

POLICY ACTIONS



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SUMMARY OF KEY POLICY ACTIONS

Policy Forum main results and outcomes

The policy actions are divided into four areas covering

I. SECURING THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE **SUPPLY** OF NWFPs

- 1. Enhance the resource base
- 2. Ensure sustainable harvest levels and fair and secure access to the resource
- 3. Set up and improve monitoring systems and inventories

II. BUILDING COMPETITIVE AND EQUITABLE **VALUE CHAINS**

- 4. Develop innovative and territorial value chains
- 5. Innovative fiscal and labour regimes
- 6. Equitability and the role of producer organisations

III. TRANSPARENCY, **DATA AND INFORMATION** FLOW ON NWFPs

- 7. Improve visibility of NWFPs
- 8. Traceability and innovative labelling
- 9. Facilitate access to data on production, commercialisation, and trade

IV. **ENABLING CONDITIONS**

- 10. Coherence of institutional action
- 11. Improve financial support
- 12. Foster innovation, knowledge transfer and extension capacity

I. SECURING THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF NWFPs

1. Enhance the resource base

- Focus on active forest management and diversification of existing stands
- Support long-term forest investments through appropriate economic instruments
- Recognise and support agroforestry systems as being especially rich in NWFPs
- Target forest management and planning on NWFPs production and multifunctionality
- Invest in domestication, to secure supply of most demanded NWFPs

2. Ensure sustainable harvest levels and fair and secure access to the resource

- Guarantee fair, predictable and transparent access to forest resources
- Regulate and respect harvest rights for NWFPs
- Establish adequate and realistic control and monitoring responsibilities and procedures
- Train workers and collectors of NWFPs adequately
- Build capacities on NWFPs into and decisively develop forest advisory services

3. Set up and improve monitoring systems and inventories

- Embed NWFPs resource assessment in National Forest Inventories
- Support resource assessment of NWFPs at different spatial scales
- Establish innovative procedures to record quantitative information on wild NWFPs collection and trade
- Fill the knowledge gaps in support of NWFPs assessment and monitoring



II. BUILDING COMPETITIVE AND EQUITABLE VALUE CHAINS

4. Develop innovative and territorial value chains

- Contractualise the relationships between landowners and collectors of NWFPs
- Favour co-management of public forests
- Promote new business models and downstream integration
- Realise synergies with tourism in territorial development strategies
- Support initiatives for market differentiation based on certification of quality, origin and sustainability
- Promote voluntary certification and labelling standards
- Incorporate systems of Payments for Environmental Services (PES) in the farmer's income
- Support place-based value chains and local networks

5. Innovative fiscal and labour regimes

- Define clear definitions and boundaries on who the producers are
- Adopt innovative fiscal regimes
- Adopt innovative labour policies to tackle seasonality and undeclared work

6. Equitability and the role of producer organisations

- Increase transparency of price setting and price observatories, linked to product quality standards
- Stimulate, strengthen and involve producer organisations



III. TRANSPARENCY, DATA AND INFORMATION FLOW ON NWFPs

7. Improve visibility of NWFPs

- Establish high-relevance NWFPs species and derived products lists at European and country-level
- Improve official NWFPs statistics in International Statistical Classifications Systems
- Integrate NWFPs in individual/household consumption surveys
- Complement information by targeted sectoral surveys and market surveys

8. Traceability and innovative labelling

- Enforce compliance with mandatory traceability for food and related labelling requirements
- Establish legal standards and due diligence systems
- Encourage voluntary certification and quality standards
- Inform and educate consumers through guarantee of origin
- Leverage the potential of mobile ICT solutions for labelling and traceability

9. Facilitate access to data on production, commercialisation, and trade.

- Promote studies of costs, rents, trade, and prices for NWFPs production systems
- Promote knowledge sharing through good practice guidelines and ICT platforms



IV. ENABLING CONDITIONS

10. Coherence of institutional action

- Increase policy coherence across all relevant policy domains
- Establish a consistent approach to nature and landscape conservation
- Develop a shared understanding of the social and ecological dimensions of NWFPs
- Support compliance with food and chemical safety regulations
- Establish a levelled playfield implementing hierarchy of uses, cascade use and circular bioeconomy approaches
- Improve the role and coherence of CAP in facilitating NWFPs conservation and development
- Develop coherent plans or programmes for the different NWFPs sectors at different scales

11. Improve financial support

- Clarify eligibility for NWFPs and agroforestry land in the CAP direct payments
- Take a fresh look at rural development programmes
- Overcome barriers that prevent uptake and eligibility
- Better support NWFPs within existing programmes and funding sources

12. Foster innovation, knowledge transfer and extension capacity

- Build a systemic approach to promote innovation.
- Increase research attention to the social-ecological dimensions of NWFPs and improve transnational cooperation
- Develop capacities in rural development agencies,
- Strengthen forest advisory services
- Increase the attention given to NWFPs in vocational training schools





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