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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	Elaboration and approval of the new National Forest Strategy (2016-2030)
Action / Measure 2	In the Rural Development Program subsidies are provided for tending reforestations, for first cleaning (precommercial thinning) and for pruning.
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	To connect the information system of state administration and the recently developed system of the state owned forestry companies.
Challenge 2	Shared common ownership of forest area is a challenge for management and no satisfactory solution has been found yet. Around 130 000 hectares forests area is not managed properly, therefore we have to seek for long term solutions. Proposals are elaborated, implementation is foreseen in 2020.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	In the Rural Development Program subsidies are provided for purchasing new forest management related machinery and developing processing capacities of non wood forest products.
Action / Measure 2	State owned forest companies developed a common data processing and decision support system that supports their forestry and bookkeeping activities.
Action / Measure 3	
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Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	Vocational education of professional foresters should be strengthened.
Challenge 2	Developing forest road system.
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Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Within a recently finalized research program a decision support system to forest administration and to forest managers was developed to advise their decisions - especially reforestation, afforestation, forest management - in the light of foreseen climate change scenarios.
Action / Measure 2	Climate change scenarios can be legally considered in decisions on reforestations and afforestations, selection of species in forestations is more flexible and can be adjusted to foreseen effects of climate change.
Action / Measure 3	Use of forest propagative material more resistant to climate change is subsidized. (Mainly origins from dry and warm regions of Europe.)
Action / Measure 4	In the Rural Development Program subsidies are provided for recovering forest potential after damages and for fire prevention.

Action / Measure 5	Strengthened legal obligations to close to nature forest management, mixed forest with more tree species, continuous forest cover forest management - more resistant forest stands.
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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal III (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	Negative effects of climate change are unpredictable. Serious forest damages as well as significant reduction of the forest area is also possible as large areas of Hungary are already dry and close to the forest limit. Especially native species may not be able to survive.
Challenge 2	Improve water management especially retention of water in Carpathian Basin including forest area .
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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.

Action / Measure 1	To increase forest area, afforestation remains an important goal of forestry in Hungary. While afforestation slowed down in the last 5 years a new program is under elaboration to increase wood cover in the country, including other wooded land and individual trees. The program may start in 2020.
Action / Measure 2	Clear definition of tree plantations in the legislation may open new area to fast growing plantations and to elevated carbon sequestration in woody biomass.

Action / Measure 3	In the Rural Development Program subsidies are provided for afforestation, establishing plantations and agroforestry systems.
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	To maintain or preferably increase forest cover and growing stock - carbon sequestration in forests and trees.
Challenge 2	To increase the use of wood products for long term carbon storage and substitution of materials with high GHG emission.
Challenge 3	
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	Strengthened legal obligations to close to nature forest management, mixed forest with more tree species, continuous forest cover forest management - more biodiversity in forests.
Action / Measure 2	Naturalness is well defined in the legislation and no worthening is accepted in naturalness in native stands.
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Measure 3	In the Rural Development Program measures are introduced for forest environmental payments like restoration of certain degraded forests, close to nature forest management, continuous forest cover management, protection of soil on steep slopes etc. as well as Natura 2000 payments.
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	High proportion of forest area covered with non native tree species (44%).
Challenge 2	Regulate non native, invasive tree species.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Afforestation, increase of wood cover and individual trees.
Action / Measure 2	Acceptance of low canopy closure of forests in legislation - maintain forest cover on dry, unfavourable areas.
Action / Measure 3	Introduction of climate tolerant forest propagative materials of native tree species (southern origin). If no other solution, planting of non native tree species on dryland to maintain forest cover.

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)

Challenge 1	Improve water management and retention of water.
Challenge 2	Find and test climate tolerant propagative materials.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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.

Action / Measure 1	Intensive development of forest welfair facilities (like wach towers, tracks in forest, leasure equipment, information boards, forest schools etc.) was implemented especially by the state owned forestry companies (22 companies) but gradually private forestry is also contributing.
Action / Measure 2	The state owned forestry companies opened several hunting lodges to the public and these facilities are getting to be very popular. Moreover new, cheap tourist lodges ate built and rented by the companies to the tourists.
Action / Measure 3	A new movement of "shifting camp" was reintroduced by the Association of Hungarian Foresters with the support of the state owned forest companies. The camps go to be very popular already in the first year.
Action / Measure 4	In the Rural Development Program measures are introduced for establishing new welfair capacities in the forest.

Action / Measure 5	
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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	While in rural areas forestry is an important source of income and jobs, it is getting to be more and more difficult to find forest workers locally. The traditional forest work is not attractive enough to young generation, there is an increasing need to professional forest workers and the gap is not closing yet.
Challenge 2	Payment of ecosystem services should be considered in the future to motivate forest owners and managers to improve forest welfare services.
Challenge 3	Improve education and working conditions of forest workers.
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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.

Action / Measure 1	Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation was successful, a separate department within the Forestry Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office was established with sufficient staff and resources. National legislation and procedures were approved and the wood chain is regularly controlled.
Action / Measure 2	
Action / Measure 3	
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Please describe a maximum of five major remaining challenges to achieve Goal VIII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please)

Challenge 1	To cover all kinds of wood products and different players of the wood product chain.
Challenge 2	
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Challenge 5	

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 new National Forest Strategy (2016-2030) was elaborated and approved by the Government in 2016.
Action / Measure 2	
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 I (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	
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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.

Action / Measure 1	Information system of state owned forestry companies was developed.
Action / Measure 2	

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 II (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	To improve national forest information systems, especially in administration standardize and connect the information systems in forestry and with relevant authorities.
Challenge 2	More active participation in EU research and innovation programs.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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.

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Measure 1	Forest management plans cover the entire forest area, a good basis to utilize forest resources better within the framework of sustainable forest management.
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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 III (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	Forest road system should be improved.
Challenge 2	Motivate private forest owners to manage their forests, especially the unmanaged forest areas.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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.

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 IV (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	More research and better communication is needed to inform the society, promote forest ecosystem services and achieve better acceptance and support.
Challenge 2	
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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 new National Forest Strategy (2016-2030) was approved in 2016 and the Second National Climate Change Strategy (2017-2030 with an outlook to 2050) was approved in 2018. The two strategies are harmonized and will be the basis for climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in the forest sector.
Action / Measure 2	
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 V (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	Implementation of the strategies.
Challenge 2	Climate change is predicted to be fast, difficult to follow and cope with forest management methods.
Challenge 3	

Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Naturalness can not be worsened in native forests by forest management, clear shift to close to nature forest management, natural regeneration and to continuous forest cover.
Action / Measure 2	Strong legal protection of the forest area, afforestation preferably with native tree species, increase other wooded land - wood cover of the country.
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 VI (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	
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	High proportion of non native tree species.
Challenge 2	Climate change.
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Already mentioned above at goals.
Action / Measure 2	
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 VII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	
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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	National Rural Development Program.
Action / Measure 2	Program to increase wood cover of the county including afforestation, agroforestry, other wooded land and individual trees.
Action / Measure 3	See above at goals.
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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Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	See above at goals.
Action / Measure 2	
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, at national level <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at subnational level <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]:
	Preparation and approval of the National Forest Strategy 2016-2030 (approved in 2016) following the first National Forest Program (2006-2015).	
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:	
	To achieve a multi-sectoral recognition of the NFP proper political commitment is needed, to provide a smooth administrative and financial fitting into the set of national development programs. Stakeholder involvement and information provisions must be kept at adequate level otherwise the process loses intensity and in consequence necessary support.	
Main forest policy document other than law (such as national forest programme, forest policy statement, strategy or other)	Name: National Forest Strategy 2016-2030 Internet link: http://www.kormany.hu/download/a/1a/d0000/Nemzeti_Erd%C5%91strat%C3%A9gia.pdf Starting year: 2016	

		Yes explicit	Partially	No
Inclusion of FOREST EUROPE (FE) instruments in the main forest policy document	○ FE definition of SFM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE criteria and indicators for SFM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	○ FE Pan-European Guidelines for Afforestation and Reforestation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Evaluation of the implementation of NFP or similar process	<input checked="" 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: in 5 years	
Binding status of the main (other than law) forest policy document	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]

	Preparation and approval of the National Forest Strategy 2016-2030. (approved in 2016)
Existence of other overall policy instruments/ documents from the sector or other sectors that explicitly encourage SFM or address key forest policy issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Title: Second National Climate Change Strategy (2017-2030) Internet links: https://magyarkozlony.hu/dokumentumok/.../letoltes
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

	Comments [max. 100 words] - legislative supervision, forest management planning - National Government Offices (in 19 counties and in Budapest) - support to private forest management - Ministry of Agriculture, Prime Minister's Office, Association of Private Forest Owners and Managers - management of public forests - 22 state owned forest companies controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture - forest inventory - National Food Chain Safety Office - Forestry Directorate - research - National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre, Forest Research Institute	
Forest-related staff ² Resources and capacity of government bodies and public organizations related to forests (Goals 7, Target 8)	Name or group/type ¹ :	2017; Full time equivalent
	Total	10997
	...of which forest administration ³	330
	...of which management of public forests	10032
	...of which public forest research, education and training institutions and other specialized agencies	575
	... of which other permanent or temporary workers	60
	Comments [max. 100 words] Contractors are not included. Public workers are included in management of public forests. Forest management related staff of national parks is under "other permanent or temporary workers".	
Significant changes in the institutional framework, public and private, during last 5 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words] Significant reduction of the staff in forest administration. reduction of the number of public workers supporting management of public forests.	
Policies, objectives and	Forest-related research (Target 2) Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where	

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

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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"/>	2061000	100		
• Equivalent of management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
• Other forest-related type of management document/instrument at operational level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do forest management plans regulate:	Yes	Partially	No
Volume of harvest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regeneration systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reforestation species composition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tending and other silvicultural operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	225152	11		
• 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 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 type="checkbox"/> in constitution <input checked="" 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:	Act no. XXXVII/2009. on Forests, Protection of Forests and Forest Management
	Date of enactment:	10 07 2009
	Date of latest amendment:	

<p>Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework 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>Based on experiences gained during the implementation of the forest act a package of modifications was approved by the Parliament in 2017. The main direction was to give more responsibility to forest owners/managers in sustainable forest management, reduce restrictions, more emphasis on the social services of forests and to reduce administrative burden.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input 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"/> <input checked="" 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"/> <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 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>Following the first National Forest Program the National Forest Strategy was prepared and approved in 2016. The second National Climate Change Strategy was prepared and approved in 2018.</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>Publicly owned forest areas have to be managed on a way to optimize sustainable use of forest resources and provide wide range of ecosystem services to the society.</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>Private forest management have to be sustainable and where possible, profitable providing income to the owners and to the local population. Private forests also offer ecosystem services to the society. Part of these services are economically compensated.</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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grants/subsidies, Please specify:</p> <p>The main component of state subsidies in forestry is the rural development program with 9 forestry measures (afforestation, Natura 2000, forest environment measures, improving the economic value of forests, recovery of forest potential, non-productive investments, agroforestry systems, machinery, forest reproductive material). Additional, national subsidies are available to reforestations and afforestation started before the first national rural development program as well as to operate narrow gaged railways. mainly in forests.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> of which RDPF. Please specify: please see above</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loans. Please specify:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax measures. Please specify: Special taxation system to support reforestation after fellings.</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>Hungarian National Rural Development Plan 2014-2020</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reforestation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Afforestation <input type="checkbox"/> Forest inventory and/or planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation of forest biodiversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of soil and water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest stand improvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate change adaptation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establishment or maintenance of protected areas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
Comments	<p>Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.</p> <p style="color: blue;">No reliable, comprehensive data is available.</p>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, at private level <input 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> <p style="color: blue;">Raw data is not available to public, aggregated data of sample based inventory and National Forest Database (management planning) are available through the WEB.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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>Annual report of the minister responsible for forestry and information leaflet on forests. http://www.kormany.hu/download/c/c3/41000/Miniszteri%20t%C3%A1j%C3%A9koztat%C3%B3.pdf http://www.kormany.hu/download/c/c3/41000/Miniszteri%20t%C3%A1j%C3%A9koztat%C3%B3.pdf https://portal.nebih.gov.hu/documents/10182/206281/2008_leporello_magyar.pdf/6d9360be-6fac-481c-a934-fbf3ac833bf2</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<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>Stakeholders are strategic partners of the Ministry of Agriculture and involved in discussions on relevant forestry issues. The Forest Council is the advisory board of the minister responsible for forestry. Stakeholders are represented in the council.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Significant changes in informational means during last five 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>
<p>Significant changes in forest related communication during last five years</p>	<p><input checked="" 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>More intensive and successful communication on forest management in the media.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) No new objectives were 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any	(max. 100 words, please) No new objectives were formulated.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) No new objectives were 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including	(max. 100 words, please)

quantitative targets if any have been formulated	No new objectives were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) No new objectives were 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) No new objectives were 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 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

As the implementation of the EU Timber Regulation national legislation was enforced and further developed. The special unit dealing with the implementation was enforced and controls are more frequently implemented.
