

# Forest Information Standard



Forest information is standardised so that actors engaged in the forest sector could develop and use harmonised information systems. Although basic concepts and measurement units have been defined for decades, almost every actor has implemented them differently in their information systems. Converting and transferring information is difficult or almost impossible between systems. Forest information standards facilitate the use of open materials and data transfer between actors. This improves operational efficiency and international competitiveness of forest sector.

The development of information exchange interfaces is not finished. The goal is a situation where all forest industry systems would read, write and send forest information standard.

Standard defines the structure, data types and codes used in different schemes. Forest information standards are based on XML-format (geometry: GML). Data to be exchanged with standards is: special feature data, forest compartment data, forest use declaration, timber trade, harvesting and operations. The projects outcome is: documentation, schemas, guidelines, practises. The outcome will be written XML files which are transferred between different systems. XML is used as it is international data standard, a method to structure electronic documents. XML-documents (=files) are readable and alloes to import data into all systems capable of reading such documents. The structure of XML-documents can be validated automatically so it follows its definitions (=schema). The information standard is already used by metsään.fi, puumarkkinat.fi, kuutio.fi (will be used), organizations such as Tornator, Stora Enso, UPM, Metsä Group.

## DETAILS

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### ORIGIN OF WOOD

Forest

### TYPE OF WOOD

Stemwood

### KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED

Stemwood

### IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

Positive

### INCOME EFFECT

Positive

### EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL

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### HUB

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### ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fast and effective info transfer

### SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Introduction to XML schemes

### MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL

Not possible to assess

### SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE

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### EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Medium

### EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION

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### KEY PREREQUISITES

Involve all relevant stakeholders in the development

### TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED

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### JOB EFFECT

Positive

### COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION ( EURO - € )

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**MORE DETAILS**

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**CHALLENGE ADDRESSED**

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**KEYWORDS**

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**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

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**DOMAIN**

**DIGITAL SOLUTION**

No

**SCALE OF APPLICATION**

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**TYPE OF SOLUTION**

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**INNOVATION**

Yes

**START AND END YEAR**

2008 -

**CONTACT DATA**

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**REFERENCES  
AND RESOURCES**

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<https://bitcomp.com/bitcomp-finland/>

**PROJECT WEBSITE**

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**PROJECT REFERENCE**

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**RESOURCES**

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