

EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF THE EUROPEAN FOREST GENETIC RESOURCES PROGRAMME **EUFORGEN**



POLICY**BRIEF**

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What is EUFORGEN?

Through a uniquely collaborative approach, the European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN), promotes conservation and better use of European forest genetic resources as a vital part of sustainable forest management.

WHAT DOES EUFORGEN DO?

EUFORGEN is a network of experts from its member countries and provides a platform for developing and implementing its pan-European conservation strategy. Members can exchange experiences and information, analyze relevant practices and policies, develop science-based tools, methods and strategies, identify knowledge gaps, set priorities for research and identify policy needs. The Programme represents a degree of collective knowledge far beyond that of any single country.

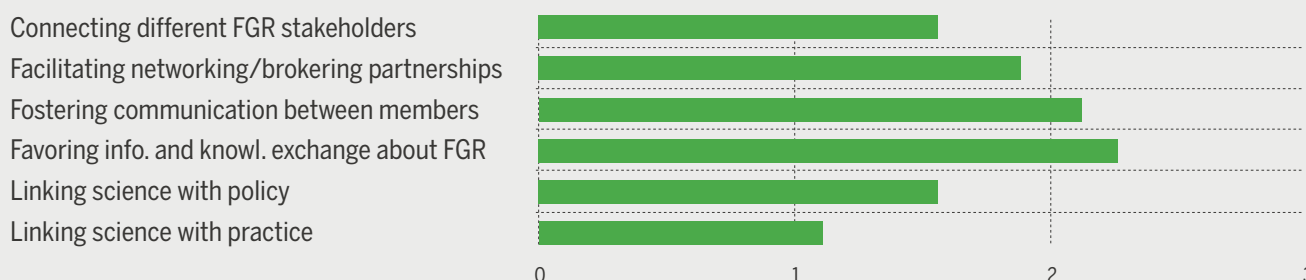
HOW DID WE EVALUATE THE PROGRAMME?

Our analysis of EUFORGEN, which is in its fifth phase (2015-2019), looked at the nature and effectiveness of the Programme through three broad pillars, to provide valuable insights for future decision making.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

01. **Develop links and communication channels with policy makers and practitioners on the ground, and make EUFORGEN products more readily available to them.**
02. **Reach out to more stable funding to sustain the long-term conservation of forest genetic resources.**
03. **Raise awareness about the importance of the pan-European strategy for the effective conservation of forest genetic resources.**

Figure 1: Success of EUFORGEN with respect to its connectivity



Remarks: Scale from -3 (very unsuccessful), 0 (neither successful nor unsuccessful) to +3 (very successful); Number of respondents for each point varies between 98 and 101.
FGR - forest genetic resources