

Dissemination of information about Russian forest sector for Finnish stakeholders

[www.idanmetsatieto.info](http://www.idanmetsatieto.info)

Parallel site for the Russian speakers about the Finnish forest sector

[www.lesinfo.fi](http://www.lesinfo.fi)



Information service about forestry in Central and Eastern European countries

[www.metla.fi/metinfo/kie](http://www.metla.fi/metinfo/kie)

The Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metla) was established in 1917. Metla is a governmental, sectoral research institute, subordinated to the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Metla has more than 700 permanent employees, of whom 250 are researchers.

Metla's mission is to build the future of the forest sector by producing and disseminating information and know-how for the well-being of society.

Metla's key strengths are its highly professional staff, high standard scientific research and active national and international cooperation. Metla has a network of research units all over Finland.

The Metla Joensuu Research Unit started its activities in Joensuu in 1981. By 2008 a total of 150 people were working at Metla/Joensuu, including 85 permanent and 60 contract employees. The number of scientists has grown to 85. Six of Metla's eighteen research professorships are located at Metla/Joensuu. Researchers are participating in over 60 projects.

Metla/Joensuu is a multidisciplinary expert research organisation responsible for promoting forestry and forest-products based business activities in rural areas. The research at Metla/Joensuu is concentrated in the following six fields:

- Forest management planning
- Silviculture, including the impact of forestry on the environment
- Forest technology and forest energy
- Wood science and technology
- Forest economics
- International forestry

All parties interested in learning more about our activities or willing to cooperate, are encouraged to contact:

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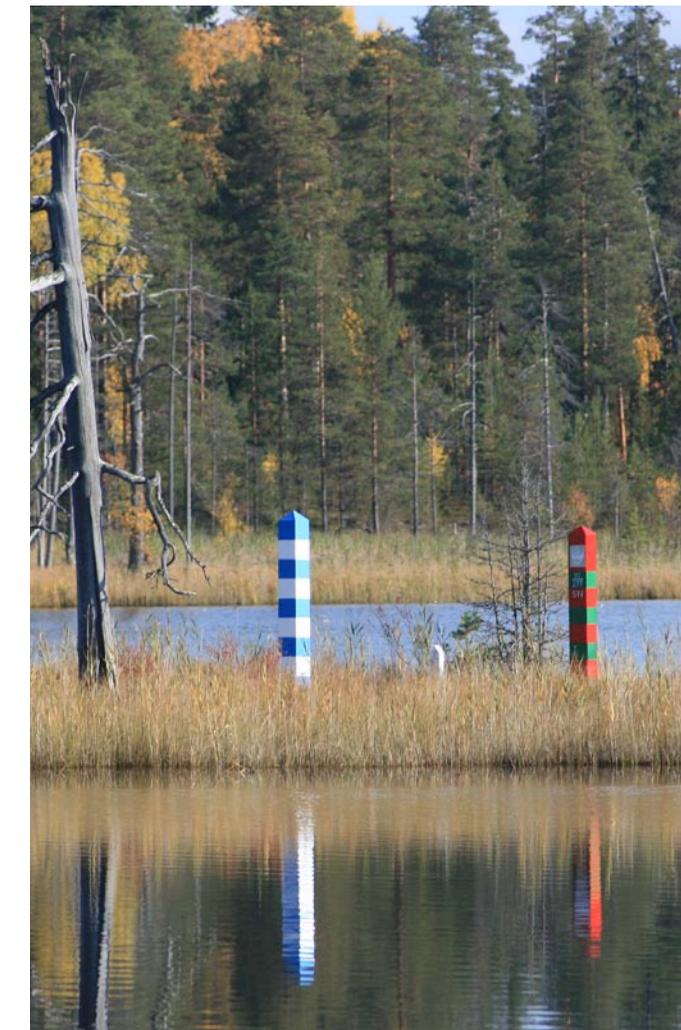
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## The Finnish Forest Research Institute

Research Area of  
*International Forestry*



Suomi  
Русский  
English

The research area provides up-to-date information about the state and development of forest sectors in Russia and Central and Eastern European countries (CEE)

Topics are studied particularly from the perspective of the Finnish forest sector with a problem-oriented approach taking into account the needs of clients

Broad expertise of the Finnish Forest Research Institute is utilised in research and development projects implemented in cooperation with other Finnish and foreign forest related organisations

Coordination of cooperation of the Finnish Forest Research Institute with Russia

**Priority themes**

- Forest and related policies
- Availability of forest resources
- Sustainable forest management
- Procurement of wood for different uses
- Business opportunities in forest sector



**Human capacities**

- Knowledge of forest sector development and challenges in Russia and CEE
- Understanding of global and regional forestry processes
- Expertise in several disciplines
- Multicultural and cross-sectoral competence
- Client-oriented approach

**Geographical focus**

- Russia, specific focus on the north-west federal district
- New EU member and accession countries
- Other CEE countries with substantial forest resources

**Cooperation**

- Extensive cooperation network with experts from Finland, Europe and Russia
- Considerable experience of international projects
- Cooperation agreements with several organisations from the geographical focus area

**Clients**

- Finnish authorities in forest and related sectors
- Finnish companies
- Finnish forest owners
- General public
- Funding organisations
- International organisations and processes



**Wood harvesting and logistics in Russia**

Improving knowledge about wood harvesting technology, wood energy and logistics in Northwest Russia

**Possibilities for energy wood procurement and use in Northwest Russia**

Analysing availability of different wood energy sources, markets for forest machinery producers

**Towards progressive forest sector in Northwest Russia**

Intensification of forest management and improvement of wood harvesting in Northwest Russia

**Development of sustainable forest management in Northwest Russia**

Compilation of forest management recommendations in co-operation with Russian and Finnish experts

**Comparison of harvesting methods in Russia**

Analysis of advantages and weaknesses of cut-to-length, tree length and full tree harvesting methods

**Comparative studies on forest policies and structural changes in the forest sector of selected CEE countries**

Strengthening the transition process by international cooperation and by transferring lessons learned from countries which have made more progress to less advanced countries

**Support to the sustainable and competitive forest sector in countries with economies in transition**

Analyses of recent policy and legal development in CIT, its impact on expected wood supply and trade, innovations and entrepreneurship

**Custom made projects**

Availability of wood resources, business opportunities, comparison of forest management practices, etc.