

European Non-Wood Forest Products Policy Portal

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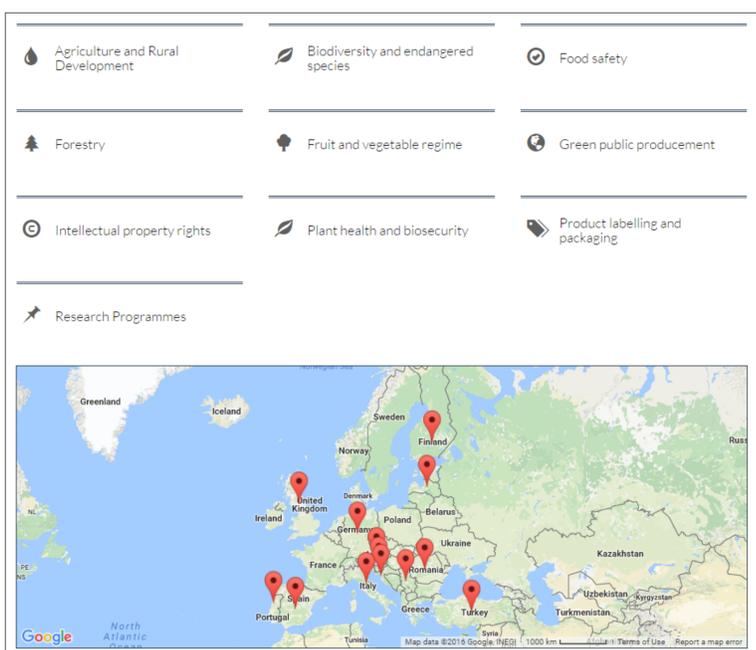
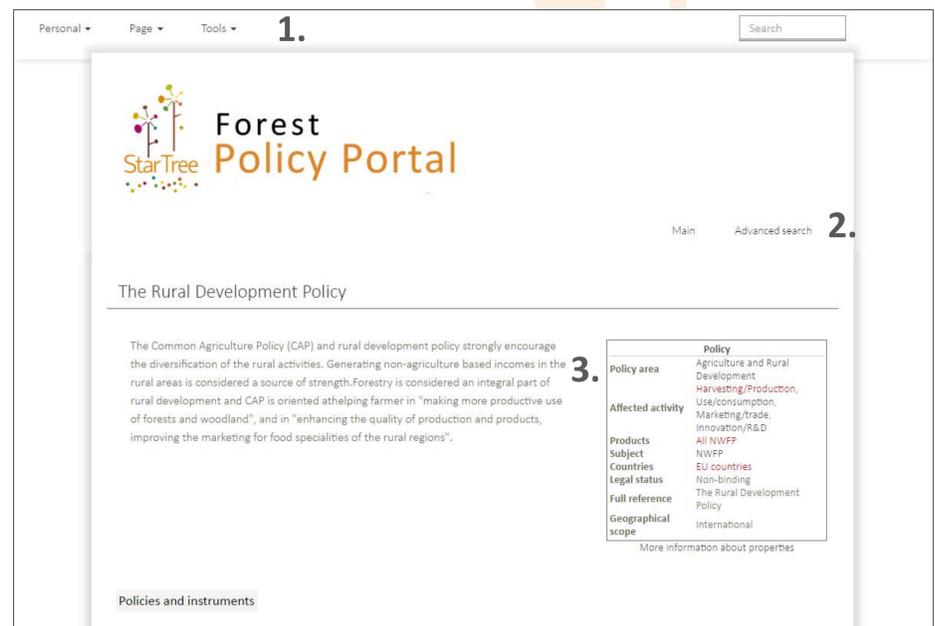
Platform – Semantic MediaWiki

MediawikiWiki is a software package used for creating wikis such as Wikipedia. *Semantic MediaWiki*, used in the policy portal, is an extension to the package, that allows adding semantic annotations to pages.

This means that the wiki functions like a normal wiki, but the pages are semantically linked – meaning their relation to other pages can be processed by a computer. This enables the computer to answer questions about the content for example by automatically creating lists.

(Picture in right:)

1. Wiki controls for browsing and editing pages
2. Semantic search engine
3. Each page has a description, and describing properties



Content – NWFP Policies

Content can be searched and browsed according to different properties. Inter alia:

- Year when the instrument was introduced
- The area to which a given policy document pertains.
- Countries in which the policy instrument is operational.

There are 16 searchable properties. Semantic search can be used to answer questions such as: *What legally binding policies in Finland are addressing mushrooms?* OR *What international policies were created in the EU between the years 2006-2016?*

State of the site - User driven content management

As to wiki principles, all interested parties are free to register to the site. Users do not need to know about database management or programming to edit the content. The website has an easy form-based interface for adding or editing pages. Users can freely edit pages and the changes will be published after an approval from a moderator. This way content is updated more fluidly, while still remaining correct.

The portal has just gotten its own domain, so it is ready to grow from here. Right now there is under 400 policies listed from 17 countries. The plan is to let the site grow freely with minimal moderation. You are also free to go and browse the portal and see if you have something to contribute. If you see something about the content that does not please you, you are free to add changes.

Online in the address:

<http://nwfp-policies.efi.int>



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