

Forest Reference Levels proposed by EU Member States

Regulation (EU) 2018/841¹, adopted in May 2018, requires the Member States to ensure offset of greenhouse gas emissions from land use, land use change and forestry by at least an equivalent removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere in the period from 2021 to 2030. Article 8 of the Regulation establishes the process and the requirements for the submission of National Forestry Accounting Plans (NFAPs) containing the proposed Forest Reference Levels.

In 2019, the Commission Expert Group on Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry² assessed NFAPs submitted in accordance with Article 8(3), and the Commission issued technical recommendations³. In accordance with Article 8(7) Member States submitted revised NFAPs and, if necessary, recalculated the Forest Reference Level. The Commission is currently reviewing the revised NFAPs and Forest Reference Levels proposed by Member States, with a view to adoption in law before end of October 2020.

In accordance with Article 8(7), the table below lists the Forest Reference Levels as proposed by Member States.

Member State ⁴	Forest Reference Level for 2021-2025 [t CO ₂ -eq / year] ⁵
Belgium	-1 369 009
Bulgaria	-3 021 110
Czech Republic	-3 801 350
Denmark	+354 000
Germany	-10 022 400
Estonia	-1 750 000
Ireland	+141 897
Greece ⁶	-13 864 580
Spain	-32 833 000
France	-55 399 290
Croatia	-4 368 000
Italy	-19 656 100
Cyprus	-122 400
Latvia	-1 709 000
Lithuania	-5 164 640
Luxembourg	-426 000
Hungary	-48 000
Malta §	-37,6
Netherlands	-1 531 397
Austria	-4 533 000
Poland	-27 888 000
Portugal	-11 165 000
Romania	-24 068 200
Slovenia	-3 270 200
Slovakia	-4 827 630
Finland	-27 640 000
Sweden	-38 721 000
United Kingdom	-20 701 550

§ Includes a corrigendum by Member State.

¹ Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2018/841 on the inclusion of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry in the 2030 climate and energy framework, and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 and Decision No 529/2013/EU (LULUCF Regulation), OJ L 156, 19.6.2018, p. 1.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3638&news=1>

³ SWD(2019) 213 final. Assessment of the National Forestry Accounting Plans.

⁴ Links to Member States' National Forestry Accounting Plans as available.

⁵ The Forest Reference Level includes emissions and removals from Harvested Wood Products using the first-order decay function, the methodologies and the default half-life values as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/841.

⁶ Due to no submission of a revised National Forestry Accounting Plan by 25 of February 2020, the proposed Forest Reference Level corresponds to the Member State's submission in accordance with Art 8(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/841.