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# Forest Data Banks Network

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## Forest Databanks Network

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- The Forest Databanks Network is an informal sub-group of ToS experts in the field of forest data banks
- Objectives:
  - exchange information on data and data management systems/tools available in member States regarding forests and forestry;
  - exchange information about and formulate best practices regarding forest data gathering, processing, storing, reporting and presenting;
  - share experience on data management tools;
  - promote data formats and standards which would facilitate forest data exchange;
  - support the international organizations and reporting processes on a technical level;
  - explore possibilities for bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation among the interested countries/organizations;



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## Forest Databanks Network – recent activities

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### A questionnaire to identify relevant national level data banks on forests in the UNECE region

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Questionnaire on providing data and public communication on forests in UNECE member states			
<p>Dear ToS Member,</p> <p>This questionnaire has been created to support the work of the Forest Data Bank Networks within the Team of Specialists on Monitoring Sustainable Forest Management. The aim of the exercise is (1) to get better background understanding of the current situation and expectations in the area of disseminating information about forests, (2) to gather and exchange ideas for future use, (3) to provide reference to existing resources for easier access.</p> <p>Please, fill in the colored fields and mail the whole Excel file to: <a href="mailto:Andrzej.Talarczyk@zarzad.bulg.pl">Andrzej.Talarczyk@zarzad.bulg.pl</a>.</p> <p>Thank you for your cooperation and effort.</p>			
Country			
Correspondent's name			
Correspondent's email			
Institution			
1	Is there a national forest information portal in your country?	Remarks (provide URL if possible):	
2	Is there an interactive web map containing spatial information on forests in your country?	Remarks (provide URL if possible):	
3	Is it possible to generate detailed reports on forests of your country on a web site?	Remarks (provide URL if possible):	
4	Are these reports available in machine-readable formats?	Available formats:	
5	Is it possible to download detailed information on forests of your country (stand inventory data, GIS information layers, NFI sample plot data) from a web page?	Remarks (provide URL if possible):	
6	What is the detail level on which the information about forests of your country is presented to the public? (country, region, local, forest stand, sample plot, pixel)	Remarks:	
7	Is usage of provided information on forests monitored and analysed?	Remarks:	
8	Does a national set of C&I of SFM exist in your country?	Remarks (provide URL if possible):	
9	If so, is the national C&I set used in public communication?	Remarks:	
10	Is there a national core set of SFM indicators in your country, used for public communication?	If possible, provide a list or publication examples (leaflet, report, web page, video, link etc.):	
11	Is a periodic national report on forest condition published in your country?	Provide example if possible (URL or mail the document separately), other remarks:	
12	In your opinion, what kinds of information about forests, forestry and timber industry, are most sought by stakeholders and should be presented in a national web portal on forestry?		
13	In your opinion, what kinds of information about forests, forestry and timber industry and on what level, are most sought by stakeholders and should be presented in the UNECE web portal on forestry?		
14	Can you provide some good examples of clear, attractive and successful means of communication of forest-related information in your country or on an international level?		
15	Please provide here any other feedback you find relevant to this questionnaire:		

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**A questionnaire to identify relevant national level data banks on forests in the UNECE region – replies**



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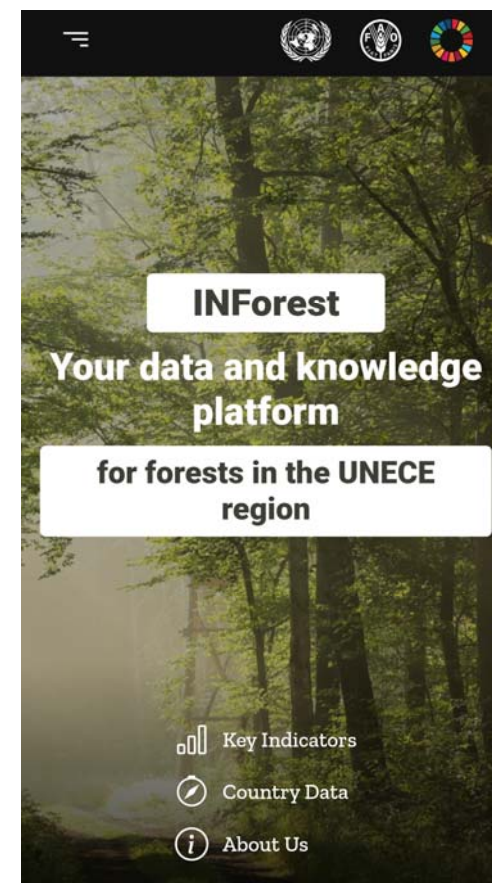
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### Advice to the UNECE regarding developing INForest – a web platform presenting forests of the UNECE region

- UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in cooperation with experts from Poland completed the work on its new web portal, called INForest, presenting key data on forests of the UNECE region in a visually attractive and informative manner. The platform is also accessible on mobile devices.

[forest-data.unece.org](http://forest-data.unece.org)



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## Forest Databanks Network – planned activities

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- Further support to the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section in developing the UNECE/FAO forest sector information website INForest.
- Repository on national forest data banks.
- Advice to the capacity building work led by the UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section
  - related to strengthening capacities of countries in the field of forest monitoring, data and knowledge management and wider dissemination and public communication of information about forest sector of the UNECE region.
- Presentation of forest data management in individual member States/national organizations;



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# Thank you!



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