

Final report for SNS research projects 2022-2024

Submit the report to sns@slu.se by 24:00 CET, 1st of September, 2025, at the latest.

The report should not exceed 3500 words (including words in the template).

Please adjust the size of the box according to the length of your answer.

1. Project title:	Transdisciplinary co-production in forest policy research (ForPol)
2. Project code:	SNS-128
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Activity report

4. Provide a project summary for the whole project period, including:

a) The purpose of the project/main problems/hypothesis addressed

ForPol project is a "sister" project of a larger interdisciplinary forest policy research project, called 'Green Forests policies: a comparative assessment of outcomes and trade-offs across Fenno-Scandinavia' (GreenPole 2021-2025). GreenPole is a project developed by a consortium established in 2021 and composed of three Nordic Universities, including Lund University, Copenhagen University and the University of Helsinki (funded by NordForsk with €1.5 million). GreenPole is an interdisciplinary research project aimed at assessing trade-offs and synergies between climate, biodiversity and human wellbeing in policy-making. ForPol project supports transdisciplinary outreach and stakeholder engagement in relation to the GreenPole project.

b) A short description of the main activities of the project

2022-2023 Development of stakeholder and communication strategy, project's website and logo, in collaboration with the company ResearchRetold, which is specialized in improving communication of research projects and researchers.

April-May 2023 - Doctoral researcher Teemu Harrinkari was hired in ForPol project. During his time in ForPol, Teemu worked on finalizing the scientific articles produced during his PhD studies and on writing popular science pieces.

2023-2024 Training events were organized, accessible to all project members, together with the company ResearchRetold, which is specialized in improving communication of research projects and researchers.

- May 2023 – Online training event on writing a popular science piece.
- August 2023 – Online training event on writing a policy brief.
- October 2023 - Joint project meeting in person, held in Stockholm, including FORPOL and its "sister" project GreenPole. The meeting included a training event on interview skills and media.
- November 2023 – Online training event on engaging with non-academic stakeholders.
- February 2024 – Online training event on diversity (including gender) and stakeholder communication

2024 -2025 Adj. Prof. Dalia D'Amato worked at 10% during May 2024- March 2025, using ForPol salary budget, to support managing GreenPole project and GreenPole-ForPol communication efforts, as well as completing the final report to SNS.

c) Achieved targets

The project achieved and exceeded outcomes and outputs expected for the overall period (2022-2024).

Expected outcomes according to plan (2022-2024)	Outcomes achieved during 2022-2023
Capacity-building and training sessions for all staff members will result in a project-wide strategy for stakeholder engagement, i.e. a written document to be circulated among project members.	The project has successfully organized all of the capacity-building/training sessions planned for the staff members. A communication and stakeholder engagement strategy have been produced for GreenPole project staff, as well as the visual identity (including a logo), a website and linkedin page.
Stakeholder surveys and small focus groups will result in primary data.	Data collection conducted during Spring-Summer 2023, with questionnaire-based interviews targeting key forest policy scholars and experts in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway.
A participatory scenario planning workshop supported by the stakeholders engaged and by the data collected during the ForPol project (2022-2024). The workshop is financed by the GreenPole project.	Held in Summer 2024 at IUFRO World Congress.
Expected publishable academic and non-academic outputs	Publications accepted and under development during 2022-2023
One scientific article to be published in a high quality scientific journal, based on the primary data collected through survey-methods eliciting stakeholder perceptions.	Two scientific articles submitted to international journals and an open access database published (Section 6, items a-b, h, i). One scientific article under development (item i).
A popular science article as a contribution to national newspapers and/or to web-based, open access popular science outlets (e.g. The Conversation, Voices for Sustainability).	Three popular science pieces published and two under development (Section 6, items c-g).

d) Did the network develop and deliver as planned? If not, please explain why

The work was developed and delivered as planned and all goals were achieved and exceeded.

Small divergences in the use of the budget were agreed upon with SNS.

- The use of the budget was extended until March 2025 to continue supporting GreenPole project (ForPol's sister project), which ends in 2025.
- In the original plan, we had promised to co-finance 690455SEK for dissemination and communication costs from GreenPole project. However, as we later on decided that most of GreenPole's dissemination/communication costs will occur in 2025, we agreed with SNS to change the 690455SEK of co-financing from dissemination/communication to salaries. We have otherwise already met all other co-financing requirements for ForPol project.

5. List the published outputs achieved as a consequence of the project (peer-reviewed articles, other publications)

- a) Popular science piece (article for expert community in Finnish): Harrinkari, T. 2024. Miten kestävyys on näkynyt suomalaisen metsäpolitiikan tavoitteissa 1990-luvulta nykypäivään? (Translation: How has sustainability been reflected in the goals of Finnish forest policy from the 1990s to the present day?). *Metsätieteen aikakauskirja* (Translation: *Journal of Forestry*).
- b) Scientific article: Nebasifu, A., D'Amato, D., Fridén, A., Ekström, H., Harrinkari, T., Piterinen, N., Iliev, B., Brownell II, P.H., Thomsen, M., May, W., Brockhaus, M., Droste, N. 2024. Evaluating Nordic Forest governance: Key Informants perspectives. *Forest Policy and Economics* 170, 103368. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2024.103368>
- c) Scientific article: Fridén, A., D'Amato, D., Ekström, H., Iliev, B., Nebasifu, A., May, W., Thomsen, M., Droste, N. 2024. Mapping two centuries of forest governance in Nordic countries: An open access database. *Forest Policy and Economics* 160, 103142. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2023.103142>
- d) Scientific article: Nebasifu, A., Kirchner, S., D'Amato, D., Juho, K., Loikkanen, T., Tkach, P. 2024. Nordic Forest Policy: Re-visiting Cross Border Cooperation? *Current Developments in Arctic Law* (submitted).
- e) Harrinkari, T. 2024. Kestävyyden edistäminen Suomen metsäpolitiikassa 1990–2020. [Promotion of sustainability in Finnish forest policy 1990–2020.] *Puumies* 6/2024.
- f) Popular science piece (blog post): Nebasifu, A. 2023 Unsettling Ecological Imperialism by Reconciling South-North Interests. *Global South Encounters*. <https://blogs.helsinki.fi/helsusglobalsouth/2023/10/02/unsettling-ecological-imperialism-by-reconciling-south-north-interests/>
- g) Database: Fridén, A., Nebasifu, A., D'Amato, D., Ekström, H., May, W., Iliev, B., Thomsen, M., Droste, D. 2022 Nordic forest policy database (1.0) [Data set]. Zenodo OpenAire (2023). <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7509342>
- h) Popular science piece (project communication in Finnish): Toivonen, R. and Harrinkari, T. 2023 Tutkimus indikoi kestävyyskäsitteen laajenemista vastuullisuudeksi metsäpolitiikan tavoitteissa (Translation: The study indicates the expansion of the concept of sustainability into responsibility in the goals of forest policy). https://www.mmsaatio.fi/rahoituksen-tuloksia/2023/tutkimus-indikoi-kestavyyskasitteen-laajenemista-vastuullisuudeksi-metsapolitiikan-tavoitteissa.html?utm_source=EU-vaikuttamisesta%2C+kansainv%C3%A4listymisest%C3%A4+ja+k%C3%A4mpp%C3%A4em%C3%A4nnist%C3%A4&utm_medium=uutiskirje&utm_campaign=Mets%C3%A4miesten+S%C3%A4ti%C3%B6n+elokuun+uutiskirje
- i) Popular science piece (blog post): Fridén, A., Nebasifu, A., D'Amato, D., Iliev, B., May, W., Thomsen, M., Droste, N. Nordic Forest Policy – a journey through two centuries. *Blog of the European Forest Institute*. <https://resilience-blog.com/2024/02/12/nordic-forest-policy-a-journey-through-two-centuries/>
- Note, items a), f) and h) are based on the results of Teemu Harrinkari's doctoral work. Although the research was mostly funded by Metsämiesten Sätio, Teemu was hired in ForPol from April 2023 to June 2023, during which he continued to finalise his doctoral studies and prepared the popular science pieces (see also Section 5, "Activities during the reporting year, 2023")

6. List other practical outputs of the project (websites, policy recommendations, conferences, scientific meetings, large-scale project applications, research training etc.)

Website for GreenPole project: <https://greenpole.se/>

Linkedin page for GreenPole project: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/greenpole/>

Stakeholder engagement and communication strategy and visual identity (for internal use purposes in ForPol/GreenPole projects), including project's logo for GreenPole project.

Training material (video and written) for internal use by ForPol/GreenPole's project members on policy brief and popular science writing (see also Section 5, "Activities during the reporting year, 2023").

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

2022-2024 Publication of scientific articles and popular science pieces targeting different societal actors (Section 5). These efforts built on the close collaboration of all researchers within the consortium, involving three Nordic countries.

2024 Result dissemination throughout a session, in conjunction with the GreenPole project, at IUFRO World Congress. The congress typically involves researchers, as well as experts and practitioners.

2024-2025 Additional funding (ca. 500,000 NOK) for communication was secured from NordForsk for the work done in projects GreenPole-ForPol. The funding will be used to organize a final event with a range of experts and other societal actors from multiple Nordic countries, to discuss sustainable forestry in the Nordics.

Participation

8. Number of participants involved in the project activities

(Please adjust the table with countries to match your project)

Country	Early-career researchers/ PhD students	Senior researchers	Stakeholders	Others (specify)	Gender			Total
					Women	Men	Other	
Denmark	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	3
Finland	1	2	1 (scientific board in GreenPole)	0	1	2	0	3
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	2 (scientific board in GreenPole)	0	0	2	0	2
Sweden	1	2	1 (scientific board in GreenPole)	0	2	2	0	4
Total	3	4	4	0	4	8	0	12

Gender equality actions

In the beginning of the project period, you were introduced to the [gender equality guidelines](#) and asked to perform at least five points from the action step during the whole project period. Fill in the following evaluation scheme with the actions performed. It is new for SNS to introduce these gender equality guidelines to our funded projects, so SNS would really appreciate your feedback on the guidelines and how they have worked for you.

9. Evaluation scheme

a) Outcome of completed analysis step:	A gender diversity and equality plan was drafted at the beginning of the project and shared with the Team. We assessed that ForPol/GreenPole projects have a well-balanced gender ratio (when considering the gender balance based on person months and seniority of positions). Team members during the project included 2 women in senior positions, and 2 women in early-career stage positions. The team also include 3 men in senior positions (two of whom are however involved only part-time in the projects) and 2 men in early-career positions (of whom one was hired for a limited period of 3 months). In addition, the scientific board of GreenPole project is composed of two men and two women. A gender equality plan was drafted as requested by SNS.
b) Outcome of completed planning step:	During the planning phase, we set four goals: 1. Formally agree on the division of responsibilities in our group. 2. Have a "gender equality" point on the agenda for every other meeting; 3. Support parents through flexible meeting times and promote telepresence when family needs make meetings hard to join; 4. Monitor and ensure diversity in hiring practices and stakeholder engagement through the project. In regard to goal 2, we have not had an urgent need to discuss equality points in the agenda at every meeting, although gender issues are often discussed in relation to stakeholder engagement, and have been discussed when hiring personnel.
c) Outcome of completed action steps (please list each action point performed and their outcome)	1. Team members ensured that division of tasks was distributed equally and rightfully acknowledge e.g. in authorship when writing articles. Ensure that both men and women perform often-overlooked tasks like e.g. taking notes during meetings. 2. A discussion of equality plan was held at the beginning of ForPol project. A training on diversity and stakeholder communication was conducted during the year 2024 (see also Section 4 "Activity report" above). The team is well aware of equality issues, which have been discussed at the beginning of ForPol project as one of the outcomes of this analysis. Routinely, the team discussed equality issues related to ensuring inclusivity in the stakeholder engaged by ForPol/GreenPole projects. 3. When in-presence meetings (e.g. yearly project meeting) strain family life, alternatives have been discussed and agreed together. Three members (one woman, two men) were on parental leave during 2023-2024 and the team supported them during this time. 4. Diversity in hiring practices and stakeholder engagement was carefully curated and monitored throughout the project.
d) How did the actions/tools work for your network:	The guidelines further encouraged us to account for diversity issues in the qualitative research performed in our project, and raise awareness of diversity issues in the project in the general management of the project.
e) How could SNS provide more support to your network in the work toward gender equality:	Discuss and promote diversity in general. Consider not just numeric balance of genders, but also roles and positions within projects (e.g. senior vs early-career, person months, tasks assigned, authorship order).
f) General feedback to the gender equality guidelines:	This is an important topic in forestry and guidelines are welcome.

Economic report

The economic reporting should include the total received grants and costs for the whole project period

10. Received grant from SNS in total (SEK):

1.050.000

11. Allocation of SNS funding

Country	Partner/institution	Sum (SEK)
Denmark	University of Copenhagen	266.666
Finland	University of Helsinki	516.666
Sweden	Lund University	266.666
Norway		
Iceland		
Other countries (specify)		
Total SUM		1.050.000

12. Costs

(in SEK)	SNS funding	Co-financing		Total
		Cash	In-kind	
Travel and accommodation				
Meeting costs		77.803		
Communication		12.106		
Salary and OH	800.000	42.9232	1.670.593	
Other costs (networking and training; data management and publication)	250.000	274427		
Total SUM (SEK)	1.050.000	793.568	1.670.593	3.514.161

13. Economic result (deficit or surplus):

Copenhagen University: SEK 285.152,69 was spent, thus resulting in overspending the budget for a total of SEK 25.152,69.

The total sum allocated to Lund University was 265 000 SEK. This was divided between Dept. of Political Science (199 000 SEK) and CEC (66 000 SEK). The Dept. of Political Science was left with a surplus of 772 SEK at the end of the project.

In Forpol there is total of 1834€ left, but when taking into consideration also overheads there is 1381€ left to use.

14. Optional: Comments to the economic reporting:

The University of Helsinki was granted a small extension for the use of the funding up to March 2025.

15. Submit a popular science piece as a separate document for dissemination in SNS' various channels with emphasis on application of results and benefits for the Nordic society.

Please see separate document for instructions.

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge
 (Please adjust the number of signature boxes to the number of applicants)

Signature of the main applicant/project coordinator

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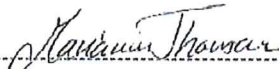
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