
Highlights of Serbian Forestry Sector -regional cooperation-

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Organisational structure of forestry

- Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management
 - Directorate of Forests
- Public enterprises
 - Srbijašume
 - Vojvodinašume
- Education and Research institutions
 - Faculty
 - Institutes

National/regional policies/plans on forest management

- *Forest Development Strategy for Serbia*
- *National Forestry Inventory*
- *National Sustainable Development Strategy (with related Action Plan)*
- *Regional Development Strategy*
- *Rural Development Strategy*
- *National Strategy for Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Goods*
- *National Strategy of Serbia for the Serbia and Montenegro's Accession to the EU*
- *Forest Certification Process*
- *Natura 2000 Network*
- *Draft National Forest Programme*

On-going international/regional/transborder projects

- *Wood Energy for Sustainable Rural Development*
- *Strengthening Administrative Capacities for Protected Areas in Serbia (NATURA 2000)*
- *National Renewable Energy Action Plan*



Potential Important forest areas/hotspots

National priority topics on forest management

- Increased contribution of forestry sector to economic and social development of country
- Achievement of sustainable forest management in state forests through protection/improvement of forests
- Management of private forests and forest lands performed by the forest owners in a sustainable way
- Conditions provided for game management using appropriate measures of forest management in order to maintain the genetic potential of game, their number and quality as well as to enable control of game population
- Education of adequate forestry professionals for the sector
- Efficient exchange of information internally in forestry sector and externally between forestry and other sectors, as well as rising public awareness on importance of forestry and forests for society
- Strengthening international and regional cooperation in forestry and related sectors
- Protection of forest areas, biodiversity and gene pool of tree species, using protected areas for education, recreation, tourism and other ecologically acceptable means of management
- Mitigation of negative effects and impacts in forest and surrounding areas
- Active participation of all stakeholders in implementation of national forest policy and legal framework

Status of forestry harmonisation with EU legislation

Preserve and enhance the system of environmental protection, reduce pollution and environmental pressure, use natural resources in a manner ensuring their sustainability for the future generations through:

- Establishing a system of protection and sustainable use of natural values or resources (air, water, mineral resources, forests, fish, wild flora and fauna);
- Strengthening the interrelations and achieving significant effects between environmental protection and economic growth, integrating environmental policy in different sectoral development policies;
- Investing in reduced pollution of the environment and development of cleaner technologies;
- Reducing the high energy intensity of the Serbian economy and provide for a promotion and more efficient use of renewable energy sources;
- Planning sustainable production and consumption and reducing waste generation by unit of product.

Cooperation between forest and water sector

Conclusions on forestry meeting held in Andrevlje, november 2011.

- Law on Ministries (responsibilities of both sectors prescribed and procedure recognized.
- Overlapping mainly in management with protective forests and watershed basins
- Main obstacle - special drainage tax
- Relations between two sectors are mainly cooperative and interactive in positive manners.