

Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	KEMERA funding (Funding for Sustainable Forestry)
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Domain	Sustainable management and planning Innovative funding
Source of wood	Stemwood
Location	Finland
Implementers	State and private forest owners
Actual status	Running
Approach	<p>The purpose of the act on the financing of sustainable forestry (Kemera-law) is to advance economically, ecologically and socially sustainable silviculture and use of the forests. A private forest owner may receive financial support from the State for forest management, forest improvement work and for nature management.</p> <p>Public funding for forestry is based on the Act on the Financing of Sustainable Forestry. The general objectives of forestry financing are stated in the Act: increase the growth of forests, maintain road networks for forestry purposes, secure the biodiversity of forests and promote the adaptation of forests to climate change.</p>
Main results	<p>The receipt of Kemera subsidies requires a implementation plan or an application for support and declaration of completion. The amount of Kemera support varies by type of work and by financial zone. Support is a taxable income and the funding is provided by the Finnish Forest Center.</p> <p>Forest management and improvement work which may be eligible for support include the tending of seedling stands, tending of young stands, ditch cleaning and supplementary ditching and construction of forest roads. Support may also be granted for remedial fertilisation.</p>
Lessons learned	<p>Government subsidies are essential for safeguarding sustainable wood production, maintenance of forest biodiversity and improvement of the health of forests.</p> <p>The most common reason not to participate in the cost sharing program is the challenge in applying the support.</p>
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information	
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Best practice assessment

Region	Finland
Time scale	Running
Mobilization Potential	Not possible to assess
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood, Above and below ground woody biomass
Sustainability Potential	High
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive
Ease of implementation	Easy
Economic impact	Positive
Job effect	Very positive
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	Knowing KEMERA system is needed
Costs of implementation	Depends of type of subsidy
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	State support for forestry