n/a
	For other institutions. Please specify:		

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

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

## Estimate of resources %

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

- C1. Forest resources and carbon
- C2. Health and vitality
- C3. Productive functions
- C4. Biodiversity
- C5. Protective functions
- C6. Socio-economic functions

**Note: the total must be 100 %**

Comments and lessons learnt

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

Financial instruments per policy area

## Significant changes in financial instruments since 2011

B1. Land use and forest area

Yes  No

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

B2. Carbon balance

Yes  No

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

B3. Health and vitality

Yes  No

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

B4. Production and use of wood

Yes  No

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

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

Yes  No

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

B6. Biodiversity

Yes  No

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

B7. Protective forests

Yes  No

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

**B8. Economic viability** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B9. Employment (incl. safety and health)** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B10. Public awareness and participation** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B11. Research, training and education** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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**B12. Cultural and spiritual values** Yes  No   
If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes

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

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

### A5. Informational means

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Is there public access to forest inventory data ?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify:

#### Main characteristics of informational means

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

Yes  No

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

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

Yes  No

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

A comprehensive report on "Sustainable Forest Management in Norway" was published in 2014.  
[http://www.skogoglandskap.no/filearchive/baerekraftig\\_skogbruk\\_web.pdf](http://www.skogoglandskap.no/filearchive/baerekraftig_skogbruk_web.pdf)

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**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**

The establishment of a comprehensive report on Sustainable forest management in Norway as mentioned above

**Forest related communication** Yes  No

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

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**Comments**

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

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**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 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

Yes  No



**B7. Protective forests**

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: