



# Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

## Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Commission Expert Group on Forest Information (E00416)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Policy Area:** Environment

**Lead DG:** ENV - DG Environment

**Associated DG:** JRC - Joint Research Centre

**Type:** Informal, Permanent

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** Contribute to sustainable forest management . Exchange of information to increase forest resilience.

**Task:** Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

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**Publication in RegExp:** 28 Oct 2005

**Link to Website:** <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/legislation.htm>  
<http://forest.jrc.ec.europa.eu/effis/>

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## **Additional Information**

### **Activity Report**

35th Expert Group on Forest Fires meeting, Brussels 7/11/2016

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 27 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 36 kb)

### **Activity Report**

1st meeting of the Subgroup Forest Health & Pests, Brussels 24 May 2016

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 60 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 183 kb)

### **Activity Report**

34th Expert Group on Forest Fires meeting, Barcelona 16-17 March 2015

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 90 kb)

[Document 2](#)

(approx. 63 kb)

### **Activity Report**

The "Expert Group on Forest Fires" has been established in 1998 by DG Environment. The expert group created the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), which is managed by JRC and DG ENV. More information can be found on the website : [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/home\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/home_en.htm) Other relevant information about the group, in particular the working documents of each session, can be found here attached or on the CIRCABC link below. When renaming this group in "Informal Commission expert group on forest information", this group became a sub-group, on equal footing with the new sub-group on "Forest Health and Pests", both contributing to the FISE's module on forest disturbances. Each of the sub-groups will meet at least once a year.

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/8d96774a-b4d8-480d-af45-9bebeda16a2b>

### **Activity Report**

The Subgroup on Forest Health and Pests is also contributing to the FISE's module on forest disturbances. Each of the sub-groups will meet at least once a year.

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/8e32f4f3-b1f2-45d8-8da8-cff16d3f35cb>

### **Selection Procedure (members)**

The members of the group are nominated by the competent authorities of the member states and countries outside Europe. We have contacted the Permanent Representations with a request to point out skilled experts.

### **Internal Rules of Procedure**

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

### **Other**

Additional information: EGFI: The Commission Expert Group on Forest Information is composed of two sub-groups, one on Forest Fires (EGFF) and a second one on Forest Health and Pests (EGFH). EGFF: Contribution to the development of the Forest Information System for Europe (FISE) through the development and maintenance of the European Forest Fires Information System (EFFIS). Exchange of information as regards lessons learned and forest fire prevention practices and drafting of a yearly report on forest fires in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. Task: coordinate with Member States, collecting forest fire data, exchange of views and lessons learnt, contributing in drafting reports. EGFH: Contribution to the development of the Forest Information System for Europe (FISE). Exchange of information as regards existing practices to increase forest resilience, early detection and prevention of new threats and challenges affecting forest health, monitoring tree health and, when appropriate, development of an early warning system for harmful biotic agents (fungi, bacteria, viruses, insects,...) affecting specific tree species. Support in formulation of eradication/containment measures. Task: Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views and lessons learnt, contributing in drafting reports.

## Members

### Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

### Type E - Other public entity

## Subgroups

**Name** **Duration** **Composition**

### Commission expert group on forest health and pests

#### Type D - Member State Authority

Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
Sweden	MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency), Swedish Forest Agency	Member
Slovenia	Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenian Forestry Institute Department of Forest Protection	Member
Slovakia	National Forest Centre, Forest Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic Section of Forestry and Wood Processing	Member
Portugal	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries (National Forest Authority), Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, Forest Health Division	Member
Poland	Forest Research Institute in Poland (Instytut Badawczy Lesnictwa), State Forests National Forest Holding, Department of Forest Protection (Dyrekcja Generalna Lasów Pastwowych / Wydział Ochrony Lasu )	Member
Malta	Plant Biotechnology Centre, Plant Health Directorate Veterinary and Phytosanitary Regulation Department	Member
Lithuania	Ministry of Environment, Forests Department, Division of Silviculture, Ministry of Environment Department of Forests Forestry Development Division	Member
Latvia	Forest and Environmental Protection Department	Member
France	Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche	Member
Finland	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Natural Resources Department Forests and Bioenergy Unit	Member
Cyprus	Ministry of Agriculture Department of Forests	Member
Croatia	Ministry of Agriculture - Directorate for Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry, Croatian Forest Research Institute	Member
Bulgaria	State Forestry Agency	Member

Austria	Department of Forest Protection, BFW Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Austrian Federal Fire Brigade Association (dept. 5: Operational Task and Education)	Member
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Name	Duration	Composition
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**Commission expert group on forest fires**

**Type D - Member State Authority**

Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
United Kingdom	Forestry Commission	Member
Sweden	MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency), Swedish Forest Agency	Member
Spain	Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs	Member
Slovenia	Slovenia Forest Service, Slovenian Forestry Institute Department of Forest Protection	Member
Slovakia	National Forest Centre, Forest Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic Section of Forestry and Wood Processing	Member
Romania	Ministry of Environment and Forests	Member
Portugal	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries (National Forest Authority), Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, Forest Health Division	Member
Poland	Forest Research Institute in Poland (Instytut Badawczy Lesnictwa), State Forests National Forest Holding, Department of Forest Protection (Dyrekcja Generalna Lasów Państwowych / Wydział Ochrony Lasu )	Member
Netherlands	Ministry of Security of Justice	Member
Lithuania	Ministry of Environment, Forests Department, Division of Silviculture, Ministry of Environment Department of Forests Forestry Development Division	Member
Latvia	Forest and Environmental Protection Department	Member
Italy	Italian National Forest Service (Corpo forestale dello Stato)	Member
Ireland	Forest Service Inspectorate - department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Forest Sector - department Agriculture, Food and Marine	Member
Hungary	Central Agriculture Office - Forestry Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture	Member

Greece	Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment & Energy Directorate of Forests & Forest Environment Protection, Department of Forest Protection and Rural Security	Member
Germany	Landesschule und Technische Einrichtung für den Brand- und Katastrophenschutz des Landes Brandenburg (LSTE), Lower Saxony Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Regional Development	Member
France	Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche	Member
Finland	MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Natural Resources Department Forests and Bioenergy Unit	Member
Estonia	Ministry of Environment	Member
Czech Republic	Integrated Rescue System Mol - General Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service	Member
Cyprus	Ministry of Agriculture Department of Forests	Member
Croatia	Ministry of Agriculture - Directorate for Forestry, Hunting and Wood Industry, Croatian Forest Research Institute	Member
Bulgaria	State Forestry Agency	Member
Belgium	University Ghent	Member
Austria	Department of Forest Protection, BFW Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Austrian Federal Fire Brigade Association (dept. 5: Operational Task and Education)	Member

**Type E - Other public entity**

No members currently attached to the sub-group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 26

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	26		

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Observers: 17

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		