



UKRAINE

Sustainable Forestry Implementation (SFI)

The project supports the improvement of the forest policy framework and instruments towards close-to-nature forest management



PROJECT TITLE
Promotion of Sustainable Multifunctional Forest Management

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Sustainable Multifunctional Forest Management

Forestry in Ukraine

The forest management system in Ukraine is currently only partly aligned with EU requirements. Furthermore, the lack of reliable National Forest Inventory (NFI) data hinders the formulation of adequate forest policies. Against this background, the design and implementation of the first remote sensing-based national forest inventory has been completed. Following on from this, the development of efficient forest policy frameworks and corresponding administrative processes is being supported.

The Project

The project is carried out in an exploratory approach within three working areas (see below). Additionally, organized study tours and trainings are carried out by the project.

The specific technical consulting needs are identified by the expert working group headed by the State Agency for Forest Resources of Ukraine, appropriate recommendations are developed by national and international experts, and discussed with Ukrainian forest policy and scientific decision-makers and taken into account in relevant draft legislation (nfi.lisproekt.gov.ua/en).

Project Goals

The project's working areas are:

1. Aligning forest legislation with EU requirements,
2. Utilizing inventory data to improve forest legislation and management procedures,
3. Providing international expertise in forest management planning and close-to-nature forest management.



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Based on experiences from Germany, the National Forest Inventory method of Ukraine was further developed, introducing modern remote sensing techniques due to the war situation. Pictured is a harvestable stand of trees.



PORTRAIT OF UKRAINE

Ukraine, a focal country of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH) is in the process of EU association. It has significant forest resources (~2.81 billion m³ timber on ~11.2 million ha), and a considerable potential for the development and application of close-to-nature forest management.

Results and Successes

The project-organized study tour to Germany in autumn 2025 directly resulted in follow-up political initiatives within the Ukrainian Parliament. Lessons learned on deregulation, sustainable forest management, national forest inventory, participatory policy-making, and timber market regulation were taken up by the responsible parliamentary committee and translated into recommendations for improving Ukraine's forestry legislation.



Visit to a forest enterprise in Teteriv, Ukraine

Project Partners and Cooperations

- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (MAPF)

Project Partner on Operational Level

- State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine (SFRA)

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