

LULUCF implementation guidelines and policy options

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Overview of project



The team

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Expertise:

- Technical
- Economic
- Policy
- Developing guidance documents



Overarching Study Objectives

- 1. To deliver detailed and comprehensive guidance on how Member States are to fulfil their obligations set out in the EU LULUCF Decision under:
 - a) Article 10; and
 - b) Articles 3(2) and 3(3) using the activity based approach for cropland management (CM) grazing land management (GM), wetland drainage and rewetting (WDR) and revegetation (RV)

NB: forest related activities are only to be addressed in relation to Article 10 requirements

2. To assess and quantify the cost and availability of data at Member State level for meeting these obligations, identifying examples of good practice and including recommendations for data enhancement where relevant.



Background

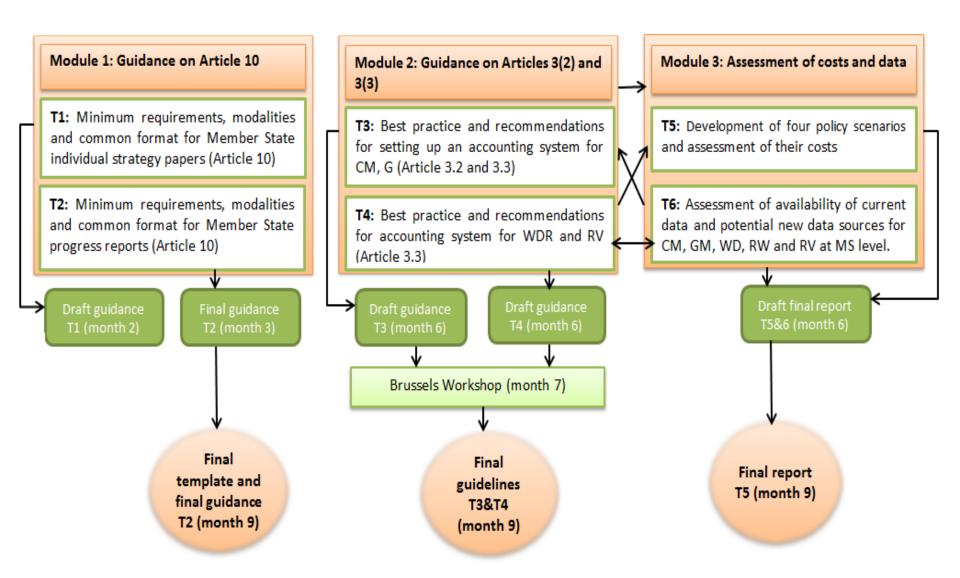
- Project will provide support into DG Clima's working group 5 on LULUCF as part of the EU Climate Change committee
- EU Decision gives MS lots of flexibility as a result of political compromise ->
 - One purpose of this study is to give stimuli to MS and encourage action, demonstrating opportunities
 - Importance of policy related advice bridging the "LULUCF world" and "agriculture world", providing information in a format that is digestible by non-expert officials in ministries
- Project will build on work in JRC LULUCF group on assessing current level of MRV in the LULUCF sector and preparing recommendations on improving MRV; CM and GM reporting and assessing existing datasets (Land Parcel Identification System – LPIS)
- Importance of careful co-ordination between JRC and this study team to avoid duplication and ensure complementarity



	KP-LULUCF 1st commitment period	KP-LULUCF 2 nd commitment period	Decision 529/2013/EU	Article No.
Afforestation/reforestation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Article 3(1)
Deforestation	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Article 3(1)
Forest management	Elective	Mandatory	Mandatory	Article 3(1)
Cropland management	Elective	Elective	Mandatory from 2021	Article 3(2)
Grazing land management	Elective	Elective	Mandatory from 2021	Article 3(2)
Wetland drainage and rewetting		Elective	Elective	Article 3(3)
Revegetation	Elective	Elective	Elective	Article 3(3)



Study modules and tasks



Policy context

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Policy area	Key decisions, guidelines, legislative acts and documents				
UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol					
Kyoto-Protocol – first commitment period	Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines 2003 IPCC-LULUCF Good Practice Guidelines (GPG) ³⁵ Common Reporting Format				
Kyoto Protocol – second commitment period ³⁶	Decisions and guidances applying in the first commitment period Decision2/CMP.7 (Durban, 2011 Decision on LULUCF) Decision-/CMP.9 (Warsaw, 2013 Guidance on Article 3 reporting) 2006 IPCC Good Practice Guidelines, including 2011 update ³⁷ ; Common Reporting Format 2013 IPCC KP Supplement 2013 IPCC Wetlands Supplement				
EU policies					
EU LULUCF Decision	Decision No 529/2013/EU				
Regulation on mechanism for monitoring and reporting MMR	Regulation 525/2013/EU				
EU climate and energy package 20/20/20	EU climate and energy legislative package				

Related EU policies

- Post-2014 Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), incl.
 Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020; GAEC cross-compliance; Pillar 1 greening measures
- Other existing policies directly or indirectly affecting GHG emissions and removals through land use, eg: EU Forestry Strategy; National Emission Ceiling Directive; EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change; etc
- Policies that may be forthcoming:
 - the 2030 climate and energy framework
 - a Land Communication scheduled for 2015 launch



Timeline

Activities	Timing (project month)									
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Project management										
Project management, coordination between partners and Commission, financial management										
Proposed meetings with the Commission	Kick-off	SG		SG		SG	SG			
Tasks										
TASK 1 : Minimum requirements, modalities and/or common format for Member State individual strategy papers (Article 10)		M1: Draft guidance								
TASK 2: Minimum requirements, modalities and/or common format for Member State progress reports (Article 10)			M2:Final guidance						M2: Final guidance M8: Final template / guidelines	
TASK 3: Best practice and recommendations for setting up an accounting system for CM, GM (Article 3(2)): 3a Member State level assessment of current system 3b Assessment of indicative timelines for Tier 2/3 accounting 3c Member State level recommendations for improving accounting TASK 4: Best practice and recommendations for an accounting system for WDR and RV (Article 3(3))						M3: Draft guideline report	WORKSHOP		M6: Final guidance	
TASK 5: 5a Four policy scenarios 5b Matrix of cost estimates based on these scenarios TASK 6: Assess availability of current data and potential new data sources for CM, GM, WD, RW and RV at Momber State level.						M4:Draft report			M7: Final report	



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