

and training; follow-up and co-ordination of efforts concerning the protection of forests; an increase in EC participation in the cost of the projects (up to 50 per cent). The allotted budget has been increased from 20 to 31 million ECUs.

European system of forestry information and communication. The aim is to collect information on the structure and the functioning of the forestry sector and to put into operation, and then to follow up on, the applied measures under the framework of the program. The envisaged total cost for the first four years is 3.9 million ECUs.