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Introduction

In 2011, in the Oslo Ministerial Decision; European Forests 2020, ministers responsible for European forests made a number of commitments, notably the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests. The eighth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, to be held in Bratislava in 2020, will review progress towards these goals and targets, as well as carrying out the regular study on the State of Europe's Forests, based on the pan-European criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management. The study will serve as background information to shape political and technical discussions on future opportunities and challenges, and political responses to these developments.

To improve data quality and to reduce the reporting burden, the reporting processes for the goals and targets and for the qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management are being combined, as there is significant overlap in the areas on which information is needed. This enquiry requests information on progress towards the goals and targets, which mostly concern measures and actions at the national level, as well as information on the qualitative indicators on sustainable forest management, which concern legal, institutional, policy, financial and informational instruments. Information provided for this enquiry, combined with the parallel enquiry on the quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management, will provide sufficient information for the State of Europe's Forests 2020, which will also report on progress towards the goals and targets.

This enquiry is structured according to the updated pan-European qualitative indicators for sustainable forest management, as adopted in Annex 1 to the Madrid Ministerial Declaration 2015. In completing the enquiry, you may wish to consult the following sources of information on policies and institutions:

STATE OF EUROPE'S FORESTS 2015:

<http://foresteurope.org/state-europes-forests-2015-report/>

Background information for the updated pan-European indicators for sustainable forest management:

http://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/3AG_UPI_Updated_Backgr_Info.pdf

FAO-LEX: <http://faolex.fao.org/faolex>

All FOREST EUROPE members are also members of the UN Forum on Forests, which will also invite members to report, on a voluntary basis, on progress towards the Global Forest Goals and Targets for a report scheduled for 2021. The two processes (global and pan-European) are formally quite separate, but clearly overlap in subject matter. To the extent possible, this reporting format has been designed to reduce the reporting burden, so that respondents may provide the same information in both fora.

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Part 1: Reporting on progress towards the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests

With regard to the Forest Europe Work Programme 2016-2020, activity 4.2.4, please provide information, following the template below, on the major actions and measures taken in your country to achieve the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests. In the interests of analysis and to facilitate the identification of regional trends, please keep your answer short, restricting yourself to the five most important actions or measures, and identifying a maximum of five remaining challenges. If you wish to list more actions, or provide more detail, please do so in a separate message.

Please ensure that all the actions/measures and challenges you list are directly connected to the specific goal or target, and not to more general forest governance measures (which are addressed in the next part of this enquiry).

Goals for European Forests

During the FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference held in 2011 in Oslo, Norway, ministers responsible for forests in Europe adopted eight “Goals for European Forests” which are of long term nature. The below questions relate to the progress so far achieved.

Goal I. Sustainable management of all European forests ensures multiple forest functions and enhances lasting provision of goods and services

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal I (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	
Action / Measure 2	
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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal I (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	
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Goal II. European forests contribute to a green economy, including through increased provision of wood, other forest products and ecosystem services from sustainable sources

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal II (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	
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Action / Measure 5	

Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal II (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

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Challenge 2	
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Goal III. Forest management in Europe is being adapted to changes in climate, forests are healthy and resilient to natural hazards and protected against human-induced threats such as forest fires, and the productive and protective functions of forests are maintained

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal III (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	Active role in the preparation of the National Action Plan for adaptation to Climate Change
Action / Measure 2	
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal III (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

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Challenge 2	

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Goal IV. The potential of European forests to mitigate climate change, through carbon sequestration in trees and soils, carbon storage in forest products and substitution of non-renewable materials and energy sources, is utilised to minimise Europe’s ecological footprint without harming the global carbon balance

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal IV (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal IV (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	
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Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

Goal V. The loss of forest biodiversity in Europe is halted and degraded forests are restored or rehabilitated

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal V (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	Implementation of LIFE+ Project “LIFE - Rizoelia” – "Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat types 1520* and *5220 at the Rizoelia National Forest Park (LIFE12NAT/CY/00758). The primary aim was to promote and enable the long term conservation of the habitat types “5220* - Arboresecent matorrals with Ziziphus” and “1520* - Gypsum steppes (Gypsophiletalia)” in Cyprus by quantifying and halting natural and anthropogenic pressures and threats that contribute to the long – term degradation of these habitats.
Action / Measure 2	Implementation of LIFE+ Project “LIFE-JUNIPERCY” - “Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat type 9560* (Endemic species with Juniperus spp.) in Cyprus (LIFE10 NAT/CY/000717). The aim was to promote the long-term conservation of endemic forests with Juniperus species in Cyprus.
Action / Measure 3	LIFE+ Project “LIFE FORBIRDS” - "Improving Lowland Forest Habitats for Birds" (LIFE13 NAT/CY/000176). The objectives were a) to improve ecological conditions for selected bird species listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive occurring in the Natura 2000 Special Protection Areas Kavro Gkreko, Koshi – Pallourokampos and Stavrovouni – Potamos Panagias Stazousas, b) to demonstrate the benefits of adopting a more holistic forest management approach that will address the needs of birds dwelling in or visiting the forest, and c) to enhance public awareness on the need to conserve wild birds and combating bird crime within the broader project area.
Action / Measure 4	On-going implementation of LIFE+ Project “LIFE- KEDROS” - "Integrated conservation management of priority habitat type 9590* in the Natura 2000 site Koilada Kedron - Kampos" (LIFE15 NAT/CY/000850). The project aims towards the sustainable conservation management and protection of habitat type "9590* Cedrus brevifolia forests", both within its natural range (Natura 2000 site Koilada Kedron-Kampos) and outside.

Action / Measure 5	Participation in MAVA Project “CARE-MEDIFLORA: Conservation Actions for Threatened Mediterranean Island Flora: ex-situ and in-situ joint actions”
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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal V (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	
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Goal VI. The role of forests in combating the progress of desertification is strengthened

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal VI (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	Active role of the Department of Forests in the preparation of the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification
Action / Measure 2	
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal VI (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

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Challenge 2	
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Goal VII. Socioeconomic and cultural benefits, especially for livelihoods, rural development and employment from European forests are optimised

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal VII (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal VII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	
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Goal VIII. Illegal logging and associated trade in wood and other forest products are eliminated in Europe;

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken towards achieving Goal VIII (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal VIII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

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European 2020 Targets for Forests

During the FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference held in 2011 in Oslo, Norway, ministers responsible for forests in Europe adopted also nine “European 2020 Targets for Forests”. These targets are supposed to be achieved by 2020 and the below questions focus on information related to the extent of achievement.

Target I. All European countries have developed and are implementing national forest programmes, or its equivalent, in line with the shared vision and goals and the pan-European approach to national forest programmes

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target I (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	The process for the new NFP was halted at its starting point due to the severe and abrupt economic recession. Instead, a new strategic planning for a short-term period (2015-17) was initially set up as a general governmental policy and decision to overcome the strong effects of the economic crisis. Since then, the three-year-basis Strategic Planning has been annually revised, substituting the longer national planning for the forest sector.
Action / Measure 2	
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Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target I (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	The target of formulating a new, comprehensive National Forest Programme for a longer than 3-year-cycle, is not expected to be achieved by 2020, due to the prevailing
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	financial restrictions imposed by the economic recession. Hopefully, this is expected for the years after 2020-2021.
Challenge 2	
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Target II. In addressing emerging issues forest knowledge is improved through research, education, innovation, information sharing and communication

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target II (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

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Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)

No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target II (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target III. In response to political objectives on the use of renewable raw material and energy in Europe, the supply of wood and other forest products from sustainably managed forests has increased substantially

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target III (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	
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Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

Target fully achieved

- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target III (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target IV. The full value of forest ecosystem services across Europe is being estimated with a view to using common valuation approaches, and that values are increasingly reflected in relevant national policies and market-based instruments such as payments for ecosystem services

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target IV (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

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Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target IV (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target V. All European countries include strategies for forests and climate change adaptation and mitigation in national forest programmes or equivalents and all other relevant national strategies

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target V (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	The Strategic Planning has incorporated specific measures for climate change adaptation and mitigation.
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Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target V (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target VI. The rate of loss of forest biodiversity at habitat level is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and measures are taken to significantly reduce forest fragmentation and degradation and to restore degraded forests

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target VI (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	The forest biodiversity has been thoroughly studied and mapped throughout the island. The preparation of the Red Data Book for the Flora of Cyprus is a well documented scientific list of all endangered or at risk plants.
Action /	

Measure 2	The Department of Forests has either been the leading agent or an active partner in several projects particularly for the protection and conservation of forest biodiversity. Such projects are the LIFE+ projects: LIFE-RIZOELIA, LIFE-KEDROS, LIFE-JUNIPERCY, LIFE-FORBIRDS, LIFE-Bonelli EastMed. The Department of Forests participates ;also in the MAVA project CARE-MEDIFLORA focusing on the conservation of specific plant species of he Mediterranean.
Action / Measure 3	With the support of EEA Grants, the Department of Forests implemented a comprehensive project aiming particularly on the conservation of biodiversity during the restoration and management of Amiantos Asbestos Mine - one of the most degraded ex-forest areas of the island.
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target VI (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target VII. The role of forests in combating desertification is fully recognised and forests are also managed to that end

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target VII (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	The main objective of the National Forest Policy is the preservation and conservation of natural vegetation throughout the island, aiming to the conservation of soil and water. This includes the protection of forest vegetation as well as the vegetation of other countryside against fires and overexploitation (overgrazing etc). This target is fully in line with the target of combating desertification.
Action / Measure 2	During the period under review, the Department of Forest has carried out studies about the grazing potential of specific forest areas in order to prevent damages on the forest ecosystem. Such areas are the State Forest of Akamas Peninsula and the Pafos Forest.
Action / Measure 3	The restoration of forest vegetation by replacing introduced tree/ shrub species with native, drought and fire resistant species has been a management practice throughout the state forest, especially after the adoption of the new National Forest Policy. Priority was given to species with high rate of expansion and with high demands in water.
Action / Measure 4	As from 2018, an extensive project for the protection of forests and the countryside against forest fires, has been initiated , imposing specific measures for the management of forest vegetation. The main objective is to reduce forest biomass in areas with high concentration and increased risk of forest fire initiation and expansion.
Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target VII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Target VIII. All European countries have policies and measures which ensure a significant increase in socio-economic and cultural benefits, especially for human health, livelihoods, rural development and employment from forests

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target VIII (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	In 2013, the new Forest Policy Statement was adopted by the Council of Ministers. It includes specific provisions for all the concerns mentioned in Target VIII. The implementation is in progress based on the availability of resources.
Action / Measure 2	During the severe economic crisis (as from 2013), there was a great effort to maintain the employment in the forest sector at least at the same levels.
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

- Target fully achieved
- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)

No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target VIII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	
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Target IX. Effective measures are taken at regional, sub-regional and national levels to eliminate illegal logging and associated trade

Please describe a maximum of five major actions and measures taken to achieve Target IX (maximum of 100 words per action, please). Please indicate, if an action or measure could be referenced as Best Practice Example.

Action / Measure 1	In 2013, a new legislation was voted for the control of timber and timber products trade in order to control illegal logging and illegal timber trade. Since then, the implementation of the new law has been a key priority for the Department of Forests so as to
Action / Measure 2	
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Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

Do you consider the target to be achieved at national level?

Target fully achieved

- On track to achieve target (we expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- Progress to achieve target (but we do not expect to achieve the target by 2020)
- No progress

If not fully achieved, please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Target IX (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

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Part 2: Reporting on the pan-European Qualitative Indicators

Reporting on pan-European Qualitative Indicators consists of five overall forest policy and governance indicators (Indicators 1-5) and indicators for policies, institutions and instruments related to 6 criteria for SFM (Indicators C1-6).

Please see Annex 1 for “Terms and Definitions”.

For reporting, please note the following:

1. All requests for responses are limited to approximately 100 words or 650 letters (including blank spaces) automatically in order to keep the analytical efforts within reasonable bounds. If you wish to provide more detail, please do so in a separate message.
2. Significant changes since 2014 will be analysed systematically. If no information is provided, that will be interpreted as “no significant change”.
3. Please provide further information on the measures taken, as deemed relevant, e.g. major partners in implementation, period, and budget involved experiences made (lessons learned, obstacles encountered and solutions).
4. Please provide the latest information available unless otherwise specified.
5. Please specify reference documents as follows: - Author or institution. Year of publication (if published). Title. Reference Number. Publisher, Link;
6. In terms of indicators C1-C6, please report only these changes in policies, institutions and instruments that are related specifically to the individual criteria, the overall status and changes related to the SFM should be reported under indicators 1-5.

2A: Forest Policy and Governance

The five overall Forest policy and governance indicators cover the overall policy approaches, institutions and instruments for implementation and communication of SFM:

1. National Forest Programmes (NFPs) or equivalent;
2. Institutional frameworks;
3. Legal/regulatory framework: National (and/or sub-national) and international commitments;
4. Financial and economic instruments;
5. Information and communication.

1. National forest programmes (NFP) or equivalent	
NFP or equivalent process/documents for forest related dialogue, policy development & implementation	
Existence of NFP or equivalent process	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at national level <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at subnational level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Under elaboration

Main formal decision making body of the process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministry responsible for forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:	
Significant changes related to the NFP or equivalent process since 2014	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]:
Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar	Please specify [max. 100 words], particularly on the NPF principles related to NFP as iterative process, stakeholder participation and approaches to inter-sectoral coordination and collaboration:	
Main forest policy document other than law (such as national forest programme, forest policy statement, strategy or other)	Name: Δήλωση Δασικής Πολιτικής, Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Φυσικών Πόρων και Περιβάλλοντος, 2013 (Forest Policy Statement, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, 2013.) Internet link: http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/fd/fd.nsf/FD5D7FE0B9E7F395C2257D1C0040C179/\$file/NEA%20ΔΗΛΩΣΗ%20ΔΑΣΙΚΗΣ%20ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΗΣ.pdf Starting year: 2013	

		Yes explicit	Partially	No
Inclusion of FOREST EUROPE (FE) instruments in the main forest policy document	○ FE definition of SFM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE criteria and indicators for SFM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE guidelines for NFPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Evaluation of the implementation of NFP or similar process	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodically, pre-specified in the main forest policy document <input type="checkbox"/> Irregularly conducted <input type="checkbox"/> Not specified <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Binding status of the main (other than law) forest policy document	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendatory	
Allocation of financial resources for the implementation of NFP or equivalent document / process)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bulk allocation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal-specified allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Relying on external resources <input type="checkbox"/> Not specified, not planned <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Significant changes related to the main forest policy document during last five years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]

Existence of other overall policy instruments/ documents from the sector or other sectors that explicitly encourage SFM or address key forest policy issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Title: Internet links:
Reporting notes	
¹ “Formal NFP process” means a process which is formally and explicitly acknowledged and referred to as an “NFP process” acc. Vienna Resolution 1 (http://foresteurope.org/docs/MC/MC_vienna_resolutionV1.pdf).	

2. Institutional frameworks				
	Please specify the type of forest-related institutional arrangements according to their responsibility	Part of ministry	Sub-national ministries or similar bodies	Other bodies. Please specify below
Government bodies and public organizations	- forest policy administration - legislative supervision & enforcement - support to private forest management - management of public forests - forest management planning - forest inventory - research (Target 2) Other. Please specify:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

	<p>Comments [max. 100 words]</p> <p>Financial support of private forest management is mainly undertaken by the Cyprus Agricultural Payments Organization (CAPO) through the national Rural Development Plans. CAPO is an independent legal entity that does not come under any Ministry or Department of the Government. Other, political and technical support comes from the Department of Forests, the Governmental Service entitle for all forestry issues of the State.</p>	
<p>Forest-related staff² Resources and capacity of government bodies and public organizations related to forests (Goals 7, Target 8)</p>	<p>Name or group/type¹:</p> <p>Department of Forests</p>	<p>2017; Full time equivalent</p>
	<p>Total</p>	
	<p>...of which forest administration³</p>	
	<p>...of which management of public forests</p>	
	<p>...of which public forest research, education and training institutions and other specialized agencies</p>	
	<p>... of which other permanent or temporary workers</p>	
<p>Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, during last 5 years</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p> <p>The Department of Forests has been facing a considerable reduction in staff employment since 2013. This has caused several functional problems hindering the sufficient fulfillment of its mission. In 2015, an internal process for a broad restructure of the Department was attempted, but it was only by mid-2018 that final decisions were taken. Since June 2018, a full re-structuring has been in progress, although with limited human resources.</p>	
<p>Policies, objectives and measures/actions taken in:</p>	<p>Forest-related research (Target 2)</p> <p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>	

	<p>Forest-related training and education (Target 2)</p> <p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
	<p>Forest-related capacity building in other institutional framework</p> <p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
	<p>Comments [max. 100 words]</p>

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1. Please provide aggregated figures for each group/type of organizations, including all levels of government. Publicly owned business entities should be excluded. Where it is impossible or inappropriate to separate the activities of publicly owned business entities from other public sector activities in forest sector, this should be noted and staff of the entities should be included in the table. Please specify in the space left for comments which institutions are included (or not) in the figures you provide.
2. Forest-related staff in public organizations includes human resources within public forest institutions at subnational level. This refers to professionals as well as administrative staff.
3. "Forest administration" includes the first three sub-categories mentioned in the previous part of the table, i.e. forest policy administration, legislative supervision & enforcement, and support to private forest management.

Proportion of forest and other wooded land under a management plan or equivalent instrument

Forest-related management document	Use of document in the country		Forest area under document		Other wooded land area under document	
	Yes	No	Ha	%	Ha	%
• Management plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
• Equivalent of management plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
• Other forest-related type of management document/instrument at operational level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Are forest management plans an obligatory instrument?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the forest-related management plans / equivalents / other types of management documents registered with official body?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the measures of forest management plans compulsory?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do forest management plans regulate:	Yes	Partially	No
Volume of harvest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regeneration systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation species composition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tending and other silvicultural operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deadwood volume	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Proportion of forest and other wooded land under third party certification schemes						
Certification scheme	Use of scheme in the country		Forest area under scheme		Other wooded land area under scheme	
	Yes	No	Ha	%	Ha	%
• Forest Stewardship Council certification (FSC) scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
• Programme for the Endorsement of Forest certification (PEFC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
• Other international forest management certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

• Other country specific management certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
• Overlapping of certification schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Comments:						

3. Legal/regulatory frameworks and international commitments		
Legal/regulatory frameworks		
General characteristics of legal/regulatory framework – formal authority on main forest matters is laid down	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in constitution <input type="checkbox"/> in legislation enacted by parliament <input type="checkbox"/> in administrative decrees / regulations <input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at national level <input type="checkbox"/> at sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> other:
Main forest and SFM related legal/regulatory act with national scope (e.g. Forest law, act, code or similar document)	Name and reference to legal document:	The Forest Law (Ο Περί Δασών Νόμος του 2012) L.25(I)/2012
	Date of enactment:	30/3/2012
	Date of latest amendment:	

<p>Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework during last 5 years</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p>
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International commitments				
<p>Are the following FOREST EUROPE instruments explicitly referred to in the legal/regulatory act?</p>	<p>FOREST EUROPE Definition of SFM FOREST EUROPE C&I for SFM Other: please specify</p>	<p>Fully</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Partially</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Main international commitments related to forests signed by the country</p>	<p>CBD AICHI UNCCD UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol Paris Agreement Alpine Convention Carpathian convention</p> <p>Other: Please specify</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>Significant initiatives undertaken during last 5 years in implementation of international commitments related to forests signed by your country</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>

4. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS

<p>Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests</p>	<p>Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of <u>publicly owned forests</u> [max. 100 words]</p>
	<p>Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of <u>privately owned forests</u> or other [max. 100 words]</p>

<p>Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) during the last five years</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
<p>State/federal forests management</p>	<p>Please specify financial arrangements related to state-owned forests and their management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Profit-making or financially self-sufficient forest management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional financial support from a state budget to forest management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>

<p>Government financial instruments applied to private forest management</p>	<p>Please specify the use of financial instruments for private forests and their management. <i>For the EU Member States, please specify separately expenditure connected to the EU Rural Development Programme Funds.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grants/subsidies, Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> of which RDPF. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loans. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tax measures. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify:</p>	
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>	
<p>Year:</p>	<p>Total (million, national currency)</p>	<p>Of that private sources, if available (million, national currency)</p>
<p>Operational expenditure¹</p>		

Transfer payments to private forests ²			
Cost of forest administration ³ (not including the costs associated with managing public forests):			
of which...	Forest administration		
	Public forest research		
	Forest education and training institutions		
	Other institutions. Please specify:		
Total expenditure			

<p>If transfer payments are made to private forests, indicate for what specific objective(s) – Please tick all that apply.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reforestation <input type="checkbox"/> Afforestation <input type="checkbox"/> Forest inventory and/or planning <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation of forest biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of soil and water <input type="checkbox"/> Forest stand improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change adaptation <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment or maintenance of protected areas <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
<p>Comments</p>	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p>
<p>Reporting notes</p>	

Please specify the **year** which the data refers to in the intended box.

1. **Operational expenditure** includes public and private domestic or external sources of finance (personnel, materials, operating costs) for operational forest activities (e.g. silvicultural and protective measures). It also includes expenditure on contract or outsourced activities. It also includes the operating costs associated with any forest sector incentive schemes.

It excludes public and private capital expenditure on investments in accordance with the national tax laws (construction and maintenance of forest roads, buildings; investments to equipment, tools, vehicles, machinery and technologies and other investments e.g. IT and/or intangible investments etc.). Data on capital expenditure are included in the questionnaire on quantitative indicators (indicator 6.4).

it should exclude the expenditure of publicly owned business entities. Where it is impossible or inappropriate to separate the activities of publicly owned business entities from other public sector activities in forest sector, this should be noted and expenditure of the entities should be included in the table. In this case, please specify in the space left for comments which institutions you included (or not).

It also excludes expenditure on: marketing; trade facilitation; or development projects, where forest is not the main focus of activities.

2. **Transfer payments to private forests** includes all government expenditures (including external) on direct financial incentives (grants or subsidies) paid to non-government and private-sector institutions, enterprises, communities or individuals operating in the forest sector to implement forest related activities. It excludes tax incentives; government loans; benefits in kind (free or subsidized materials and/or advice). It also excludes direct financial incentives available to all individuals and enterprises not specifically related to forest related activities (e.g. relocation grants, employment subsidies, general training grant schemes).
3. **Cost of forest administration** is government expenditure on public institutions solely engaged in the forest sector. It includes all public expenditure (including external) on implementing forest policy and legislation to the entire forest areas, mainly: expenditures for state administration bodies, support to other forest

<p>Are any types of Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes applied in your country?</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at public level <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at private level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>If yes, please describe and provide reference documents where relevant. [max. 100 words]</p>
<p>Note:</p> <p>Types of markets for example: Public payment schemes for private land owners; Formal markets with open trading between buyers and sellers; Self-organized private deals.</p>	

5. Information and communication		
Main characteristics of informational means	<p>Is forest monitoring in your country sufficient for information and communication needs?</p> <p>If no, please specify:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>Is there public access to forest inventory data?</p> <p>If yes or partially, please specify:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially (e.g. just aggregated data) <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>Does an official (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?</p> <p>If yes, please provide reference:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

	<p>Does a national report on the state of sustainable forest management exist? If yes or partially, please provide reference/link:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>Is there a national platform for stakeholder participation in forest policy development and/or decision-making? If yes or partially, please specify:</p> <p>The Forest Consultative Board, established by the Forest Law (Art. 5). It is an advisory group where all relevant to forest and forest sector governmental services, local authorities, forest and environmental NGO's, employees and farmers are represented and have the right to provide opinions, suggestions, analysis, recommendations and other input. It advises the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and the Director of the Department of Forests on the declaration of new state forests, the adoption or amendment of National Forest Policy and the National Forest Programme and any other issue relevant to forests.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>Significant changes in informational means during last five years</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p> <p>A new Forest Visitors Center at Cavo Gkreko National Forest Park was established in 2017, in order to promote information and public awareness on forests and ecosystem services</p>
<p>Significant changes in forest related communication during last five years</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]</p> <p>Revision of the Department of Forests' website and use of social media for communication.</p>
<p>Reporting notes</p>	

2B: Policies, institutions and instruments related to specific criteria

Part 2B requests additional information since the last reporting in 2014 on policies, institutions and instruments for individual criteria for SFM:

- C1. Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of forest resources and their contribution to global carbon cycles;
- C2. Maintenance of forest ecosystem health and vitality;
- C3. Maintenance and encouragement of productive functions of forests (wood and non-wood);
- C4. Maintenance, conservation and appropriate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems;
- C5. Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of the protective functions in forest management (notably soil and water);
- C6. Maintenance of other socioeconomic functions and conditions.

Criterion 1 Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of forest resources and their contribution to global carbon cycles	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 1?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 1 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 1, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)

Criterion 2 Maintenance of forest health and vitality	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 2?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any	(max. 100 words, please)

have been formulated	
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 2 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 2, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)

Criterion 3 Maintenance and encouragement of productive functions of forests (wood and non-wood)	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 3?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 3 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 3, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)

Criterion 4 Maintenance, conservation and appropriate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 4?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including	(max. 100 words, please)

quantitative targets if any have been formulated	
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 4 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 4, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)

Criterion 5 Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of protective functions in forest management (notably soil and water)	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 5?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 5 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 5, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)

Criterion 6 Maintenance of other socio-economic functions and conditions
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Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 6?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please)	
Please describe any institutional measures taken to achieve these objectives	(max. 100 words, please)	
What policy tools have been put in place to achieve these objectives (e.g. legal, financial, communication)?	(max. 100 words, please)	
Please describe achievements in the area of Criterion 6 over the past five years	(max. 100 words, please)	
What are the major challenges in the area of Criterion 6, and the major obstacles to achieving the policy objectives?	(max. 100 words, please)	

2C: Supplementary information on selected major issues

If you wish, provide similar brief information (policy objectives/targets, policy instruments, achievements, challenges), on specific areas not sufficiently covered in the sections before.

Possible areas, many of which touch more than one criterion, would include:

- legal/regulatory framework to combat illegal logging and associated trade of forest products
- Promotion of the use of sustainably produced forest products
- Water management and flood control through forests
- Forest recreation
- Sustainable forest workforce
- Occupational safety and health