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## Study Visit to EU Member States

### Evaluation Report

#### Remarks

- The report should be returned electronically and in paper form to the TAIEX Office (170 Rue de la Loi - 1049 Brussels - Belgium) within 2 weeks (14 days) of the completion of the mission.
- Additional information on the specific issues of the mission or pertinent documents provided by the Officials of the Candidate Countries can also be attached to this report or forwarded to TAIEX after the mission.

You are kindly requested to complete the following report in detail.

#### Information on the Study Visit

Country visited	Italy
Institution(s) visited	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Policy, (MIPAF) National Research Council, Institute of agroenvironmental and forest biology (CNR IBAF) Umbraflor Srl (Private Nursery) Venetoagricoltura (Public Nursery)
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Dates of the Study Visit	(3) 4-8 (9) April 2005
Event ID° No.	TAIEX IND/STUD 12036
Subject area of the study visit	Marketing of Forest Reproductive Material
Chapter of the <i>acquis</i> (if relevant)	Agriculture
EU legislation / issues discussed	Council Directive 105/1999- EC

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## 1. Objective of the study visit:

According to "National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis", the Ministry of Environment and Forestry is responsible for executing the issues related to Council Directive 1999/105/EC of 22 December 1999 on the marketing of forest reproductive material.

So far, the relevant Council Directive has been translated to Turkish and draft legislation has been prepared by a special team founded for this purpose. The draft legislation was amended after the visit of an independent expert mobilized by TAIEX (ref: TAIEX IND/EXP 10482 Marketing of Forest Reproductive Material" who visited Turkey between 6 and 8 of December 2004. The mission object was to provide technical assistance for the adoption of the Directive 1999/105 EC. This included

- i) the evaluation of the draft legislation prepared by the Turkish Ministry of the Environment and Forestry to adopt the mentioned Council Directive
- ii) providing overall information on the Marketing of Forest Reproductive Material,
- iii) the in situ evaluation of technical issues of the infrastructures involved via a visit to a large nursery and the draft legislation examined deeply and some a nursery

The report prepared about this event has been enclosed to this application form. (5 pages)

According to "National Programme" the relevant Turkish Legislation will have to be entry into force before end of May 2005. Beside this, it is suggested a "study visit by 10 staffs for 2 weeks to 2 Member States on practices of marketing standards of forest reproductive material" (Page 252) and we have already submitted a request for a study visit to a member state (Date of application 08/11/2004).

The aims of the study visit were:

- a) To complete the revision of the Turkish draft legislation
- b) To evaluate the implementation actions taken by a member state in terms of
  - i) general organization of the state intervention on forest matters under the cover of UE legislation taking into account the regional organization of the Member State
  - ii) scientific knowledge, tools and efforts necessary to select, evaluate, protect and use the basic material for production of forest reproductive material and to produce forest reproductive material in the four categories of the CD 105/1999
  - iii) organization, legal status, labor employment and working conditions, technical skill and innovation, relations with an open market of two nurseries owned by a public entity and run under private conditions
  - iv) implementation of the EC 105/1999 by the Regione Veneto.

## 2. Institution(s) visited:

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Policy - General Directorate of Rural Development (ROME)

Institute of Agroenvironmental and Forest Biology – National Research Council (Porano (TR)

UmbraFlor Srl Private Nursery (Owned by the Regione Umbria) Spello (PG)

Veneto Agricoltura Private Nursery (Owned by the Regione Veneto) Montecchi Precalcino (VI)

3. How many people were involved in the discussion:

On Monday 4 April 6 people of The Ministry plus Alberto Battistelli, the interpreter and the delegation

On Tuesday 5 April 5 people of the CNR IBAF plus Alberto Battistelli the Interpreter and the delegation

On Wednesday 6 April 8 people from Mipaf Apat CNR IBAF Regione Piemonte University of Tuscia gave lectures on scientific topics as well as Mr. Belen and Mr. Siklar. Mr Battistelli was the chairman of the meeting, the rest of the delegation, the interpreter and 10 more people from private companies and IbaF attended the meeting in the morning. Almost all attendant of the morning meeting participated to the post lunch round table ( about 25 people).

4. Please report on your observations, the state of play and the results of discussions with regard to the tasks undertaken (please see section 3 of the application form):

5. Conclusions of your study visit:

6. Recommendations (including possible areas and nature of future assistance):

7. Please complete the attached form on additional elements of the visit:

**Annexes:**

Programme and full list of participants

Statistics

Copies of relevant legislation

Organigrammes

**Candidate Country's Representative(s) comment form**

1. Was the hosting Member State authority well prepared for your Study Visit?
  
2. Was the information provided in advance by the hosting Member State authority adequate?
  
3. Was the programme appropriate for the Study Visit?
  
4. Was the duration of the Study Visit appropriate for the issues addressed?
  
5. Were your travel/hotel arrangements satisfactory?

Any additional comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that your host(s) fill(s) in this questionnaire before the end of your study visit.

### **Host Member State comment form**

1. Were the Candidate Country's representatives well prepared for the Study Visit?

**YES**, the delegation Included high level and well prepared decision makers on the topic of the visit, so that to ensure that decisions to be taken would really benefit of the information and new knowledge acquired during the visit

2. Was advance communication with the Candidate Country's representatives sufficient?

**YES**, the mentioned study visit performed in Ankara and the exchange of information and documents that followed it made the preparation of the study visit accurate.

3. Was the duration of the Study Visit appropriate for the issues addressed?

**YES**, the study visit was quite intense, with very little extra time. Discussion has taken place even during the trasfers, thank to the mini-bus, during dinners, and also after dinner. I feel that the intensity of the commitment made the full immersion time spent very effective.

4. Did the Study Visit meet the needs of the Candidate Country's representatives?

**YES**. During the visit we fixed the final aspects of the Turkish legislation to be approved so that only minor corrections are needed. We followed the all filiera of the implementation. The scientific and bureaucratic aspects of the implementation were discussed in details and examples of application were shown in practice. Furthermore the delegation had the opportunity to be informed on general aspects of relationships between EU and the member states, particularly in relation to rural development that is a topic closely related to the use of forest reproductive material in Turkey and in the EU. The delegation had the opportunity to see how nurseries that produce forest reproductive material are organized to survive in the open market. This is something that is far from the state of the arts in Turkey were all Turkish Forest Nurseries belong to the State and all plantations are done directly by the government so that there is no private market of forest reproductive material at moment in that country. In Umbria and in Veneto the delegation visited two nurseries that were completely public in the past and are now run under a private status arrangement. This was a very interesting model for them since the Turkish government is planning to privatize part of its nursery stock. A second relevant aspect of the Italian Organization was the role of the Regions. Turkey is a centralized state and the delegation was very interested on the organization requested by the devolution of responsibilities from the central government to the Regional Authorities. Furthermore, during the visit the parts involved could meet and set contact for further collaboration on science, production and marketing of forest reproductive material. Finally arrangements were made to set up a future collaboration on sanitary aspects of forest reproductive material.

5. What do you consider to be the main results of the Study Visit?

- a) Final version of the draft legislation
- b) The perception of the need to implement in practice the EU legislation in order to accomplish to the commitments and also to gain the benefits of the common EU regulation and market
- c) The touch of a free market condition in which public entities have mainly regulatory and control functions while marketing is at least in part in the hands of private companies.
- d) A deep immersion on the effects of the EU regulations and funding activity on the organization and functioning of forest related activities

6. Please outline the next steps following the Study Visit.

Final correction of the draft legislation and submission to the Turkish parliament  
Start of the implementation activities in Turkey

7. Any other comments:

The study visit was a very interesting opportunity for the candidate country and for the Member State involved to know each other and to set contacts and link for future collaboration in science, technology, forestry, marketing and production of forest reproductive material.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_