

Roundwood Prices in the Baltic Sea Region

<http://www.metla.fi/metinfo/tilasto/roundwoodprices>

Past actions and present situation

- Set-up in early 2000's by most of the BNFSG partner organizations
- Objective: joint focal point to provide on-line roundwood price information from countries around the Baltic Sea.
- The most representative price series for each country - Country correspondents to decide relevant series
- Official statistical sources are utilized, if only possible
- Located in "Info Service of Forestry in Russia and Eastern Europe" (site in FI)

Past actions and present situation 2

- Currently: - Roadside prices (harvesting costs included)
 - Sales volumes
- Coverage and updating frequency: **Estonia** (monthly), **Lithuania** (monthly), **Sweden** (quarterly), **Norway** (monthly/quarterly update), **Finland** (monthly)
- Updating: Luke's Administrator extract the data from agreed source and uploads manually. Data on Luke's server.
- Direct price comparisons are not possible, due to e.g. different, assortments, quality requirements and measurement units.
- Use of data: Forest economical research, modelling and forecasts; Forest industry and forest owner organizations for monitoring roundwood markets

Future prospects – Weaknesses and threats

- The database has been updated regularly. However, no development (technical or substance) has taken place in past 15 years
- The user interface is in need of update, and the database in need of development plan
- At present, Luke has no guaranteed resources to continue the maintenance of the system !
 - Resources for maintenance has to be ensured
 - Funding for the developemet of the system needed. Sources?

Potential improvements –for consideration

- Enlargement of the country coverage, e.g. Latvia, Russian Federation, Poland. Any other countries?
- Widening the scope of current price information. E.g. stumpage prices in Finland (approx. 80 % of total sales)
- Updating and improvement of country-wise quality descriptions to more in-depth roundwood market descriptions
- Improved co-operation between forest statisticians and the research community to enable analysis of price developments.
- The aim in the future: price comparisons between countries

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- More user-friendly interface, including e.g. graphics
- Organising of updating procedures: transfer of updating tasks to country contacts?
- Efficient marketing of the Price Service throughout the region and beyond
- Pricing policy of the Service: free of charge vs. subject to fee

FUTURE OF THE SERVICE



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Thank you!

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