

Press release
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European National Forest Inventories join forces for European forest monitoring and create ENFIN Association

More than 30 European organisations in charge of National Forest Inventories (NFI), have worked in collaboration since 2003 through a voluntary network: the European National Forest Inventories Network (ENFIN).

National Forest Inventories (NFIs) represent the most comprehensive, reliable, large-scale forest monitoring systems. In the context of growing climate change impacts on forests and increasing human expectations on forests, NFIs have to further develop forest information both at country and European levels.

Building on their experience and willing to strengthen the role the network has been playing for many years in developing science, technology and governance at European level, the members established a formal ENFIN Association on October 14th. The association is registered under French law and the office will be established in France.

The ENFIN Association will work towards better harmonized forest information and help NFIs collectively contribute to European and international debates in a broad range of forest related policies.

ENFIN's vision is for a Europe where forests thrive and hence contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The association will work towards European Forest Monitoring by providing a discussion forum for bodies responsible for NFIs in Europe and strengthening their outreach through enhanced visibility and credibility to their products that support the development of forest related policies.

ENFIN's core values are transparent approach and scientific rigour to its work while serving societal needs.

At the first and founding meeting, 18 organisations became members of the ENFIN association and several other European NFI organisations are on their way to join the association.

The ENFIN Association also offers partnership for other organisations that want to promote the aims of the association.

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Austria – Federal research and training centre for forests, natural hazards and landscape

Denmark – Ministry of green transition

Finland – LUKE

France – IGN

Germany – Thünen institute

Iceland – Land and forest

Ireland – Forest service, department of agriculture, food and marines

Italy – Academy of forest sciences

Latvia – State forest research institute (SILAVA)

Lithuania – State forest service, NFI department

The Netherlands – WENR

Norway – Norwegian Institute of bioeconomy research

Poland – Bureau of forest management and geodesy

Romania – National Institute for research and development in forestry

Slovenia – Slovenian forest institute

Sweden – SLU

Switzerland – Federal institute for forest, snow and landscape research, WSL

Ukraine – Ukrainian state forest management planning association

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