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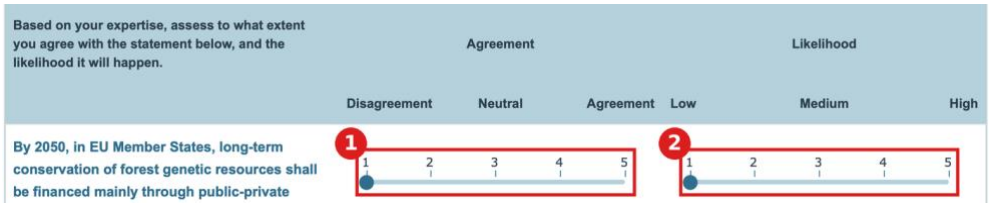
How to complete the survey

OptFORESTS Real-Time Delphi study: detailed instructions with screenshots

The survey presents 21 statements describing possible future developments or policy directions concerning European forests, forest genetic resources and forest reproductive material up to 2050. Each statement comes with a short rationale explaining its context and the most relevant considerations. There are no right or wrong answers.

1. Rate each statement

For each statement, **rate your agreement** by moving the left slider from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), and **rate the likelihood** that the statement will happen by moving the right slider from 1 (very low) to 5 (very high).



(1) Agreement, (2) Likelihood

> **The sliders start at position 1, but a rating only counts once you click or move the slider. To give a rating of 1, click directly on the 1.** If a slider has not been clicked, you will be asked to complete it when you save the page.

2. Cannot assess

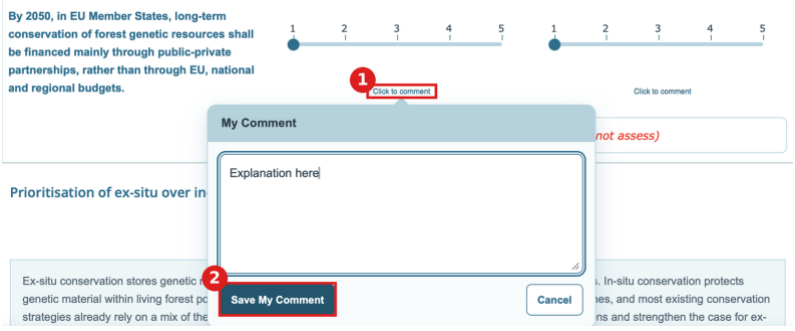
If a statement is outside your expertise, tick **"Cannot assess"** below the slider instead of giving a speculative rating.



Cannot assess

3. Add a comment (optional)

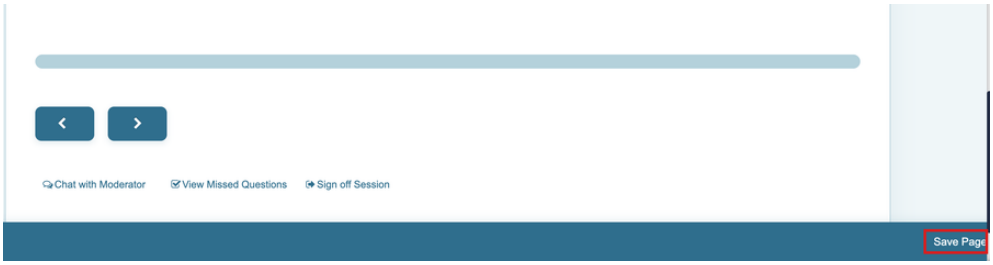
Click **"Click to comment"** below a slider, write your comment, and click **"Save My Comment"**. Comments can explain your reasoning, point out uncertainties or offer alternative perspectives.



(1) Click to comment, (2) Save My Comment

4. Save the page

When you have rated all statements on a page, click **"Save Page"** in the bottom right corner of the screen.



Save Page, at the bottom right of the screen

5. See the group results

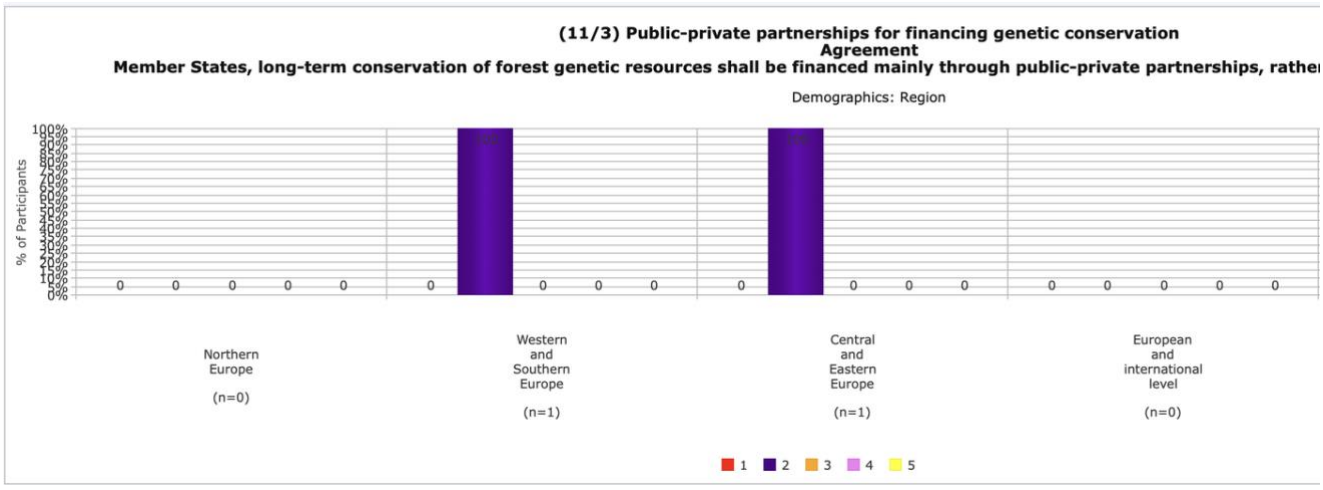
After saving, the agregated results appear below each statement: the distribution of ratings, the consensus range, the agreement level and the number of comments.



(A) Distribution of ratings, (B) Consensus range, agreement level and number of comments, (C) View results by region

5. See results by region

To see how experts in each region rated a statement, click **"View results by region"**. New window will open You may change your ratings at any time in light of these results, or keep your original responses.



Ratings by region (example)

7. Read the survey in another language

Use the **"Select Language"** menu at the top left of the page. Translations are automatic; the English text is the reference version.



Select Language

7. Return to the survey

Your answers are saved. When you return with your personal link, you will continue where you left off. We encourage you to return at least once or twice before the survey closes at the end of January 2027, to see how the results have evolved and, if appropriate, update your responses.

If you have any questions, please contact the lead researcher via Calibrum platform, or via email to todora.rogelja@unipd.it

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