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| **2.8.**  **Other aid to the forestry sector with ecological, protective and recreational objectives** |

**1. COMMON PROVISIONS**

* 1. Please confirm that the primary objective of the State aid measure is to maintain, improve or restore ecological, protective and recreational functions of forests, biodiversity and a healthy forest ecosystem:

yes  no

* 1. Please describe how the measures directly contribute to maintaining or restoring the ecological, protective and recreational functions of forests, biodiversity and a healthy forest ecosystem:

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* 1. Please confirm that no aid will be granted to forest based industries or for commercially viable extraction of timber or for transportation of timber or the processing of wood or other forestry resources into products or for energy generation.

yes  no

* 1. Please confirm that no aid will be granted for felling the primary purpose of which is the commercially viable extraction of timber or for restocking where the felled trees are replaced by equivalent ones.

yes  no

* 1. Please confirm that the maximum aid intensity is 100% of eligible costs and that the total amount of aid is limited to EUR 500 000:

yes  no

* 1. Is aid granted to undertakings active in the forestry sector?

yes  no

**2. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

2.1. Please confirm that the aid complies with the Compatibility assessment pursuant to Article 107(3), point (c), of the Treaty, as set out in Part I., Chapter 3 of the Guidelines and the common provisions applicable to Section 2.8 of Part II of the Guidelines.

yes  no

**3. CATEGORIES OF AID**

**Aid for specific forest actions and interventions with the primary objective to contribute to maintaining or to restoring forest ecosystem and biodiversity or the traditional landscape.**

3.1. Pleaseconfirm that the primary objective of aid for planting, pruning, thinning and felling of trees and other vegetation in existing forests, the removal of fallen trees, and the planning costs of such measures, aid for the costs of treating and preventing the spreading of pests, tree diseases and invasive alien species and aid to make good the damage caused by the pests and tree diseases and invasive alien species, is to contribute to maintaining or to restoring forest ecosystem and biodiversity or the traditional landscape:

yes  no

3.2. Please describe the measure in more details:

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3.3. Please specify the eligible costs of the aid for treating and preventing the spreading of pests, tree diseases and invasive alien species and aid to make good the damage caused by the pests, tree diseases and invasive alien species:

(a) preventive and treatment measures, including soil preparation for replanting, and the products, appliances and materials necessary for such measures.

Please confirm that the principles of integrated pest management set out in Article 14 of and Annex III to Directive 2009/128/EC are complied with, in particular for what concerns the use of plant protection products, as required by Article 55 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009:

yes  no

(b) loss of stock and restocking costs up to the market value of the stock destroyed on the order of the authorities to fight the disease or pest in question. When calculating the increment loss, the potential increment of the stock destroyed until the normal felling age may be taken into consideration.

**Aid for maintaining and improving the soil quality and ensuring a balanced and healthy tree growth in the forestry sector.**

4.1. Is aid granted for maintaining and improving the soil quality in forests and ensuring balanced and healthy tree growth?

yes  no

4.2. Please describe the measure in more details:

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4.3. Do the measures include soil improvement by fertilisation and other treatments to maintain its natural balance, reducing excessive vegetation density and ensuring sufficient water retention and proper drainage, including their planning costs?

yes  no

4.4. Is aid granted for the planning costs of such measures?

yes  no

4.5. Please explain how it is ensured that the measures do not reduce biodiversity, cause nutrient leaching or adversely affect natural water ecosystems or water protection zones.

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**Aid for restoration and maintenance of natural pathways, landscape elements and features and natural habitat for animals in the forestry sector.**

5.1. Are the eligible costs linked to restoration and maintenance of natural pathways, landscape elements and features and the natural habitat for animals, including planning costs?

yes  no

5.2. Please describe the measure and eligible costs in more details:

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5.3. Please confirm that measures aiming at the implementation of Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC are excluded from this type of aid (those measures must be covered by the form related to Section 2.2 of Part II. of the Guidelines).

yes  no

**Aid for maintaining roads to prevent forest fires**

6.1. Please describe the aid measure:

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6.2. Please confirm that aid for maintaining roads aims at preventing forest fires:

yes  no

6.3. Please describe the link between the objective of the aid (preventing forest fires) and the road maintenance:

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**Aid to make good the damage in forests caused by protected animals.**

7.1. Have reasonable preventive measures proportionate to the risk of damage by the protected animals in the forest area concerned been taken?

yes  no

In case of impossibility to take such reasonable preventive measures, please explain why no preventive measures are possible:

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7.3. Please confirm that the direct causal link between the damage suffered and the behavior of the animals is established:

yes  no

7.4. Please confirm that the aid scheme has been established within three years from the occurrence of the event causing the damage and that the aid will be paid out within four years from that date.

yes  no

7.5. Is the damage calculated at the level of the individual beneficiary?

yes  no

7.6. Have the costs of the damage incurred as a direct consequence of the event causing the damage been assessed either by a public authority, by an independent expert recognized by the granting authority or by an insurance undertaking?

yes  no

7.7. Please indicate the kind of damage:

(a) damage to living trees. The aid may be granted to compensate for loss of stock and for restocking costs up to the market value of the stock destroyed by the protected animals. When calculating the market value of the increment loss, the potential increment of the stock destroyed until the normal felling age may be taken into consideration.

(b) other costs incurred by the beneficiary due to the event causing the damage, such as treatment measures, including soil preparation for replanting and the products, appliances and materials necessary for such operations.

(c) the material damage to the following assets: forestry equipment, machinery and buildings. The calculation of the material damage must be based on the repair cost or economic value of the affected asset before the event caused the damage. It must not exceed the repair cost or the decrease in fair market value caused by the event, that is to say the difference between the asset's value immediately before and immediately after the event that caused the damage.

7.8. Is the amount reduced by any costs not incurred because of the damaging event, which would otherwise have been incurred by the beneficiary?

yes  no

7.10. Is aid and any other payments received to compensate the damage, including payments under national or Union measures or insurance policies, limited to 100% of the eligible costs?

yes  no

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please indicate any other information considered relevant to the assessment of the measure concerned under this Section of the Guidelines.

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