

Support for implementation of the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030

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Introduction

- ▶ Emerging trends highlight the need to emphasise nature and biodiversity conservation criteria in sustainable forest management (SFM).
- ▶ **This project aims** to assist the Commission in delivering on its commitments to the EU Forest Strategy 2030
 - ▶ Ensuring reinforced sustainable forest management for biodiversity, climate adaptation, and forest resilience with a closer to nature approach.
 - ▶ To collect and provide scientific evidence and technical expertise
 - ▶ Desk research, surveys, interviews and events (webinars, workshops)
- ▶ Duration: Three years

Project Tasks

▶ **Task A: SFM definition (year 1)**

- ▶ Performance and gap analysis of existing criteria and indicators on Sustainable Forest Management and - where existing - thresholds/ranges from relevant sources in the Member States.
- ▶ Comparative assessment of the identified criteria and indicators, thresholds and ranges, identifying gaps and including options for new ones.

▶ **Task B: Forest Certification Schemes – (Year 1)**

- ▶ Compare criteria for forest voluntary certification schemes (FSC and PEFC) with the principles or targets for voluntary closer-to-nature forest management.
 - ▶ Focus on 8 EU Member States: DE, FR, IT, PL, RO, SL, SK and SE.
- ▶ Analysis of criteria used in other existing performance certification schemes.

Project Tasks

▶ **Task C-1 Development of an Outreach Strategy (year 1)**

- ▶ to support the spread and uptake of the Guidelines on closer-to-nature forestry, biodiversity-friendly afforestation, reforestation and tree planting and on primary and old-growth forests.
- ▶ external meetings/events (Task H)

▶ **Task H: Support to Events organisation**

- ▶ Support for the organisation of Events linked to **Task C-1 and other tasks**
- ▶ Development of a list of stakeholders and organisation of:
 - ▶ 1 conference;
 - ▶ 2 local workshops/year, covering all biogeographic regions, for min. 50 participants.
 - ▶ 3 webinars/year, with an aim to engage at least 50 participants per session
- ▶ Similar to the 3 Billion Trees Pledge project for which we ask your support, should you be interested in discussing challenges for tree planting within the pledge objectives

Project Tasks

- ▶ **Task C-2: Analysis of the value chain (year 1)**
 - ▶ Identify and assess costs and benefits of **the value chain(s) linked to clear-cutting** (biogeographic region's specificities) and to **alternative forest management practices** compatible with the objectives of the Forest Strategy.
- ▶ **Task C-3: Methodology for Mapping Primary and Old Growth Forest (year 2 - 3)**
 - ▶ To ascertaining the progress made by Member States in mapping primary and old-growth forest based on the EU definitions and guidelines
- ▶ **Task D: Use of Natura 2000 logo for NWDPs (year 2)**
 - ▶ Identify and compile practices on the use of the Natura 2000 logo based on the Commission Decision 2021/C 229/03 of 4 June 2021 on the licensing of the Natura 2000 logo, regarding non-wood forest-based products and services (NWFPs)

Project Tasks

▶ **Task E: Forest Management Plans (year 2)**

- ▶ To provide a comparative assessment and a gap analysis of Member States' legal and regulatory framework applicable to FMPs in relation to the objectives of the EU Forest Strategy on climate and biodiversity

▶ **Task G: Payment for Forest Ecosystem Services (PFES) (1 year)**

- ▶ To review existing examples and evidence of PES related to forests more systematically than those in the Commission's guidance document and identify the benefits and challenges of using PES

▶ **Task F: Education and training on SFM in line with ecological principles (year 2)**

- ▶ to support the Commission in identifying education and training programmes that need to be adapted to ensure that biodiversity and climate change objectives are considered for forest management.

Workshop's Agenda

- ▶ **Aim:** to foster an understanding of sustainable forest management, focusing on biodiversity-friendly approaches and challenges within the Alpine biogeographical region and in line with the European Commission's Guidelines (e.g. closer to nature, afforestation).
- ▶ **Alpine Convention** and Mountain Forest Management and Forest Biodiversity, by
 - ▶ Paolo Angelini (chair of Alpine Biodiversity Board of the Alpine Convention (ABB) - Ministry of Environment and Energy Security) and Alenka Smerkolj (Secretary General, Alpine Convention)
- ▶ **EU initiatives** under the EU Forest Strategy 2030: EU Guidelines on Closer to Nature and the EU 3Billion Trees Pledge by
 - ▶ Marco Onida (DG ENV, European Commission) and Prof. Renzo Motta (Universita' di Torino)
- ▶ COFFEE BREAK
- ▶ **Italian perspective:** legal Context, sustainable forest management practices in use and innovative management methods linked to closer to nature or naturalistic silviculture by:
 - ▶ Alessandra Stefani (Ministry of Agriculture), Enrico Gallo (Regione Piemonte)

Workshop's Agenda

- ▶ Case Study of **practical implementation in Alpine Italy** of Sustainable Forest Management in view of the loss of biodiversity, and key challenges to implementing a closer to nature approach and PES by
 - ▶ Giorgio Matteucci, Co-chair of the Mountain Agriculture and Mountain Forestry Working Group of the Alpine Convention - Director CNR-IBE
- ▶ Q&A
- ▶ LUNCH
- ▶ Legal framework and **Practical implementation** of Sustainable Forest Management and challenges to implement Closer to nature approach and PES
 - ▶ **In France** by Nicolas Gouix ("Forêt" Project Manager, Conservatoire d'espaces naturels (CEN) Occitanie);
 - ▶ **In Slovenia** by Prof. Dušan Roženberger (assistant professor at the Department of Forestry and Renewable Forest Resources, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Pro Sylva)
 - ▶ **In Austria** by Prof. Georg Frank (Head of Forest Reserves, Austrian Research Centre for Forest, Pro Sylva)
- ▶ COFFEE BREAK
- ▶ **Open Discussion** Challenges and opportunities for Closer-to-nature forest management and Biodiversity-friendly reforestation chaired by
 - ▶ Marco Onida (DG ENV, European Commission) and Piergiorgio Terzuolo (IPLA)

THANK YOU AND ENJOY

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