Report on the Forest nurseries and the Tree seed supplier’s situation 2025. To be used for discussion between members of EFNA on how EFNA see the possibilities and obstacles for the nurseries in the future.

D6.1 | Status report on the European forest nursery sector

In the OptFORESTS project the working group WP 6 (forest nurseries) have among other tasks the job to make a survey on the situation for the forest nurseries. More work in OptFORESTS will be forwarded when ready for publication.

The D6.1(Deliverable number 6.1) report is a scientific paper to be published when the peer review is made. EFNA has, as a Stakeholder organization and also a Partner in the Consortium behind this scientific work, an advantage as we are allowed to use this from now in our internal communication on how we can understand and use these comprehensive data and recommendations we find in the Status report.

For a scientific paper, there are demands for validity and description of methods used, and so the text contains a lot of references to statistics. Parts of this are not essential for EFNA to debate - so please read the parts of most interest for you. A discussion on this will be on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 6th June 2025.

The data collection comes from several sources – but much work has been done in 4 activities:

4.5.2. National Authority Questionnaire

4.6.2. Forest Nursery Questionnaire

4.7.2. Seed Supplier Questionnaire

4.8. Semi-structured Interviews with selected forest nursery managers

The semi-structured Interviews contains many important information’s on where the forest nurseries do find need for change.

A special focus has been on:

5.1. National structures and production capacity of European forest nurseries

6. Conclusions and recommendations.