

Summary Report

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**Albania,
Czech Republic,
Hungary,
Lithuania,
Norway,
Poland,
Romania,
Russia,
Serbia and Montenegro,
Slovakia, Slovenia,
Sweden,
Switzerland
United Kingdom**



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1. In what way are the EFSOS 'Conclusions and Policy Recommendations' relevant for your country?

- Shift of production towards the East - potential threats to environmental benefits
- Promote the use of wood as an environmentally friendly energy source and construction material
- Intensify the inter-sectoral coordination and the cross-sectoral dialogue
- Increasing importance of the social and environmental benefits provided by forests



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2. Which of the policy scenario assumptions made in EFSOS fits best to the situation in your country?

- "Baseline" scenario is the most suitable forecasts, In some cases "Integration" / "Conservation"
- Controversial discussion about the influence of innovations with regard to increased competitiveness



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3. What kind of significant changes are you expecting with regard to your country's forest sector policy in the next 3 – 5 years?

- EFSOS catalyses policy decision making
- Difficulties to establish links between expected changes in the countries and the EFSOS report
- Main impact is seen from the network of EFSOS National Correspondents
- Capacity building with regard to the reduction of the poverty in the rural areas, law enforcement
- Investments in CIS



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4. Who uses the information, conclusions and recommendations presented in EFSOS in your country? Who else could potentially benefit from EFSOS?

- EFSOS is used in their countries by various forest sector institutions and stakeholders, mainly the state administrations responsible for forest land use and rural development
- Other state administrations (economic affairs, labour and others), state forest management units, private forestry and wood processing industry, universities and training institutions, the research community as well as environmental authorities and NGOs



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5. What process is used to make EFSOS known and review it at the national level?

- EFSOS is introduced through round-table discussions and national publications (hardcopies and web)
- EFSOS outcomes will be used in some countries as a base and justification during the nfp process
- Presentations by FAO/UNECE staff on national events help to disseminate the EFSOS outcomes and to encourage implementation measures



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6. What are significant information/analysis/ideas added by EFSOS?

- Common methodology for all analyzed countries and the consistent and comparable country by country historical analyses as well as forecasts of forest resource developments and forest products markets
- Reliable assumption about possible scenarios of the development of the policy and market framework
- Differentiated forecasting of production, trade and consumption of forest products
- EFSOS is recognised as a tool for harmonisation of the implementation of international commitments and national legislation



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7. Do you have any comments on the EFSOS country profile for your country?

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8. What are your suggestions and comments with regard to further UNECE/FAO Forest Sector Outlook activities?

- EFSOS should be continued as an intergovernmental activity under the auspices of UNECE/FAO
- Inter-sectoral and cross-sectoral coordination
- Improve the empirical base, the methodology, particularly the policy scenario analysis
- Translation into national languages



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