



VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND
NATURE MANAGEMENT

DECISION

of 29 October 2025

№ 246/3

On proposals to improve Ukrainian legislation and other initiatives in the field of forestry following the official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from 06 to 15 September 2025

Having reviewed the draft recommendations on proposals for improving Ukrainian legislation and other initiatives in the field of forestry based on the results of the official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from 06 to 15 September 2025 and taking into account the information provided by central executive authorities, scientific institutions and the expert community, submitted as a result of the above mentioned visit,

The Committee decided:

1. To take note of the information on the results of the working visit of the delegation headed by the Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Policy and Nature Management O. Bondarenko to the Federal Republic of Germany.
2. To approve the recommendations on proposals for improving the legislation of Ukraine and other initiatives in the field of forestry based on the results of the official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from 06 to 15 September 2025 (attached).
3. To send the recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine for

Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre, the State Regulatory Service of Ukraine, the Ukrainian State Forest Management Planning Association, SE 'Lviv State Forestry Expedition', the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, the National Forestry University of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Order of "Sign of Honour" to the H.M. Vysotsky Research Institute of Forestry and Agroforestry, as well as to the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Economic Development, the Western Interregional Forestry and Hunting Department, LLC "Editorial office of the newspaper "Derevoobrobnyk", lawyer O.V. Storchous, The Bundestag Committee on the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Bundestag Committee on Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN), the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Consumer Protection (MLEUV), the German-Ukrainian Project (SFI), the German Forestry Council (DFV), Agrar Consulting GmbH (IAK), the German Forestry Council (DFWR), Federation of German Forest Owner Associations (AGDW), the German Timber Trade Association (GD Holz), the Joint Committee on Forestry of the German Association of Towns and Municipalities (DStGB), the State Forest Enterprise of Brandenburg (LFB), and the State Forestry Research Centre Eberswalde (LFE), University of Applied Sciences for Sustainable Development Eberswalde (HNEE), Institute for Forest Ecosystem Research Thünen (WÖ), Forestry Chorin, Federation of the German Woodworking and Processing Industries and related Fields (HDH), Forest Expert Programme (FEP).

Chairman of the Committee

Oleg Bondarenko

APPROVED
by the decision of the Committee on
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RECOMMENDATIONS
on proposals to improve the legislation of Ukraine and other initiatives in the
field of forestry based on the results of the official visit to the Federal Republic
of Germany from 06 to 15 September 2025

At the initiative of Oleg Bondarenko, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Environmental Policy and Nature Management, and at the invitation of German Bundestag Member Hermann Färber and the coordinators of the Forest Expert Programme and the Sustainable Forestry Implementation Project (SFI), an official visit of the Ukrainian delegation to the Federal Republic of Germany took place from 06 to 15 September 2025.

The purpose of the visit was to exchange experience in the field of adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to EU standards, development of sustainable forestry, environmental protection and adaptation to climate change. The event was held within the framework of the Bilateral Cooperation Programme of the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH) with the support of the project "Promotion of multifunctional sustainable forest management planning and implementation in Ukraine (SFI)".

25 representatives of Ukraine took part in the visit, including Committee Chairman Oleg Bondarenko, Member of Parliament and Committee Member Oleksandr Matusevych, Chairman of the Subcommittee on State-Business Interaction and Investment of the Committee on Economic Development Ihor Marchuk, representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine, State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre, State Regulatory Service of Ukraine, Western Interregional Forestry and Hunting Administration, Ukrainian State Forest Management Planning Association, the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, the National Forestry University of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Order of "Sign of Honour" to the H.M. Vysotsky Research Institute of Forestry and Agroforestry, as well as to the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Economic Development, the Western Interregional Forestry and Hunting Department, LLC "Editorial office of the newspaper "Derevoobrobnyk", lawyer O.V. Storchous.

The Ukrainian delegation held fruitful meetings with the Chairman of the Bundestag Committee on Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity

Hermann Färber and Lorenz Gösta Beutin, Chairman of the Bundestag Committee on the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and members of the Bundestag, representatives of associations of the forestry sector, woodworking industry and scientific institutions, where they discussed issues of biodiversity conservation, implementation of the principles of close-to-nature forestry, restoration of damaged and destroyed forests, including those destroyed as a result of military operations, land management and provision of timber to the population. Special attention was paid to the exchange of experience in the field of national forest inventory, the use of modern monitoring technologies and practical approaches to timber harvesting.

During meetings at ministries and scientific institutions, the delegation learned about the structure of forest management in Germany, national forest policy, sustainable forest management systems, fire prevention, national forest inventory, carbon balance control and the use of remote sensing. EU regulations on deforestation and forest degradation-free products (EUDR) and nature restoration were discussed, as well as measures to support private and municipal forest owners.

The visit also included field trips to forests as part of the Waldvision 2050 project and a visit to the Thünen Institute of Forest Ecosystem Research, where representatives of the Ukrainian delegation learned about federal forest inventory, greenhouse gas emissions assessment, and the use of satellite data and drones to monitor forest conditions. The possibilities of introducing innovative approaches to Ukraine's forest policy and the prospects for European integration were discussed.

As a result of the visit, the parties agreed to continue cooperation. The knowledge gained will be used to develop close-to-nature forestry in Ukraine, which will allow for a harmonious combination of environmental, economic and social interests in the forestry sector.

Following the visit, the participants provided the Committee with reports on the results of the working visit and proposals for improving Ukrainian legislation and other initiatives in the field of forestry.

After reviewing the information provided, the Committee decided to

1. To express gratitude to the organisers of the official visit of the Ukrainian delegation to the Federal Republic of Germany, all participants, lecturers and representatives of the host country for fruitful cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of forestry, namely the Bundestag Committee on Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Bundestag Committee on

Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), The Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH), the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN), the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Consumer Protection (MLEUV), the German-Ukrainian Project (SFI), the German Forestry Council (DFV), Agrar Consulting GmbH (IAK), the German Forestry Council (DFWR), Federation of German Forest Owner Associations (AGDW), the German Timber Trade Association (GD Holz), the Joint Committee on Forestry of the German Association of Towns and Municipalities (DStGB), the State Forestry Enterprise of Brandenburg (LFB), and the State Forestry Research Centre Eberswalde (LFE), The University of Applied Sciences for Sustainable Development Eberswalde (HNEE), the Thünen Institute for Forest Ecosystem Research (WÖ), the Forestry Department of Chorin, the Federation of the German Woodworking and Processing Industries and related Fields (HDH), Forest Expert Programme (FEP).

2. To be taken into consideration:

2.1. Reports on the results of the working visit of the delegation to the Federal Republic of Germany.

2.2. Proposals of the central executive authorities, scientific institutions and the expert community, submitted as a result of the visit, on improving the legislation of Ukraine and other initiatives in the field of forestry.

3. Recommendation:

3.1. To the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine:

take measures to ensure funding for forest monitoring, maintaining the state forest cadastre, forest accounting and conducting a national forest inventory of Ukraine.

3.2. The Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine:

Ensure the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31.05.2023 on the placing on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain goods and products relating to deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 by adopting relevant regulations;

to develop and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine a draft Procedure for forest monitoring;

to develop a draft law on amendments to the Forest Code of Ukraine to bring forestry terminology in line with European standards;

to prepare and submit for approval to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine a draft Strategy for Adaptation of Forests to Climate Change;

consider preparing and submitting for approval to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine a draft updated State Forest Management Strategy until 2035.

3.3. The Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, the State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre, the Ukrainian State Forest Management Planning Association, and the State Enterprise 'Lviv State Forestry Expedition' should

improve the system of forest monitoring and national forest inventory by integrating remote sensing data and the results of ground surveys.

3.4. To the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine, and the State Regulatory Service of Ukraine:

to analyse the current regulatory legislation in the field of forestry and prepare proposals for its harmonisation with the EU acquis.

3.5. National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, National Forestry University of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Order of "Sign of Honour" to the H.M. Vysotsky Research Institute of Forestry and Agroforestry:

to develop recommendations for improving the methodology of national forest inventory using modern methods of remote sensing;

to introduce joint Ukrainian-German exchange programmes for scientists, specialists and students aimed at introducing innovations in sustainable forest management.

Chairman of the Committee

Oleg Bondarenko