

## Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Seven pillars of forest governance in Austria SPFGA
Picture	
Domain	Sustainable management and planning
Source of wood	stemwood
Location	Nationwide,
Implementers	implemented by governmental authorities
Actual status	running
Approach	<p>Sustainable development can only be advanced successfully through cross-sectoral integration and cooperation. The new Austrian government structure is a clear and effective response to this challenge. Forest sector needs to play a central role in achieving the sustainable development goals. Government recently established a new Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism with responsibility for agriculture and forestry, environment and water management, energy and climate protection, regional development and tourism.</p>
Main results	<p>Seven pillars</p> <p>#1 A clear commitment to sustainable forest management, which is a legal obligation</p> <p>#2 A solid legal framework providing for protection and sustainable management of all forests through clear property rights and tenure rules</p> <p>#3 Effective institutions for law enforcement</p> <p>#4 Forest management is fast evolving, therefore research development, education and training are crucial success factors</p> <p>#5 A balanced system of financial instruments from utilization,</p>

	<p>investments, taxes, subsidies and PES need to work together</p> <p>#6 Stakeholder involvement in forest policy development and implementation as like the Austrian Forest Dialogue ensures a broad interlinkage to forest policy deliberations</p> <p>#7 A smart forest information system, based on indicators for sustainable forest management by regular monitoring and assessment is needed for possible adjustments of the governance system</p>
Lessons learned	<p>Forestry like other sectors of land use and environment do not operate in isolation, they are close interlinked. Forest circumstances vary strongly from region to region and country to country. There is no one fits all solutions for forest issues. The Seven Pillars may need to be adjusted to the very different situations. However, in their essence they are fundamental and independent.</p>
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## Best practice assessment

Region	
Time scale	
Mobilization Potential	
Kind of wood concerned	
Sustainability Potential	
Impact on environment & biodiversity	
Ease of implementation	
Economic impact	
Job effect	
Income effect	
Specific knowledge needed	
Costs of implementation	
Technical readiness level	
Key information for adoption	