

## Pillar E. Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy

**Goal: Policies and institutions relevant to the forest sector promote sustainable forest management; policy making is evidence-based, policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable and monitoring is adequate in order to mainstream the green economy in forest sector policies.**

Possible actions		Possible actors
<b>E.0</b>	<b><i>Objective: to develop and communicate ambitious and realistic strategies for governance and monitoring of the forest sector.</i></b>	
E.0.1	Upon request of the country, carry out national forest sector policy reviews, in an international context, with peer review, along the lines of the environmental performance reviews carried out by UNECE.	UNECE/FAO, governments with relevant stakeholder
E.0.2	Review national forest sector governance and the adequacy of available supporting information (when such a review has not been undertaken recently).	Governments with relevant stakeholders
E.0.3	Analyse the conditions under which policies affecting the forest sector are set, to better understand why policies are formulated as they are and to investigate where improvement may be made in order to overcome limitations.	Science, EFI
E.0.4	Develop the capacities (skills, information, institutions, etc.) of all stakeholders (workforce, private sector, administrations, etc.) to implement sustainable forest management, and forest protection and monitor progress in its implementation.	Governments, stakeholders, public private partnerships, UNECE/FAO
E.0.5	Review gender aspects of the forest sector in the green economy, starting from the conclusions and recommendations of <i>Time for action: changing the gender situation in forestry</i> by the ECE/FAO team of specialists on women in forestry, 2006, and develop further actions as appropriate.	Governments, civil society, UNECE/FAO, FAO

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<b>E.1</b>	<b><i>To review existing forest sector policy instruments in the light of the requirements of a green economy, and, if necessary, make proposals for a new approach, while improving synergies at the international level.</i></b>	
E.1.1	Prepare detailed and objective study at the regional level of policy instruments in place and whether they are appropriate for a green economy, leading, if appropriate to proposals for improvement.	UNECE/FAO, FOREST EUROPE, EFI, ILO with other IGO, JRC
E.1.2	Include the green economy as one of the main topics of programmes of work.	UNECE/FAO, relevant forest sector organizations and institutions, JRC
E.1.3	Create European forest partnership on a voluntary basis to improve coordination and cooperation between international organisations in Europe.	UNECE/FAO, FOREST EUROPE, EU agencies, EFI, with other agencies, JRC, ARCMED
E.1.4	Prepare detailed and objective study at the national level of policy instruments in place and whether they are appropriate for a green economy, leading, if appropriate to proposals for improvement.	Governments, science, EFI
E.1.5	Promote sustainable forestry in rural communities including forest-based entrepreneurship, capacity building and innovation.	Governments
<b>E.2</b>	<b><i>Objective: To ensure that the forest information available is comprehensive and comparable, structured according to the regional criteria and indicators sets, at the appropriate spatial resolution for decision making, that analysis of the outlook makes it possible to assess the consequences of policy choices, and that policy makers make use of the best available information and analysis.</i></b>	
E.2.1	Maintain and develop present inter-organisation cooperation on forest resource assessment (CFRQ), State of Europe's Forests (SoEF) and forest sector outlook studies, set up appropriate task forces to address the challenges in measuring particular indicators.	UNECE/FAO (notably teams on Monitoring of SFM and on Outlook), FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process, TI, JRC, partners for SoEF and the outlook studies
E.2.2	Develop the capacity of all countries so that they can make available usable data for all indicators for sustainable forest management.	Governments, UNECE/FAO, international Criteria and Indicators partners, JRC

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E.2.3	<p>Develop the forest sector's contribution to broader green economy indicator data sets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- explore how "forest sector" indicators can be used to report on the green economy</li> <li>- discuss with other sectors how they want to report on their contribution to a green economy</li> <li>- use the pan European and the Montreal Process criteria and indicators to assess sustainable forest management</li> </ul> <p>- update indicators and develop new ones whenever appropriate</p> <p>- ensure that forest sector indicators for green economy monitoring are consistent with other forest sector indicators, notably those for sustainable forest management.</p>	FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process, UNECE/FAO, EFI, UNEP JRC
E.2.4	Produce regular fact based reports on sustainable forest management in countries, based on international and national criteria and indicators.	Governments, stakeholders, EFI, UNECE/FAO, JRC
<b>E.3</b>	<b><i>Objective: To develop an agreed method for assessing sustainable forest management at the international level, based on criteria and indicator sets, and apply this method, to provide policy makers, particularly in the forest sector, with clear information on whether forest are being sustainably managed or not.</i></b>	
E.3.1	Develop an agreed methodology to assess the sustainability of forest management, possibly building on SoEF 2011 experience, as well as the experience of other processes, and implement it.	UNECE/FAO, science, SoEF partners, Montréal Process, JRC, EU
E.3.2	Encourage cooperation between FOREST EUROPE and the Montréal Process.	FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process, UNECE/FAO, FAO/FRA, Governments
E.3.3	Assess the sustainability of forest management at the national level.	Governments, with relevant stakeholders
E.3.4	Develop capacity for reporting on indicators of sustainable forest management, at national and international level.	UNECE/FAO, FOREST EUROPE, EFI (incl. its project on implementation of criteria and indicators), JRC

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<b>E.4</b>	<b><i>To improve communication with the public and policy makers about the forest sector's actual and potential role in the green economy and facilitate public participation in the debate on the green economy</i></b>	
E.4.1	Improve the sector's capacity to communicate, by developing national and international communications, capacities and funding, and sharing experience.	UNECE/FAO, FCN, FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process with other agencies
E.4.2	Implement communications that will result in public opinion and legislators considering wood to be an "ecologically, economically, and technically preferred" construction material and make the best use of the Strategic Framework for Forest Communication in Europe to this end.	UNECE/FAO, FCN, FOREST EUROPE, Montréal Process, relevant national actors, ARCMED
<b>E.5</b>	<b><i>Objective: To communicate lessons learned in the forest sector to other sectors, and to learn from other sector's experience</i></b>	
E.5.1	Monitor green economy developments in the ECE region forest sector and ensure that organizations active on global green economy issues, such as UNEP, are aware of them.	UNECE/FAO, UNEP
E.5.2	Carry out a comparative analysis of the concept of "sustainable forest management" as it appears in work from different backgrounds such as LULUCF, forest sector, criteria for bio-energy, etc.	EFI with relevant partners (UNFF, FAO, UNFCCC, EU, FOREST EUROPE etc.), Montréal Process
E.5.3	Ensure the participation of forest stakeholders in cross-sectoral processes and initiatives related to green economy.	Governments, science, stakeholders, ARCMED
E.5.4	Establish cross-sectoral working groups, develop contacts with other green economy sectors, and share experience (also international) and identify success factors.	UNECE/FAO
E.5.5	Add "forests and the green economy" to the educational curriculum.	Forestry faculties, education ministries