

### Forest Reference Levels proposed by EU Member States

Regulation (EU) 2018/841<sup>1</sup>, adopted in May 2018, requires the Member States to ensure offset of greenhouse gas emissions from land use, land use change and forestry by at least an equivalent removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere in the period from 2021 to 2030. Article 8 of the Regulation establishes the process and the requirements for the submission of National Forestry Accounting Plans (NFAPs) containing the proposed Forest Reference Levels.

In 2019, the Commission Expert Group on Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry<sup>2</sup> assessed NFAPs submitted in accordance with Article 8(3), and the Commission issued technical recommendations<sup>3</sup>. In accordance with Article 8(7) Member States submitted revised NFAPs and, if necessary, recalculated the Forest Reference Level. The Commission is currently reviewing the revised NFAPs and Forest Reference Levels proposed by Member States, with a view to adoption in law before end of October 2020.

In accordance with Article 8(7), the table below lists the Forest Reference Levels as proposed by Member States.

Member State <sup>4</sup>	Forest Reference Level for 2021-2025 [t CO <sub>2</sub> -eq / year] <sup>5</sup>
<a href="#">Belgium</a>	-1 369 009
<a href="#">Bulgaria</a>	-3 021 110
<a href="#">Czech Republic</a>	-3 801 350
<a href="#">Denmark</a>	+354 000
Germany	-10 022 400
<a href="#">Estonia</a>	-1 750 000
<a href="#">Ireland</a>	+141 897
Greece <sup>6</sup>	-13 864 580
<a href="#">Spain</a>	-32 833 000
<a href="#">France</a>	-55 399 290
<a href="#">Croatia</a>	-4 368 000
<a href="#">Italy</a>	-19 656 100
Cyprus	-122 400
Latvia	-1 709 000
<a href="#">Lithuania</a>	-5 164 640
<a href="#">Luxembourg</a>	-426 000
<a href="#">Hungary</a>	-48 000
<a href="#">Malta</a> §	-37,6
<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	-1 531 397
<a href="#">Austria</a>	-4 533 000
Poland	-27 888 000
<a href="#">Portugal</a>	-11 165 000
<a href="#">Romania</a>	-24 068 200
<a href="#">Slovenia</a>	-3 270 200
<a href="#">Slovakia</a>	-4 827 630
<a href="#">Finland</a>	-27 640 000
<a href="#">Sweden</a>	-38 721 000
<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	-20 701 550

§ Includes a corrigendum by Member State.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2018/841 on the inclusion of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry in the 2030 climate and energy framework, and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 and Decision No 529/2013/EU (LULUCF Regulation), OJ L 156, 19.6.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup>

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3638&news=1>

<sup>3</sup> SWD(2019) 213 final. Assessment of the National Forestry Accounting Plans.

<sup>4</sup> Links to Member States' National Forestry Accounting Plans as available.

<sup>5</sup> The Forest Reference Level includes emissions and removals from Harvested Wood Products using the first-order decay function, the methodologies and the default half-life values as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/841.

<sup>6</sup> Due to no submission of a revised National Forestry Accounting Plan by 25 of February 2020, the proposed Forest Reference Level corresponds to the Member State's submission in accordance with Art 8(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/841.