

FP23 Forest Roads

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Forest Road

What is a Forest Road?

A road, other than a public road that serves a forest.



FP23 Forest Roads Scheme



Why Focus on Roads?

- Timber Mobilisation
- Access to forests
- Recreation
- Resilience
- Sectoral confidence**

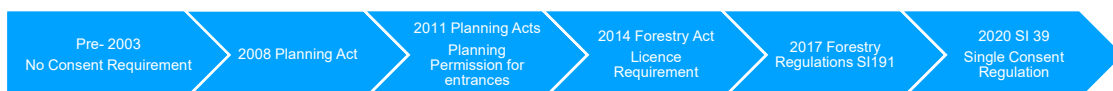


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Forest Roads Historical Context



- Historically, forest road development did not require licence or consent
- Approval was grant scheme related only
- Since 2003 gradual introduction of formal consent requirements
- Initial consent requirement was introduced in response to EIA Directive requirements
- In 2011 formal Planning Permission for roads involving entrances introduced
- In 2020 Single Consent Requirement introduced



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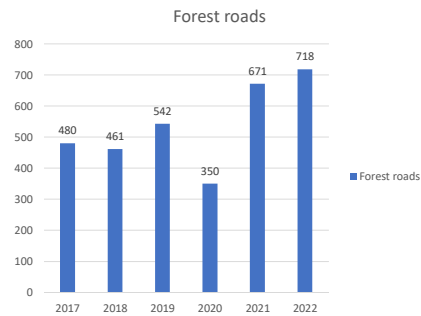
2022 Roads Project



- Case Management and Monitoring
- Contract Engineers
- Roads Process Workshop
- Roads Checklist Circular
- Roads Scenario Policy
- FIR Reviews
- Ecology Backlog addressed

Outcomes

- 718 Road Licences issued
- 290km Equivalent
- Lessons Learned



Year	Forest roads
2017	480
2018	461
2019	542
2020	350
2021	671
2022	718

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Whats New in FP23?



- €55/Linear Metre
- €10,000/Project SCW
- 130km overall Provision
- 650 licence target for 2024
- Road Design Support Measure
- Biodiversity Measure
- Water Attenuation Measure
- Use of Recycled materials
- Link to Innovative Forest Technology Scheme



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Innovative Forest Technology Scheme



- Scheme in Preparation
- Central Tyre Inflation Systems
- Temporary Access Systems
- Portable Bridging systems
- Sustainable Harvesting Equipment
- Forest Technology Challenge



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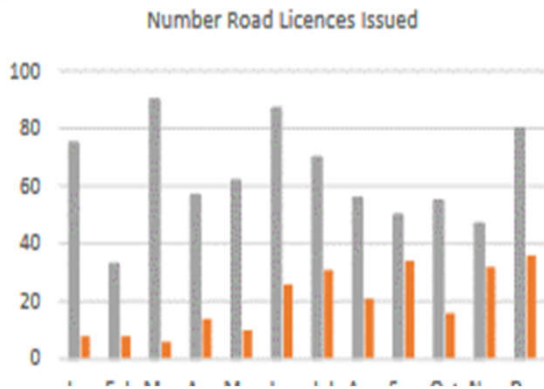
2024 Programme



- ABER Forest Roads Measure
- Process cases as Normal
- Engineer Team in place
- FP23 Rollout Plan completed
- Provision for up to 130km of new roads
- Approx 650 Forest Road Licences expected to issue
- Case Management and Monitoring
- Sector Training on Forest Road Scheme

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2023 Performance



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What do we need?



- Sectoral Training
- “Forest Roads Community”
- Local Authority Trust
- Good Project Outcomes
- Costs controls
- Standard Crossing Designs
- Good Environmental Performance
- **Good Quality, Early Applications**

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