

Better science-policy interaction needed

There is a growing need to streamline the processes bringing forest science to international and national policy support. Nordic and Northern European countries possess a very good potential to contribute more value towards our sustainable future through more active cooperation in identifying best practices in interactive mechanisms.



The goal of this network is to promote North European synergies within forest research and to establish closer collaboration between forest research communities in the Nordic, Baltic and North Atlantic regions by networking activities. This network has aimed specifically for speeding up the process of turning research results into effective practical forestry applications and support for policy-making in the participating countries by taking the following steps:

- Creating a Northern European network for exchanging experiences on, and developing instruments for, bringing research results to policy support,
- Organizing an international workshop to carry out benchmarking,
- Developing applications for further Nordic and European projects that can identify best practices for transferring forest science to practical applications and policy support.



As the role of forests in various international and national policy initiatives - particularly those related to climate change - has recently surged, there is a growing need to upgrade the processes bringing science to policy support.

Nordic and North European countries are among the best in the world when it comes to scientific excellence in forest related issues. However, we know very little about the mechanisms how research results are turned into effective policy support in our neighboring countries.

The arrangements within interaction between science and policy vary in the Nordic and Northern European countries. The countries involved in this network have a great potential to contribute more value towards our sustainable future when cooperating on research-based policy advice rather than acting alone.

An advisory group (or project) to identify the best practice approach for transferring Nordic forest science to international and national policy support.

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