

Report for annual networks

Submit the report to sns@slu.se by 24:00 CET, 1st of March the year after the activities.
The report should not exceed 2000 words.

Please adjust the size of the boxes to the length of your answer.

1. Title of the network:	Promoting sustainable forestry in a growing bioeconomy for Europe -PROFOR
2. Network number:	N2019-06

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Activities

4. Place of the activity:	(1) Riga, Latvia (2) Tallinn, Estonia (3) Brussels, Belgium
Duration of the activity (start date, end date):	1) 20-21.3 ; 2) 6-7.5 ; 3) 9-10.12.2020

5. Provide a short network summary, including:	<p>a) The purpose of the project/main problems/background</p> <p>Forests are central in the transition towards a circular bio-economy, reducing dependency on fossil fuels and fossil-based materials while maintaining ecosystem services and promoting economic development. The transition to a circular bio-economy includes an increased demand for wood and woody products. Forest and forestry constitute an important part of the economy in most of the Baltic-Nordic countries, not least in rural, usually forested areas where forestry constitutes a cornerstone for the present bio-based industry and therefore also in the envisaged bio-based economy.</p> <p>The similarities concerning forest production in Baltic-Nordic countries justify the forming a network to emphasise the importance of forestry in the region and address issues that are needed regarding research and innovation in an EU context. Speaking with “one voice”, i.e., sending the same message from different countries and stakeholders is important to make a larger impact on, policy development as well as funding possibilities in the European context.</p> <p>b) A description of the main activities of the network</p> <p>Two workshops were organized in the first half of 2019. The first workshop in Riga was mainly to set up the network of the applicants, and to identify common topics and views within the frame of “Sustainable Northern Forestry”. The second workshop in Tallinn was organised jointly with Fordisman-network, and we also invited other research institutions as well as stakeholders to further elaborate the topics to draft of a scientific article manuscript.</p> <p>The article manuscript was used as a basis for written presentations for the Workshop in Brussels in December.</p> <p>The Workshop “Providing Sustainable Solutions –The North European Forestry” was organized in December 10th in Brussels. The speakers, panellists and participants (tot. 60 pers.) consisted of actors from the Commission, the European Parliament (3 MEPs), Perm. Representations, European regions as well as Brussels stakeholders. <u>Program attached</u>. PROFOR network had 7 targeted presentations on issues important from the North-European perspective, as well as on a European level. (see 6. Outcome).</p>
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The outcome of the panel discussion of the WS was used to finalise the PROFOR Policy Brief.

Outcome

6. Published outputs achieved as a consequence of the network (peer-reviewed articles, other publications)

i) Manuscript "Northern European Boreal Forestry and Active Management – State of the art and challenges" to be submitted to e.g. AMBIO; ii) Policy brief "Promoting sustainable forestry in a Growing Bioeconomy"; iii) BRU WS presentations: <https://www.slideshare.net/LukeFinland/clipboards/providing-sustainable-solutions-the-north-european-forestry>

7. Other practical outputs of the project (workshops, conferences, scientific meetings, policy recommendations, conferences, large-scale project applications, databases or websites etc.)

- 1) PROFOR – Work shop "Providing Sustainable Solutions –The North European Forestry" to EU decision makers and stakeholders 10.12.20, in Brussels (60 participants).
- 2) Work Shop 20-21.3, in Riga (12 participants)
- 3) Work Shop (with stakeholders) 6-7.5, in Tallinn (20 participants)

PROFOR –flyer, on SNS web site <https://nordicforestresearch.org/n2020-05/>

8. How and within which areas was the network beneficial for the Nordic region?

In the area of circular forest based bio-economy, by transferring knowledge on different aspects of Northern forests and forestry, and how they contribute to SDGs to Brussels decision makers.

* Nordic is defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the autonomous areas of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland Islands.

9. Provide a popular science piece for dissemination in SNS' various channels (maximum 700 words) with emphasis on application of results and benefits for the Nordic society.

Provide pictures (size at least 500x500 pixels and resolution at least 72 pixels) as separate files (.jpg). Include caption to each picture, including the name of photographer.

- 1) Executive Summary from the Work Shop "Providing Sustainable Solutions –The North European Forestry" https://gallery.mailchimp.com/09f2ceae2006d6a7135de8949/files/7f90e07d-9058-42ba-8331-15b04b8d5269/PROFOR_summary_final_.pdf
- 2) Profor Policy brief is a ready-to-use material for this purpose (attached)

Participation and inclusion in the network activities

10. Participants

Country	PhD students & Post-docs	Senior researchers	Stakeholders	Communication officers	Gender			Total
					Women	Men	Other	
Denmark			2		2			2
Finland	2	6	9	1	9	9		18
Other EU*			27	5	18	14		32

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Norway	1	1			1	1		2
Sweden	1	2	2		3	2		5
Estonia		3	2		2	3		5
Latvia		3	2		2	3		5
Lithuania		2	3		4	1		5
Total	4	17	47	6	41	33		74

*in Brussels event 10.12.2019

Economic report

11. Received grant from SNS (SEK):

14.093,55€ (149 300 SEK)

12. Costs	SNS funding	Co-financing	Total
Travel and accommodation	9098,36	3155,45	12253,81
Meeting costs	3008,27		3008,27
Communication	150,00		150,00
Other costs: Salaries		17563,81	17563,81
Total SUM (SEK)	12256,63€ (128081,78 SEK)	38399,40 (401273,78 SEK)	50656,03 (529355,56 SEK)

EUR-SEK Currency rate of 20.3.2019: 10,45 used in the bookkeeping

13. Allocation of SNS funding

Country	Partner organization	% of total
Finland	Naturresursinstitutet (Luke)	20
Sweden	Skogforsk	8
Norway	Norsk institutt for bioøkonomi (NIBIO)	18
Estonia	Estonian University of Life Sciences	17
Latvia	Latvian State Forest Research Institute – Silava	17
Lithuania	Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (LRCAF)	20
Total SUM		100 %

14. Economic result (deficit or surplus)

surplus 1836,96€

Optional: Comments to the economic reporting


We ask permission from the SNS Board to spend the surplus in 2020 activities.

The surplus arose due to extra co-financing to travel costs received from the Swedish Forest Agency.

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I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge

Signature of the main applicant


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