



**Regulation (EC) No 2152/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community (Forest Focus).**

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/forests/links.htm>

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The Forest Focus Regulation seeks to implement forest monitoring and protection activities, in particular in the following areas:

- \* protection against atmospheric pollution;
- \* prevention of fires and their causes and effects;
- \* biodiversity, climate change, carbon sequestration, soils and protective functions of forests;
- \* continuous evaluation of monitoring activities.



Forest Focus provides for measures to:

- \* promote harmonised collection, handling and assessment of data;
- \* improve data evaluation at Community level;
- \* improve the quality of data and information gathered;
- \* develop forest monitoring activities;
- \* enhance the understanding of forests;
- \* study forest fires;
- \* develop indicators/methodologies for risk assessment.



Forest Focus databases managed by :

International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and  
Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests (ICP Forests)

and

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre



The future forest monitoring will be operational under the future LIFE + Regulation (The new Financial Instrument for the Environment)

LIFE + (2007-2013) is a support instrument for environmental policy replacing existing programmes, such as Forest Focus, NGO's support, Urban and LIFE.

National agencies will have to implement national annual work programmes in the context of multi-annual strategic programmes



# Measures eligible for funding (Annex I of the LIFE+ proposal)

- Studies, surveys, modelling and scenario building
- Monitoring, including the monitoring of forests
- Capacity building assistance
- Training, workshops and meetings, including the training of agents participating in forest fire prevention initiatives
- Networking and best practice platforms
- Information and communication actions, including awareness raising campaigns and, in particular, public awareness campaigns on forest fires
- Demonstration of innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments
- National agencies' staff costs
- Specifically for the Nature & Biodiversity component:
  - Amongst other measures, the monitoring of conservation status, including –but not limited to– setting up procedures and structures for such monitoring.
  - The purchase of land for maintaining or restoring the integrity of N2000 sites.



## Working Procedure under LIFE+

The Commission will present multi-annual programmes that will set out principal objectives, priority areas and type of actions, expected results and indicative funding for adoption.

Detailed annual work programmes will translate the multi-annual objectives into specific actions.

Detailed implementation provisions will be adopted for the implementation and evaluation of the programmes.