

# Report for annual networks

Submit the report to [sns@slu.se](mailto:sns@slu.se) by 24:00 CET, 1<sup>st</sup> of March the year after the network period.  
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:	N2020-05
3. Main applicant:	Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) / Mika Mustonen (successor of Leena Paavilainen who has retired)
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## Activities

4. Place of the activities:	1) Vilnius Lithuania 2) Brussels (virtual meetings) 3) Virtual workshops
Duration of the activities (start date, end date):	1) 9-10.3.2020 2) 18-19.1.2021, 1.2.2021 3) 23.3.2020, 30.11.2020, 23.2.2021, 12.10.2021.

5. Provide a short network summary, including:
<p>a) The purpose of the network/main problems/background</p> <p>The European Green Deal, a new growth strategy launched by the Commission aims to transform the EU into a fair and prosperous society with a greener competitive economy, with no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050. A sustainable forest sector could, and should, play a central role in this transition.</p> <p>The Commission's roadmap of the key policies and measures needed to achieve the goals of the European Green Deal includes several separate initiatives reflecting on forest sector, such as European Climate Law, (incl. LULUCF and Renewable Energy Directive), EU Biodiversity Strategy and New EU Forest Strategy. However, forests are seen in a rather narrow perspective, contributing to carbon sink and biodiversity. EU forest-based bio-economy can do much more for reaching the Green Deal climate, biodiversity, economic and social objectives that should be not missed.</p> <p>Speaking with several voices in one message, i.e., sending the same message from several countries and stakeholders is important for science-to-policy support, and to make more impact on sectorial Green Deal policies, as well as research funding which will be reflecting the content of the policies.</p> <p>b) A description of the main activities of the network</p> <p>A Workshop was organised in March 2020 in Vilnius to elaborate science based messages on Northern multifunctional forests, within the themes of biodiversity, forests and carbon issues and wood production for bioeconomy. Young researchers as well as stakeholders were invited as speakers.</p> <p>Three virtual visits to Commission DG ENV, DG AGRI and DG CLIMA was organised between 18 January- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. The aim of the visits was to discuss and to give science-based policy support to the COM DGs responsible for the preparation on the New EU Forest Strategy for 2030. The strategy was released in July 2021. The topics of the PROFOR presentations were the role of forests and forestry in</p>

biodiversity, climate change mitigation and circular bioeconomy. Policy brief based on messages was published, for the meetings and for wider distribution.

Manuscript to peer-reviewed article **Trilemma of Nordic–Baltic Forestry—How to Implement UN Sustainable Development Goals**, was finalised and published in Sustainability in May 2021.

One workshop and an event to Brussels decision makers in 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic and replaced with virtual WSs and meetings with COM DGs in early 2021. The cancelled event in BRU was planned to be take place in Jan 2022. However, due to new pandemic restrictions it was postponed to June 2022.

## Outcomes

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

Policy Brief **Norther multifunctional forests**, for the meetings and for wider distribution:  
[https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PROFOR\\_Northern-Multifunctional-Forests\\_policy\\_brief-FINAL-2-2.pdf](https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PROFOR_Northern-Multifunctional-Forests_policy_brief-FINAL-2-2.pdf).

**Trilemma of Nordic–Baltic Forestry—How to Implement UN Sustainable Development Goals** <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/13/10/5643>

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

- 1) Work Shop 9-10.3 2020, in Vilnius, Lithuania (19 participants).
- 2) Four virtual workshops to elaborate the published outputs and prepare the visits to the COM 23.3 & 30.11.2020, 23.2. & 12.10.2021 (14 participants).
- 3) Three virtual visits to Commission DG ENV, DG AGRI and DG CLIMA 18.1& 19.1.2021 1.2.2021 (14 network members, 13 COM Officials).

8. How and within which areas was the network beneficial for the Nordic region (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the autonomous areas of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland Islands)?

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.

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.

Policy Brief **Norther multifunctional forests**, ready-to-use for the purpose:  
[https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PROFOR\\_Northern-Multifunctional-Forests\\_policy\\_brief-FINAL-2-2.pdf](https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PROFOR_Northern-Multifunctional-Forests_policy_brief-FINAL-2-2.pdf).

## Participation and inclusion in the network activities

### 10. Participants

Country			Stakeholders		Gender	Total
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	PhD students & Post-docs	Other researchers		Communication officers	Women	Men	Other	
Finland		3			1	2		3
Norway		1				1		1
Sweden		2				2		2
Estonia		2			1	1		2
Latvia	2	2			1	3		4
Lithuania	1	5	3		4	5		9
Other EU*					4	9		13
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Total					11	23		34

- Visits to the Cogmission

## Economic report

11. Received grant from SNS (SEK):
197.980 + 19.196,23 (1836, 96 eur) surplus from the reporting in 2020

12. Costs	SNS funding	Co-financing	Total
Travel and accommodation	29.997,72		29.997,72
Meeting costs	18.748,98		18.748,98
Communication	22.993,83		22.993,83
Other costs (salaries)		120.017,86	120.017,86
<b>Total SUM (SEK)</b>	<b>71.740,52</b>		<b>191.758,38</b>

13. Allocation of SNS funding		
Country	Partner organization	% of total
Denmark		
Finland	Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE (incl. common communication costs)	82,9
Sweden	Skogforsk	5,0
Norway	NIBIO	6,1
Iceland		
Estonia	Estonian University of Life Sciences	6,1
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Total SUM		
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**14. Economic result (deficit or surplus)**

Surplus 142.357,54 SEK.

The surplus comes from the events canceled and postponed due to the pandemic (see chapter 5). The PROFOR network kindly asks the Secretariat for permission to use the surplus for activities in 2022. The plan is to organize a forest seminar in Brussels in June 2022. The surplus would be used as complementary funding for travel and meeting costs for this event. Preliminary spending plan for the surplus:

Meeting costs 35 000 SEK

Travel to BRU & accommodation 1 night for 6 network members \*17 000= 102 000 SEK

**Optional: Comments to the economic reporting**

Other costs include salaries of the coordinator

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

**Signature of the main applicant**


Natural Resources Institute Finland

22.2.2022

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Signature

Organization

Date

Mika Mustonen, Senior Specialist  
Printed name

**Signature of the department head at the department of the main applicant**


Natural Resources Institute Finland

22.2.2022

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Signature

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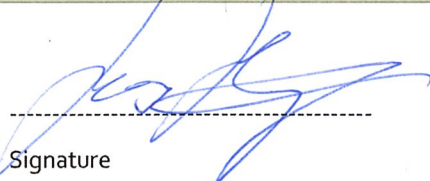
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Jani Lehto, Vice President, Bioeconomy and Environment  
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Second applicant's signature, place and date

	Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry	22.02.2022
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Signature	Institution	Date
Gintaras Brazauskas		
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Printed name		

Third applicant's signature, place and date

	Skogforsk	23/2-22
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Signature	Institution	Date
Lars Högberg		
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Printed name		