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OF THE COUNCIL on a monitoring framework for resilient European
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- Further revised Presidency compromise for the annexes to the proposal

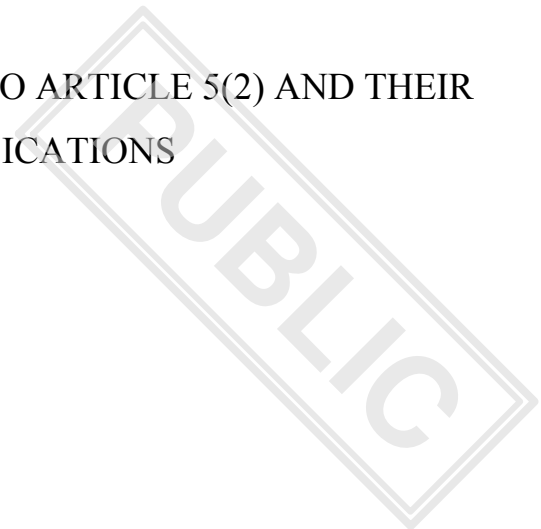
With a view to the Ad Hoc Working Party on 4 June 2025, delegations will find in annex a further revised Presidency compromise for the annexes to the above Commission proposal.

Changes with respect to the previous version have been marked with **bold** for additions and ~~strickethrough~~ for deletions.

ANNEX I

LIST OF FOREST DATA REFERRED TO ARTICLE 5(2) AND THEIR
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

[...]



ANNEX II

LIST OF FOREST DATA REFERRED TO ARTICLE 5(3) AND THEIR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

(a) **Forest area**

Description: area of forests

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS2 value.

Unit: ha.

Frequency of information sharing: annual.

(aa) **Forest type**

Description: area of forests by a dominant leaf type (broadleaf, or coniferous, or mixed). Mixed forest means that nor coniferous, nor broadleaf exceeds 75 % of tree cover.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2

Unit: ha

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided

Frequency of information sharing: annual

(ab) **Other wooded land**

Description: area of other wooded land, to be provided only if the total other wooded land area represents more than 5% of the total area composed by forests and other wooded lands.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2

Unit: ha

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided

Frequency of information sharing: annual

(ac) **Aboveground biomass**

Description: All dry biomass of ~~standing and~~ living trees **above the soil including stems, stumps, branches, bark, seeds and foliage**

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2

Unit: t/ha

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided

Frequency of information sharing: annual

(b) **Growing stock volume (per hectare)**

Description: The aggregated above-ground volume of all living and standing stems over a forest area, shared per ~~dominant~~ tree species. Included are over-bark stem volumes—from the stump height to and including the stem top—of living stems with a diameter at breast height of more than 7 cm (height of more than 1.30 m). For broadleaves, the volume also includes large branches with a minimum diameter of 7 cm.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2.

Unit: $\text{m}^3 \text{ha}^{-1}$.

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided.

Frequency of information sharing: annual.

(c) **Net Annual Increment (per hectare)**

Description: gross annual increment minus the average annual natural losses, i.e. trees that die during the period between two ground monitoring site surveys and remain unharvested in the forest, shared per ~~dominant~~ tree species.

Gross annual increment is defined as the average annual increment of living standing trees over the forest area during the period between two ground monitoring site surveys. It is expressed in terms of volume increment and includes the growth components of trees with a diameter at breast height ≥ 7 cm. Volume increment includes the over-bark increment of the stem from stump height to the top diameter of 7 cm, and for broadleaves additionally includes large branches with a minimum diameter of 7 cm.

Net annual increment corresponds to gross annual increment by referring to the same specified forest area, to the same period between two ground monitoring site surveys, using the same thresholds and including the same tree parts.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2 level.

Unit: $\text{m}^3 \text{ha}^{-1} \text{year}^{-1}$

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided.

Frequency of information sharing: 5 years.

(d) [...]

(e) **Tree species composition and richness**

Description: share of forest area occupied by dominant tree species (or lower taxonomic ranks, where relevant).

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2

Unit: share of area

Frequency of information sharing: 5 years.

(f) **European Forest Type**

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(g) **Removals**

[...]

(h) **Deadwood**

Description: volume of standing and lying dead trees and dead lying woody debris, larger than or equal to 10cm in diameter, in a forest area. The volume of dead standing and lying wood includes stumps.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS2.

Unit: m³ ha⁻¹

Accuracy: confidence interval of data to be provided

Frequency of information sharing: annual.

(i) **Location of forest habitats in Natura 2000 sites**

[...]

(j) **Abundance of common forest birds**

[...]

(k) **Area of primary and old-growth forests**

Description: area of primary and old-growth forests, in accordance with national definition

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2

Unit: ha

Timeline: Area shared by 1 January 2028.

(l) **Area of protected forest areas**

Description: area of forests within protected areas, consistent with reporting on Nationally designated areas to the European Environment Agency, supplemented by information on their levels of protection, including strict protection, and the associated management regimes as specified in national legislation or other relevant documents.

Spatial resolution: national and NUTS 2.

Unit: ha

Timeline: [...]

Frequency of information sharing: annual.

(m) **Production and trade of wood products**

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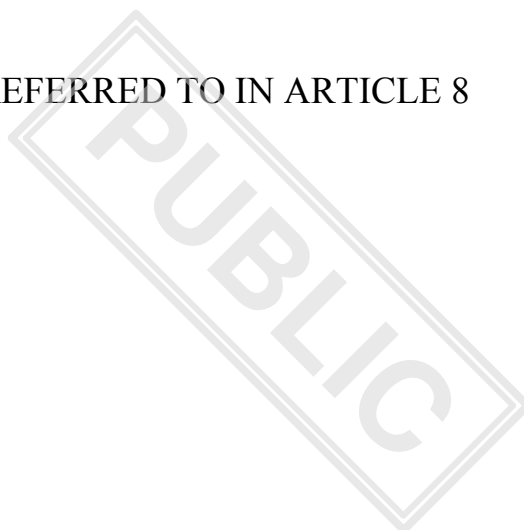
(n) **Forest biomass for bioenergy**

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ANNEX III

DESCRIPTIONS FOR FOREST DATA REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8

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ANNEX IIIa (new)

**DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE FOREST INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN
ARTICLE 7(3A)**

(a) Area of forest habitats in Natura 2000 sites

Description: area of forest habitats as listed in point 9 of Annex I to Directive 92/43/EEC within sites of Community importance and special areas of conservation designated in accordance with Article 4 of that Directive.

(b) Common forest birds index

Description: information compliant with the description provided in Regulation (EU) 2024/1991, Annex VI.

(c) Forest biomass for bioenergy

Description: information on the use of forest biomass for energy production consistent with reporting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 Annex IX, Part I, point (m)(1).

(d) Forest connectivity

Description: information compliant with the description provided in Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 Annex VI.

(e) Removals

Description: information compliant with the description provided in Regulation (EU) 691/2022, Annex VII, Section 3.

(f) Area of forest available for wood supply and forest not available for wood supply

Description: information compliant with the description provided in Regulation (EU) 691/2011, Annex VII, Section 3, paragraph 1.

(g) **Production and trade of wood products**

Description: information on production and trade of wood products as specified in the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire and the relevant use manuals

(h) **Forest fires**

Description: [...]

(1) Information provided on the basis of the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS) products:

- i. Fire events; and
- ii. Burnt forest area.

(2) Information compliant with the data provided by the Member States in the framework of the Expert Group on Forest Fires.

(i) **Share of forests with uneven-aged structure**

Description: information compliant with the description provided in Regulation (EU) 2024/1991, Annex VI.

ANNEX IV

RECOMMENDED ASPECTS FOR VOLUNTARY INTEGRATED LONG-TERM
PLANS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 13

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