

Proposal for development of PEFC Regional Standard for Slovenia, North Macedonia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina

National PEFC governing bodies of Republic of Slovenia (SI), Republic of North Macedonia (NMK) and Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH) (referred countries) are starting the process for development of the PEFC Regional forest certification system that will include separate national standards for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).

The basis for preparation of this standard proposal derives from Pan-European criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management (SFM) brought on Ministerial Conference for Protection of Forests in Europe in Lisbon, 1998.

Every single national SFM standard will be in compliance with PEFC meta standard PEFC 1003:2018 and current legal framework related to forest management in referred country. The content of National SFM standard is unique for every participating country in this regional Standard. The scope of the standard is only for forest and forest land. Trees outside the forests and forest plantations were not considered as part of this Standard.

Other documents of the Regional Standard are identical and applicable for all participating countries.

This standard proposal is applicable for individual and group certification.

Forest managers and forest owners are responsible to ensure full compliance to forest management standard including activities that are conducted by contracted forest operators in certified forest area.

The process of drafting the standard proposal will be executed in several phases:

- update of the stakeholders mapping document
- public announcement of the process
- invitations to stakeholders to join the process of drafting SFM standard
- work group definition
- working sessions within work group to discuss on the content of draft SFM
- first public consultation of 60 days for the content of draft SFM and revision of comments/proposals from public consultation process
- second public consultation of 30 days for the content of draft SFM and revision of comments/proposals from public consultation process
- consensus building among the members of the work group for the content of the draft SFM standard
- acceptance of the final version of SFM standard at the NGB

The Standard setting procedures document is available on web page:

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For Bosnia and Herzegovina: www.nasasuma.com

The focal point for questions or issues related to the content of the Standard setting procedures document or issues related to the process, feel free to contact:

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