

Review of the State of the Europe´s Forests 2015 – results of the survey and suggestions from respondents

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Objectives of the survey on the reporting for SoEF 2015

- ▶ LUB and FTS realized the survey on the all reporting process for elaboration of the report on State of Europe's Forests 2015.
- ▶ Its objectives was to collect experiences, views and ideas from both report's users and producers of the report
- ▶ Results of the survey should be used as an input to the discussion at respective fora, such as the meetings of the team of specialists, FOREST EUROPE General Coordinating Committee, Advisory Group on the preparation of the report "State of Europe's Forests" and others.
- ▶ Moreover, the survey's results will provide invaluable input to the preparation of the process of reporting for the next Ministerial Conference, and it could also be a contribution to the improvement of the European component to the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020.



Addressing and structure of the survey

The survey was divided into two parts:

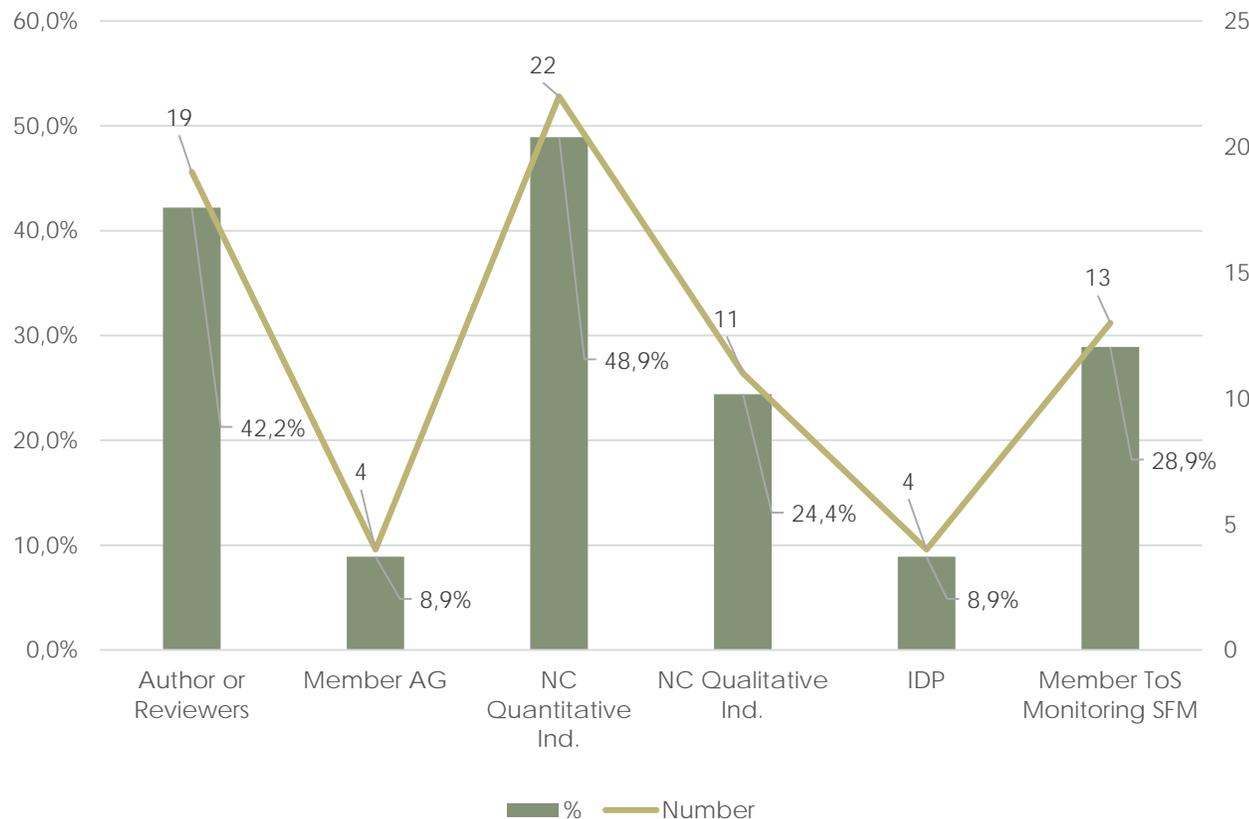
- ▶ **Part I and Part II** for individuals or organizations involved in the development and production of the SoEF 2015 report: authors, Advisory Group, members of the Team of Specialists for Monitoring SFM, National Correspondents, Editors, Reviewers, Graphic Designers, Independent Data Providers, etc.
A very important feedback was expected, to help to evaluate the efficiency of the preparatory process.

Total: **14 questions in Part I**

- ▶ **Part II** for users of the SoEF 2015 report. For anyone who had not directly contributed to the preparatory process but had read the report or used it in their work or other intents and purposes.

Total: **11 questions in Part II**

Respondents according to their role in the preparation of the SoEF 2015



Most represented respondents:

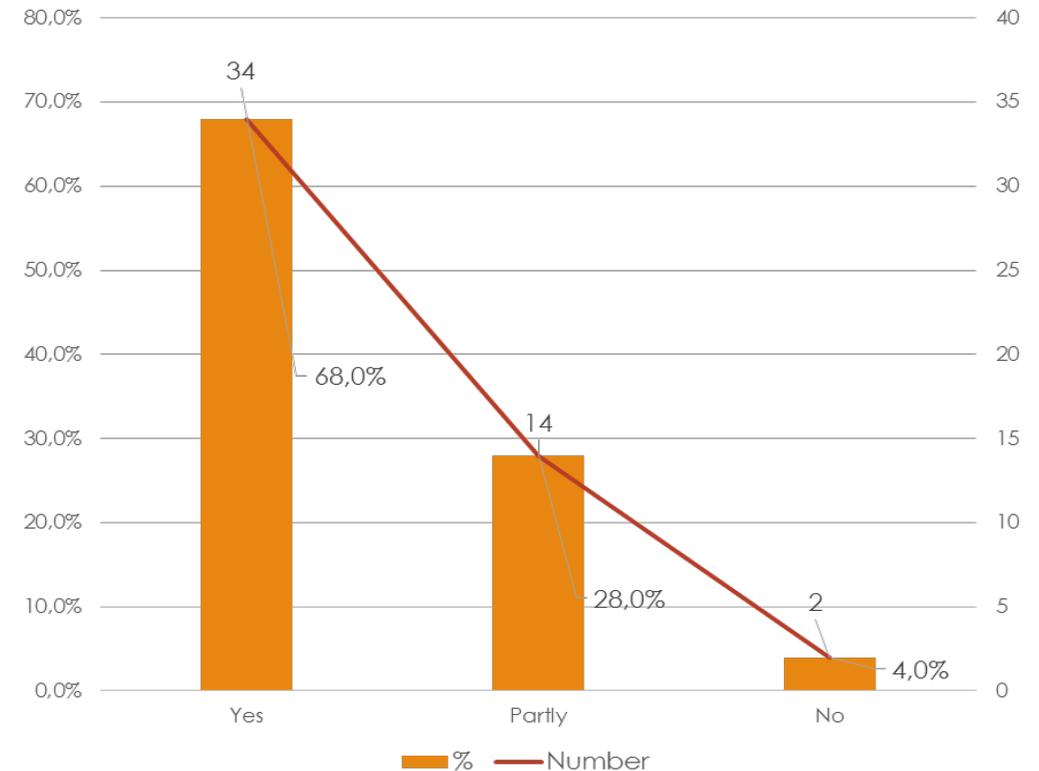
- ▶ National correspondents on Quantitative indicators (22)
- ▶ Authors or reviewers of chapters (19)
- ▶ Members of the Team of Specialists on monitoring of SFM (13)
- ▶ National correspondents on Qualitative indicators (11)
- ▶ Both AG and IDP with 4 respondents

Processing of the survey

FE LUB has analysed all questions of the survey.

- In graphs and tables: distribution of frequency of respondents according to their opinions on the quality individual activities or outcomes of the SoEF 2015
- Synthesis of replies/explanations of those respondents who have not responded positively on asked questions, but expressed some rate of dissatisfaction for example: Average, Poor, Partly, No, Partly satisfactory, Unsatisfactory ...
- In all questions the „satisfied“ respondents prevail
- Explanations or comments of „less satisfied“ are interesting and suggestive and have the potential to contribute to improvement of the whole process and results of the SoEF 2020.

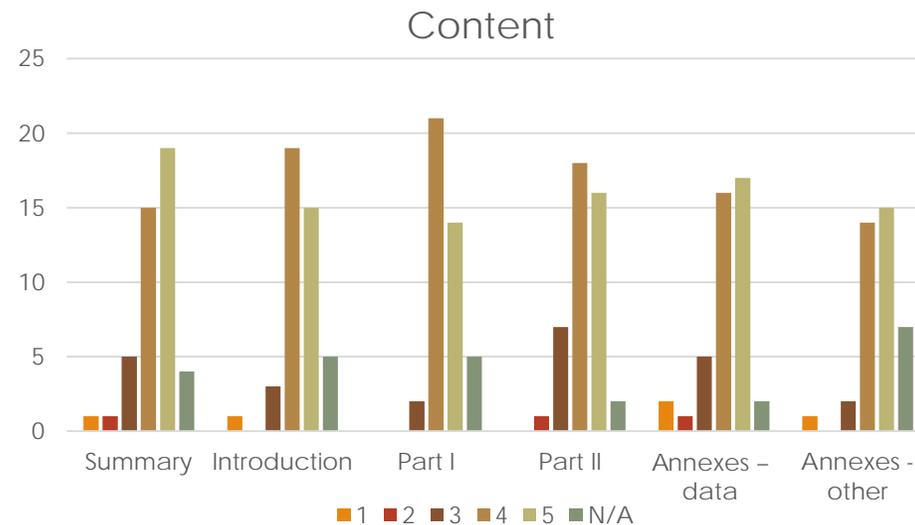
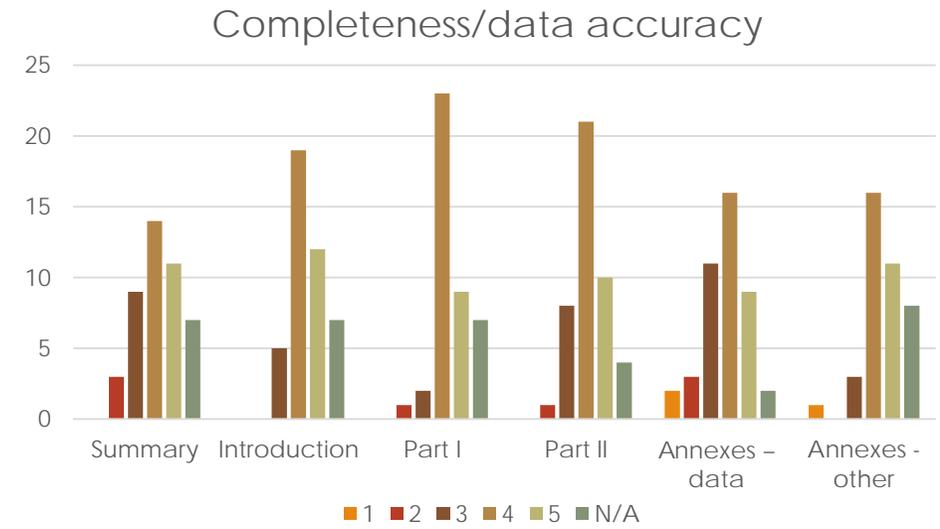
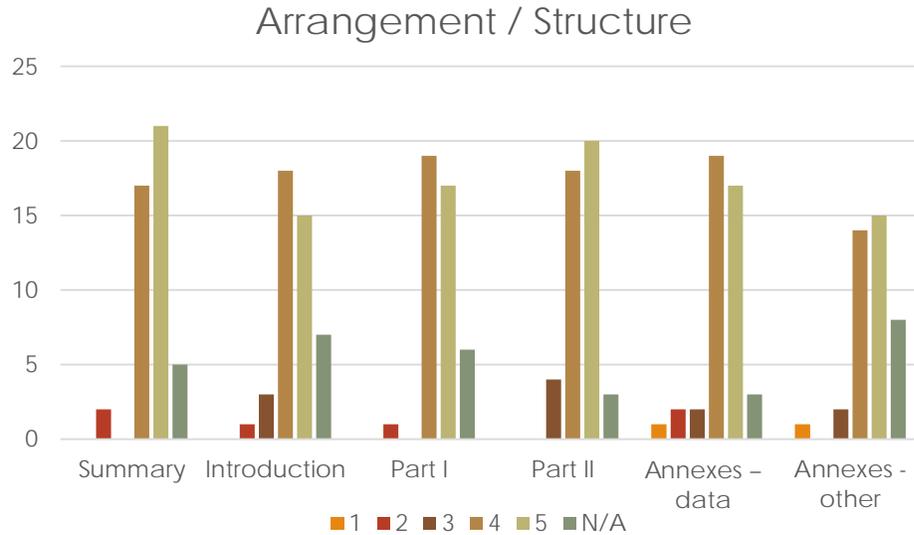
15) Did the SoEF 2015 report meet your perceived general needs and satisfy your expectations?



Some explanations on „Partly“, „No“:

- A lot of missing data gives a misleading picture in some cases
- Missing updated data from Russia provides an inaccurate picture on the forest state
- Too extensive corrigendum to the SoEF2015 shows the need for better/more review and fact checking
- Very little harmonization of data is done, e.g. increment data differ a lot as compared to SoEF 2010, unclear reasons

How do you evaluate **particular parts of the SoEF 2015** report? Please rate the following chapters from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor) Please mark: 5 4 3 2 1 N/A





Some suggestions for improvement and/or consideration in the preparatory process for the next SoEF 2020

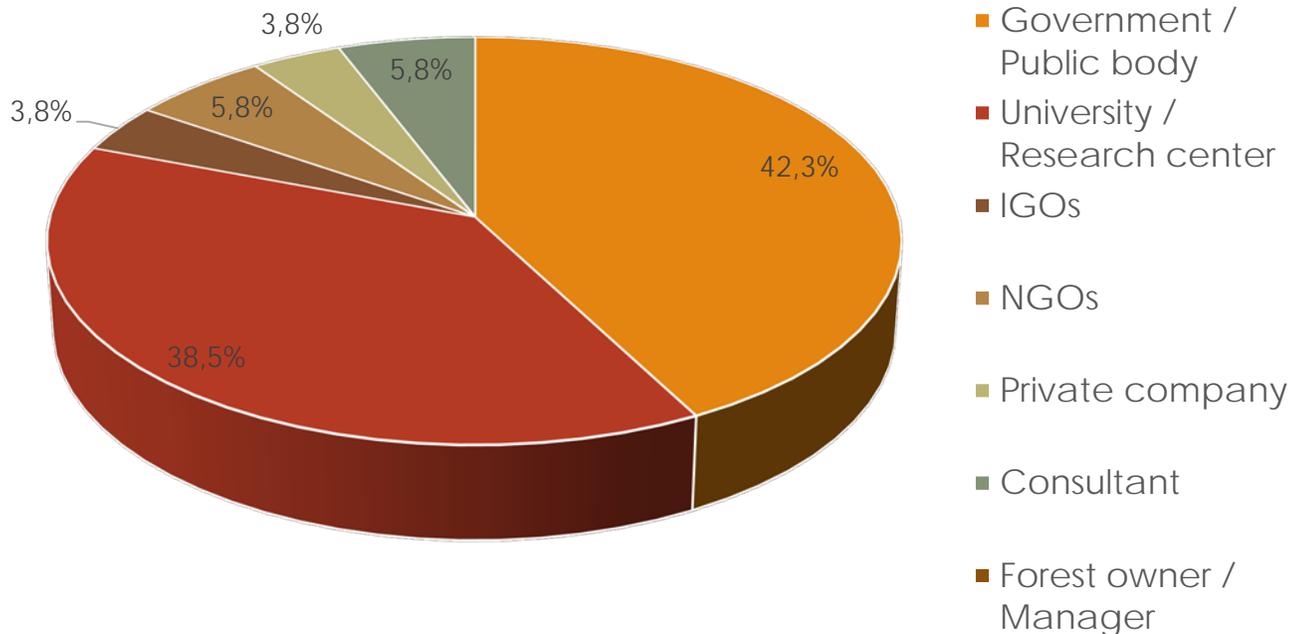
- Better communication and coordination of the whole preparatory process.
- Coordination and harmonization of both FOREST EUROPE and Forest Resources Assessment reporting processes; the one web-based data reporting system could be considered.
- Meeting of Advisory Group and the writing team before the data collection and decision what should be changed in the new report is needed; to formulate the new content and structure.
- **Better coordination and interaction between authors/LA/CLA and the data providers during the chapter drafting phase.**
- More revision/proof reading; to start earlier the review process; involve more people in the reviewing process.
- Increase the staff working on the preparation of the report at the FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit; make full use of national correspondents and members of Team of Specialists also in the review and data checking phase.



Some suggestion for improvement and/or consideration on the structure, contents, format, etc. of the next SoEF report

- ▶ To improve data reporting from all countries.
- ▶ The quality and completeness of all collected data should be improved; to improve consistency of data in relation to given definitions.
- ▶ Handling missing data is very important but partly unsolved issue – this should be improved to avoid misleading picture in some cases.
- ▶ Maintaining the continuity of data collection and the assessment of the developments over time is needed (time series of data).
- ▶ Harmonised collection of data from both quantitative and qualitative indicators should be secured; only one web-based questionnaire could be considered.
- ▶ Assessment of sustainability of forest management should be included within the SoEF report, though some countries do not like this (it could be an area of possible political influence).
- ▶ The report should be shortened in general; to prefer the main results, trends, comments, measures.
- ▶ More and better dissemination of report and data.

Which affiliation best describes work of respondents?



Who replied to the SURVEY on the reporting for State of Europe's Forests 2015?

- Most respondents (42.3%) from Government and Public bodies
- Followed by Universities and Research centres (38.5%)
- Both NGOs and Consultants with 5.8%
- And IGOs and Private company with 3.8%



Thank you for your attention