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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	The National Forest Strategy
Action / Measure 2	The National Strategy on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity
Action / Measure 3	Legal Regime of Afforestation and Reforestation (RJAAR)
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	Promotion of forest owners association initiatives and professional forest management
Challenge 2	To advance and complete forest areas/owners' registration, namely with a with a view to promote sustainable forest management, enforce relevant legislation
Challenge 3	Decrease rural fires' risk
Challenge 4	Strengthen data collection on non-wood forest products and services
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	The National Action Plan for Circular Economy
Action / Measure 2	National legislation related to the implementation of the EU Timber Regulation
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	
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	Mobilization of forest biomass to reduce rural fires' risk and promotion of sustainable use of forest biomass for energy
Challenge 2	Promotion of agro-silvo-pastoral systems
Challenge 3	Diversification of incomes from forest holdings, fully recognising and increasing the economic revenue generated from hunting, inland fisheries, beekeeping, mushrooms and other non-wood forest products
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	The National Action Plan to Combat Desertification
Action / Measure 2	The Operational Programme on Forest Health
Action / Measure 3	The National Plan of Defence Against Forest Fires
Action / Measure 4	The Forest Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change
Action / Measure 5	Agency for the Integrated Management of Rural Fires (AGIF)

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

Challenge 1	
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	Rural fires – a change of practices and a change of minds and attitudes are mandatory with a view to decrease the risk fires’ risk but also to strengthen efforts in relation to prevention measures and forest management practices
Challenge 2	Plant health – to promote awareness on the need to implement plant health-related best practices measures with a view to cope, namely, with climate change and, at the same time, enhance dedicated training to forest managers; to develop early detection systems, with a view to implement more efficient and timely prevention and control measures, are also considered of utmost importance
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	The Forest Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change
Action / Measure 2	The National Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change
Action / Measure 3	The National Strategy for Energy 2020
Action / Measure 4	The National Plan for the Promotion of Bio-refineries
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	Enforcement of the forest management plans as they encompass different actions and measures that, overall, contribute to this goal
Challenge 2	Further enhancing knowledge on all underlying processes related to this goal and development of innovative approaches
Challenge 3	Stronger link between science and forest managers and dissemination of related information
Challenge 4	Further promote the use of renewable raw materials
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	The National Forest Strategy
Action / Measure 2	The National Strategy on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity
Action / Measure 3	
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	Further implement sustainable forest management with particular attention to the environmental dimension
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Challenge 2	Rehabilitation of degraded forests namely by pests and rural fires
Challenge 3	Enforcement of political decisions namely the ones embedded in the forest regional planning programmes
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	The National Forest Strategy
Action / Measure 2	The National Action Plan to Combat Desertification
Action / Measure 3	Forest Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change
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	Strengthen the combat against the progress of desertification, namely through forests and sustainable forest management
Challenge 2	Devote further attention to the correct ground preparation and use of water
Challenge 3	Contribute to address a major national problem which is abandonment of certain areas of national territory – this has to be dealt with through a multidisciplinary approach

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	Green Growth Coalition
Action / Measure 2	
Action / Measure 3	
Action / Measure 4	
Action / Measure 5	

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

Challenge 1	Full use of existing financing measures, namely those foreseen within the rural development programme
Challenge 2	Enhancement of policies and measures that support settling/retaining population in rural areas
Challenge 3	
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	National legislation related to the implementation of the EU Timber Regulation
Action / Measure 2	Legal Regime of Afforestation and Reforestation (RJAAR)
Action / Measure 3	Legal Regime on umbrella-pine's cones
Action / Measure 4	Legal Regime on resin extraction process and on pine resin movement
Action / Measure 5	Decree-Law that establishes protection measures in relation to cork and holm oaks

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

Challenge 1	Further enforcing EU Timber Regulation-related national legislation and continue to disseminate relevant information
Challenge 2	Further enforcing the above related legislation and continue to disseminate relevant information
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
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 National Forest Strategy
Action / Measure 2	Seven Regional Programmes of Forest Planning recently updated
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	Although signalled as “target full achieved” it is mandatory to continue enhancing and updating all instruments/strategies/plans comprising our national forest program with a view to respond to emerging demands/opportunities/threats
Challenge 2	
Challenge 3	

Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Three Competence Centres have been recently established (Umbrella Pine and Pine Nut, Maritime Pine and Cork Oak and Cork)
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	By definition this a target that will never be “fully achieved”; indeed, research and innovation efforts as well By definition this a target that will never be “fully achieved”; indeed, research and innovation efforts as well dissemination of related information will never be completed; therefore, this is the paradigmatic example of a continuous process
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Challenge 2	
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.

Action / Measure 1	The assistance/support to forest management certification systems in forest holdings has been reinforced which has led to an increase of the number of forest holdings using such systems and we have to admit that the production of sustainable forest products have also increased proportionally or not. The certified forest area has increased as well as the number of certified forest holdings
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 III (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	Prevention and control, including combat, of rural fires is crucial for the efforts to achieve this target
Challenge 2	Mobilization of forest biomass but bearing in mind that nutrient cycles have to be safeguarded and also that mobilisation, transport and transformation of biomass into energy has to be cost-effective
Challenge 3	Further promote of long term use of wood and non-wood (especially cork) forest products
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	Several studies have been launched on mapping and assessment as well as tentative valuation of ecosystem services
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 IV (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	Strengthen efforts with a view to a valuation of ecosystem services namely of those that do not have a specific market yet
Challenge 2	Intensify awareness raising on the value of ecosystem services with a view to increase the willingness and acceptance of the society in general to recognise that value and financially support those ecosystem services
Challenge 3	Further promote the resilience and sustainability (namely economic) of forest holdings by opening up new possibilities of more frequent and diversified incomes
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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 National Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change
Action / Measure 2	Seven Regional Programmes of Forest Planning recently updated

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	By definition this a target that will never be “fully achieved”; indeed, adaptation and mitigation efforts to address climate change are and will be a certainty as continual shifting of conditions is to be expected
Challenge 2	Further develop research efforts as well dissemination of related information
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	NOTE: As noted before, fragmentation in Portugal is NOT considered as a negative situation; we recall that it can be an important asset when it comes to make the progress of forest fires, pests and diseases more difficult
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 VI (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	
Challenge 2	
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	Further implement the National Forest Strategy, the National Strategy on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity, the Forest Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change, the National Plan of Defence Against Forest Fires, the Operational Programme on Forest Health and paying special attention to the implementation of the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification
Action / Measure 2	Definition of geographic areas (degraded land areas sensitive namely to desertification) in relation to which the financing support to forests is increased
Action / Measure 3	Increase of forest land cover in arid zones
Action / Measure 4	Increase of land productivity in rural arid zones
Action / Measure 5	Increase of Carbon stocks in soil and above the soil in general but, in particular, in arid zones

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	By definition this a target that will never be “fully achieved”; indeed, adaptation and mitigation efforts to address climate change are and will be a certainty as continual shifting of conditions is to be expected; so, efforts with a view to a positive trend to achieve land degradation neutrality have to be reinforced
Challenge 2	
Challenge 3	

Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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	Regional Development Programme (PDR) 2020
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 VIII (maximum of 100 words per challenge, please).

Challenge 1	Awareness raising on the different support programmes with a view to strengthen conditions to increase the competitiveness of related activities and to the full use of the related funding instruments
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Challenge 2	Further promote efforts in relation to planning, creating and managing urban and peri-urban forests, namely by the local authorities, and explore their potential with a view to have more resilient and sustainable cities and to improve the physical and mental health of citizens
Challenge 3	Continue to further enforce legislation namely on prevention of rural fires also leading to the creation of stable job opportunities
Challenge 4	Further encourage the production of different forest products leading to the diversification and more frequent income sources as well as the creation of new job opportunities
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	National legislation related to the implementation of the EU Timber Regulation
Action / Measure 2	Legal Regime of Afforestation and Reforestation (RJAAR)
Action / Measure 3	Legal Regime on umbrella-pine's cones
Action / Measure 4	Legal Regime on resin extraction process and on pine resin movement
Action / Measure 5	Decree-Law that establishes protection measures in relation to cork and holm oaks

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).

Challenge 1	Further enforcing the above related legislation and continue to disseminate relevant information
Challenge 2	
Challenge 3	
Challenge 4	
Challenge 5	

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

<p>Main formal decision making body of the process</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Ministry responsible for forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Body with members other than Ministry responsible for forestry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify: Council of Ministers</p>	
<p>Significant changes related to the NFP or equivalent process since 2014</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>If yes, please describe the reason/s for and type of changes [max.100 words]:</p>
<p>Key lessons learned on the NFP process or similar</p>	<p>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:</p>	
	<p>As the Portuguese NFP is a continuous process some low level changes have occurred since the last report: Regional Forest planning Programmes were updated and AGIF - Agency for the Integrated Mangement of Rural Fires has been created.</p>	
<p>Main forest policy document other than law (such as national forest programme, forest policy statement, strategy or other)</p>	<p>Name: National Forest Strategy</p> <p>Internet link: http://www2.icnf.pt/portal/icnf/docref/enf</p> <p>Starting year: 2015</p>	

		Yes explicit	Partially	No
Inclusion of FOREST EUROPE (FE) instruments in the main forest policy document	o FE definition of SFM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	o FE criteria and indicators for SFM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	o FE guidelines for NFPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	o FE Classification of Protected and Protective Forests and Other Wooded Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	o FE Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for Sustainable Forest Management.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	o 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Only the National Forest Strategy foresees pre-specified periodically evaluation - each 5 years. For the remaining instruments of the NFP there is no pre-specified periodical evaluation	
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 type="checkbox"/> Goal-specified allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Relying on external resources <input type="checkbox"/> Not specified, not planned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:	
	The Portuguese NFP integrate several tools, therefore there are several lines of financial resources depending on the tool at stake	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Title: Regional Forest planning Programmes - 7 regions Internet links: http://www2.icnf.pt/portal/florestas/profs/prof-em-vigor
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: For certain tasks, such as support to private management there are County Technical Forest Bureau at municipal level	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Comments [max. 100 words] Forest Inventory and Research are also carried out, in certain cases, by private entities.			

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	
	...of which forest administration ³	
	...of which management of public forests	
	...of which public forest research, education and training institutions and other specialized agencies	
	... of which other permanent or temporary workers	
	Comments [max. 100 words]	
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] Revised structure of the ICNF, IP, due to a need to increase the efficiency of the administration in particular, at regional and local levels	
Policies, objectives and measures/actions taken in:	Forest-related research (Target 2) Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where 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] The three Competence Centers (Umbrella Pine and Pine Nut, Maritime Pine and Cork Oak and Cork) recently established have there own research and innovation agendas addressing medium term objectives and measures namely on research, training and education.	

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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"/>	1860000	58		
• Equivalent of management plan	<input 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
Forest Management Plans are obligatory in public areas and, in private areas if above the threshold defined for each Regional Forest Planning Programme						

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	218521			
• Programme for the Endorsement of Forest certification (PEFC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	63765			
• 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	205059			

Comments:

At January 2019, the total certified forest area was 487345 hectares (63765 ha only by PEFC + 218521 ha only by FSC + 205059 by both)

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 type="checkbox"/> in legislation enacted by parliament <input type="checkbox"/> in administrative decrees / regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: in legislation enacted by parliament and in administrative decrees/regulations	<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:	Forest Policy Act and National forest Strategy
	Date of enactment:	1996 and 2015
	Date of latest amendment:	1996 and 2015
Significant changes in the legal/regulatory framework during last 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]	

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

4. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS	
Main characteristics of economic policy related to forests	Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of <u>publicly owned forests</u> [max. 100 words]
	Please specify objectives of main measures taken to address economic aspects of <u>privately owned forests</u> or other [max. 100 words]
Significant changes in economic policy related to forests (public and private) during the last five years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe and incl. reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words]
Comments	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.

<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 style="padding-left: 40px;"><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>

Year:		Total (million, national currency)	Of that private sources, if available (million, national currency)
Operational expenditure ¹			
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:
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Comments	Please explain [max. 100 words] and provide reference documents where relevant.
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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>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at public level <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, at private level <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>If yes, please describe and provide reference documents where relevant. [max. 100 words]</p>
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Note:

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.

5. Information and communication

Main characteristics of informational means

Is forest monitoring in your country sufficient for information and communication needs?

- Yes
 Partially
 No

If no, please specify:

Is there public access to forest inventory data?

- Yes
 Partially (e.g. just aggregated data)
 No

If yes or partially, please specify:

Does an official (governmental) forest-related outreach and communication strategy exist?

- Yes
 Partially
 No

If yes, please provide reference:

	<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>Forest Consulting Council</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>Overall restructure of the official site of ICNF</p>	

Significant changes in forest related communication during last five years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe and include reason/s for the changes [max. 100 words] Enhancement of communication efforts, namely in relation to Rural Fires Prevention
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) National Forest Strategy - Specific objective B7 - Increase the contribution of forests to climate change mitigation
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including	(max. 100 words, please)

quantitative targets if any have been formulated	National Forest Strategy - Specific objective A4 - Increase knowledge on the presence of damaging biotic agents A5- Reduce damage on forest ecosystem and related economic losses B8 - Promote forest resilience
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) National Forest Strategy - Specific objective C1 - Assure and enhance the economic production of forest stands C2 - Diversify activities and products in forest and agroforest holdings
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	(max. 100 words, please)

policy objectives?	
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Criterion 4 Maintenance, conservation and appropriate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 4?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) National Forest Strategy - Specific objective B3 - Guarantee the protection of priority forest areas for biodiversity conservation
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) National Forest Strategy - Specific objective B2 - Conservation of soil and water in desertification prone areas B5 - Conservation of the water regime B5 -
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	
Have policy objectives been formulated with respect to Criterion 6?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please describe the policy objectives, including quantitative targets if any have been formulated	(max. 100 words, please) National Forest Strategy - Specific objective E4 - Promote new approaches to the organization and management of forest areas E6 - Capacity building of stakeholders, including forest workers
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