

Country: ITALY

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National Report to the Tenth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The Italian Government is pleased to present this National Report to the Tenth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, held in Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 6 September 2012. The report is organized in two main parts. The first part, which is the most extensive, describes the current situation of forests in Italy, including the main trends in forest cover, forest management, and the role of forests in the Italian economy and society. The second part, which is more concise, outlines the main policies and measures implemented by the Italian Government to promote sustainable forest management and to address the challenges facing the forest sector in Italy.

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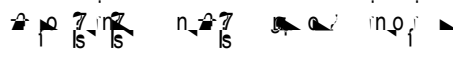
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Abbreviations in the questionnaire/template:

- B: B
- C&: C
- EU: European Union
- A: A

PART I: The Non-Legally Binding Instrument on All Types of Forests (forest instrument)⁵

**Thematic Clusters
of the Forest
Instrument**



National forest resources and the connected sector – although usually quite scattered and not very rentable - are increasingly taking a strategic, cross-cutting role in environmental, territorial and economic and social development policies. Currently there is the need not only to ensure an effective strategic coordination and direction at the national level, but also between the regional forest policy and other related planning activities (rural development policies, sector policies, environmental policies, climate change mitigation policies, energy policies, policies for the management water resources, management policies of protected areas and Natura2000 sites, etc.) The main national planning instruments providing intervention measures for the forest sector are the following ones: National Strategic Plan for the rural development 2007-2013 and its regional programmes co-financed by FEASR funds and National Strategic Framework 2007-2013 co-financed by structural funds of regional and interregional operating plans and by the fu

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