



NSG SLOVAKIA

National Support Group of the Forestry-based sector technology platform

Brief information for the 58th meeting of the Platform's Advisory Committee (AC FTP)

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1. History

- The impetus for developing coordinated cooperation in the forestry and timber sector was the agreement to establish the **National Centre for supporting Forest-based industry on 25 April 2006.**
- The agreement was signed by the National Forestry Centre in Zvolen, Technical University (Faculty of Forestry and Faculty of Wood Science and Technology) in Zvolen and the Centre for the Development of the Wood, Pulp and Paper Industry in Bratislava.
- The centre was not institutionalised as an independent organisation and it operates as an informal working group – in relation to FTP as NSG SK
- Slovak business entities and associations have also been involved in FTP activities through their membership in international organizations such as EUSTAFOR; CEPF and CEPI.



2. Current scope of NSG SK and financing

NSG SK

- acts as an information and coordination platform.
- activities are mainly aimed at transferring information from FTP to national organizations and, conversely, informing FPT about the national operation of FBS in Slovakia.
- communicates with the Forest-based sector primarily through their associations and unions.
- is financially supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic within the contract between the Ministry and the National Forest Centre. The activity falls under the contract task of *International cooperation*. The tasks listed explicitly are:
 - coordination of the National Support Group
 - participation in AC FTP (Advisory Committee) meetings/events and provision of tasks resulting from AC FTP meetings.



3. Member of National Support Group of the Forest-based sector technology platform



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4. FTP – NSG SK: examples of cooperation

- An example of mutually beneficial cooperation between NSG SK and FTP was participation in the creation of strategic FTP materials:
 - Vision 2040 of the European forest-based sector and Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda 2030.
 - These materials were used to create the National Forestry Program of the Slovak Republic 2022 -2030.
- Participation in shaping and preparing the Horizon Europe Work Program:
 - NSG SK informs and prepares documents for HE national delegates about Forest-based sector priorities.
 - Documents from FTP and the National Forestry Program are the starting point for specifying the focus of the WP.

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5. NSG SK: examples of cooperation on National level



- A successful example of mutual cooperation was the set-up of the **LignoSilva Centre of Excellence** (a joint project of the National Forest Centre and Pulp and Paper Research Institute).
- The project focuses on developing excellent research and completing Europe's unique infrastructure: a pilot line equipped with a **3D CT scanner** for wood defect detection and **Pilot Paper Line** for developing and testing special paper surface properties, SMART and biodegradable packages.



Thank you for your attention

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