



Strengthening the ENFIN network in providing forest
information for international purposes – feasibility study

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Related initiatives, processes, organizations etc.

- **FAO** FRA Earth MAP
- **EEA** Corine, FISE
- **JRC**, EFDAC
- **Copernicus** CLMS, CGLS
- **ICP**, Forest monitoring
- **Forest Europe** SoEF
- **ENFIN**, COST E43, Diabolo
- **EFINET**
- ...
- **EU forest strategy for 2030**
 - aims at developing a forest monitoring system for the EU

EU Forest Strategy 2030

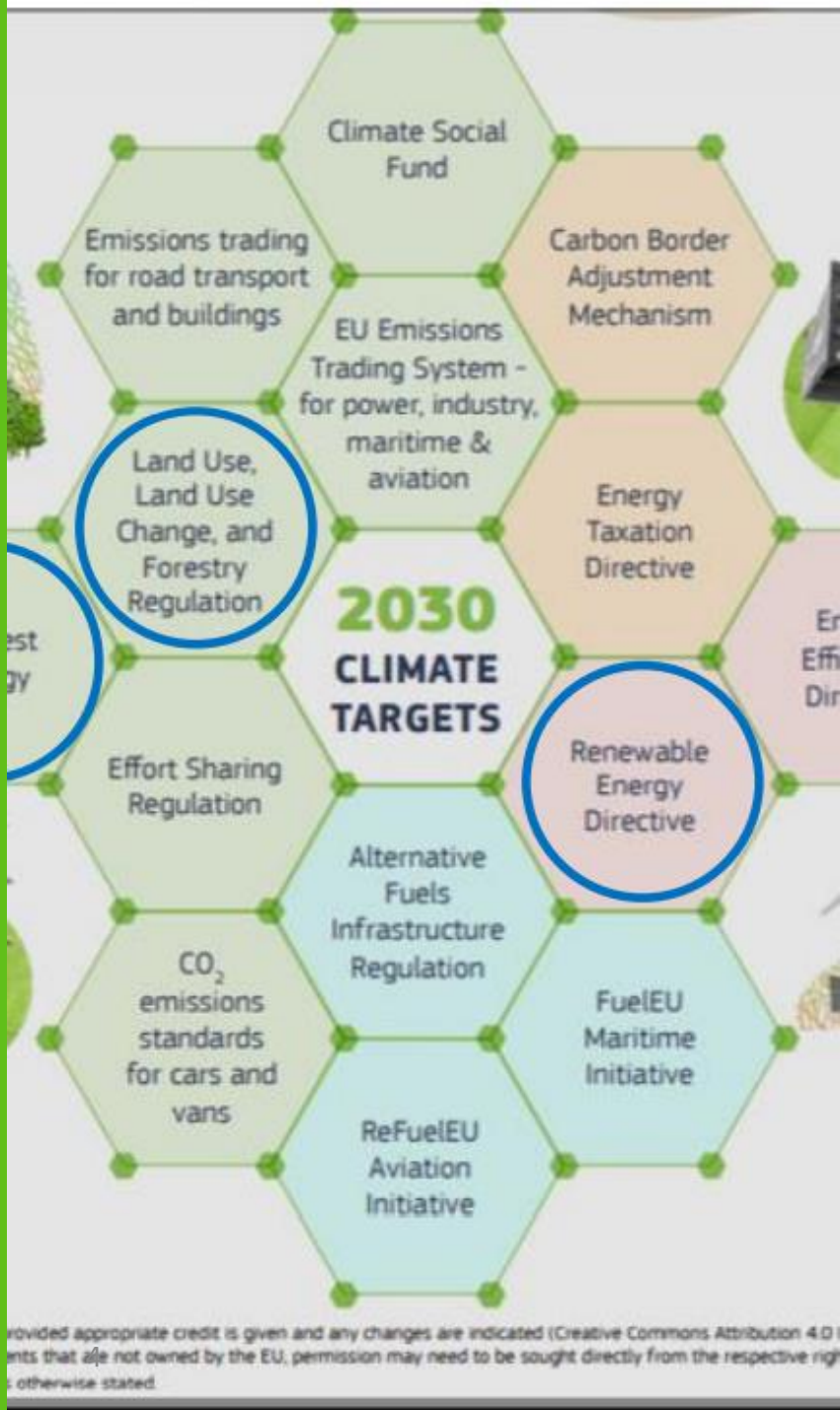
- Proposal for a regulation on EU Forest Observation, Reporting and Data Collection to ensure a coordinated EU forest monitoring, data collection and reporting system (expected in the second quarter of 2023).
- This would require Member States' competent authorities to prepare strategic plans for forests and the forest based sector.
 - Based on The Forest Information System for Europe (FISE).
 - NFIs are not mentioned in the forest strategy.

Forest, environment and climate policy instruments of the EU

Existing or upcoming legislation that affects forest management directly or indirectly:

1. A European **Green Deal** and the EU plan for Green Transition (**Fit for 55**)
2. **Biodiversity strategy** of the EU
3. **EU taxonomy** for sustainable activities
4. **Forest strategy** of the EU
5. **Renewable energy directive** (RED III)
6. **Revision of the LULUCF- regulation** (2021-2035)
7. **EU soil strategy** for 2030
8. Proposal for regulation on **deforestation-free** products
9. Revision of the legislation of forest **reproductive material**
10. **EU nature restoration** legislation

What kind of monitoring do these initiatives require?



Objectives of the study and main elements of the report

The objective of the study is to present alternatives for strengthening the ENFIN network and establishing a European office (or similar) for National Forest Inventories (NFI:s).

1. Description of the supply of and demand for international forest information (providers, distributors, users)
2. Analysis of possibilities for enhancing the services by NFI:s to international data provision, including the question of data flows and challenges of access to the data
3. Description of organizational alternatives: permanent office, association, European Scientific Infrastructure (ESFRI), etc.

Methodology

- participating in the **ENFIN meeting** in Norway 12-14.10.2022
- **interviews**, including at least ENFIN members, JRC, EEA, relevant EU DG:s, Forest Europe and Eurostat
 1. role of ENFIN network (current and potential) among other data providers
 2. analysis of existing data gaps, emerging needs to collect new data in forest inventories
- two **workshops** (online, concept from the Forest Policy Forum)
 1. analysis of the current situation with information users and data needs (EU forest strategy, Forest Europe, TBFRA, FISE, EFINET, etc). Jan 25th, 2023
 2. presenting of preliminary proposals for proceeding February 20th, 2023
- writing a **final report**, including outlining options for future development and recommendations for further steps to be taken.
- project **organization**
 - project group: Risto Päivinen, Henry Schneider (Tapio) and Klemens Schadauer (representative of the ENFIN network).
- Project **timetable**: 9/2022 – 2/2023