



EUROPEAN FOREST GENETIC
RESOURCES PROGRAMME



The **Forest Genetic Resources Strategy for Europe** is a product of the EUFORGEN Programme.



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WHAT'S IN THE STRATEGY?

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES (FGR)



Improving the availability of, and access to, information on forest genetic resources



Conservation of forest genetic resources



Sustainable use, development and management of forest genetic resources

ENABLING THE TRANSITION



Networking and capacity development



Policies



Science to support the strategy



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FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

Enabling the transition to an effective
conservation and sustainable use
of forest genetic resources
in Europe

ABOUT THE STRATEGY

The Forest Genetic Resources Strategy for Europe is a coordinated effort by the European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN) to improve the conservation and sustainable use of European forest genetic resources (FGR).

Built on 20 years of pan-European collaboration on forest genetic resources, the strategy goes beyond current individual countries' efforts by supporting an implementation plan of common actions and recommendations, with clear roles for both the EUFORGEN network and European countries.

In a nutshell, the strategy:

- Addresses the conservation and the sustainable use of FGR, while introducing new elements for characterisation and classification.
- Identifies the need to expand scientific knowledge, defines principles for coordination activities at the political level, and recommends future actions and collaborations.
- Fosters a continuous process of implementation to achieve the same level of coherence and alignment in all European countries.



WHY IS THE STRATEGY IMPORTANT?

Forest genetic resources (FGR) are essential for sustainable forest management, providing forests with the foundation to maintain their health and adaptive capacity. A FGR strategy for Europe fosters:

United efforts, common goals

Ensuring all European countries work towards coherence and alignment in forest management practices, promoting a unified approach.

Support for European policy efforts

Aligning with European efforts to combat biodiversity loss, supporting both national and EU commitments.

Enhanced accuracy

Addressing the conservation and sustainable use of FGR, while introducing new elements for characterisation and classification.

Future vision

Emphasising the need for expanded scientific knowledge, outlining principles for political coordination, and suggesting future actions and collaborations.



IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

The **Forest Genetic Resources Strategy for Europe** was developed through an in-depth consultation process with the EUFORGEN network and representatives from European countries. To implement the resulting strategy, the EUFORGEN network and European countries pledge to a total of **28 key commitments**, with a series of linked actions.

Full implementation of the strategy depends on a much broader range of actors, including national and regional policy makers, who will guide and monitor its application and provide the required financial, human and institutional resources to realise the full action plan.



The EUFORGEN Programme is an implementation mechanism of Forest Europe, a high-level forest policy process which develops common strategies on how to protect and sustainably manage European forests.

