

# Northern ToSIA

Assessing sustainability of forest based activities in rural areas of the Northern Periphery



## ToSIA – Tool for Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Forest Wood Chain

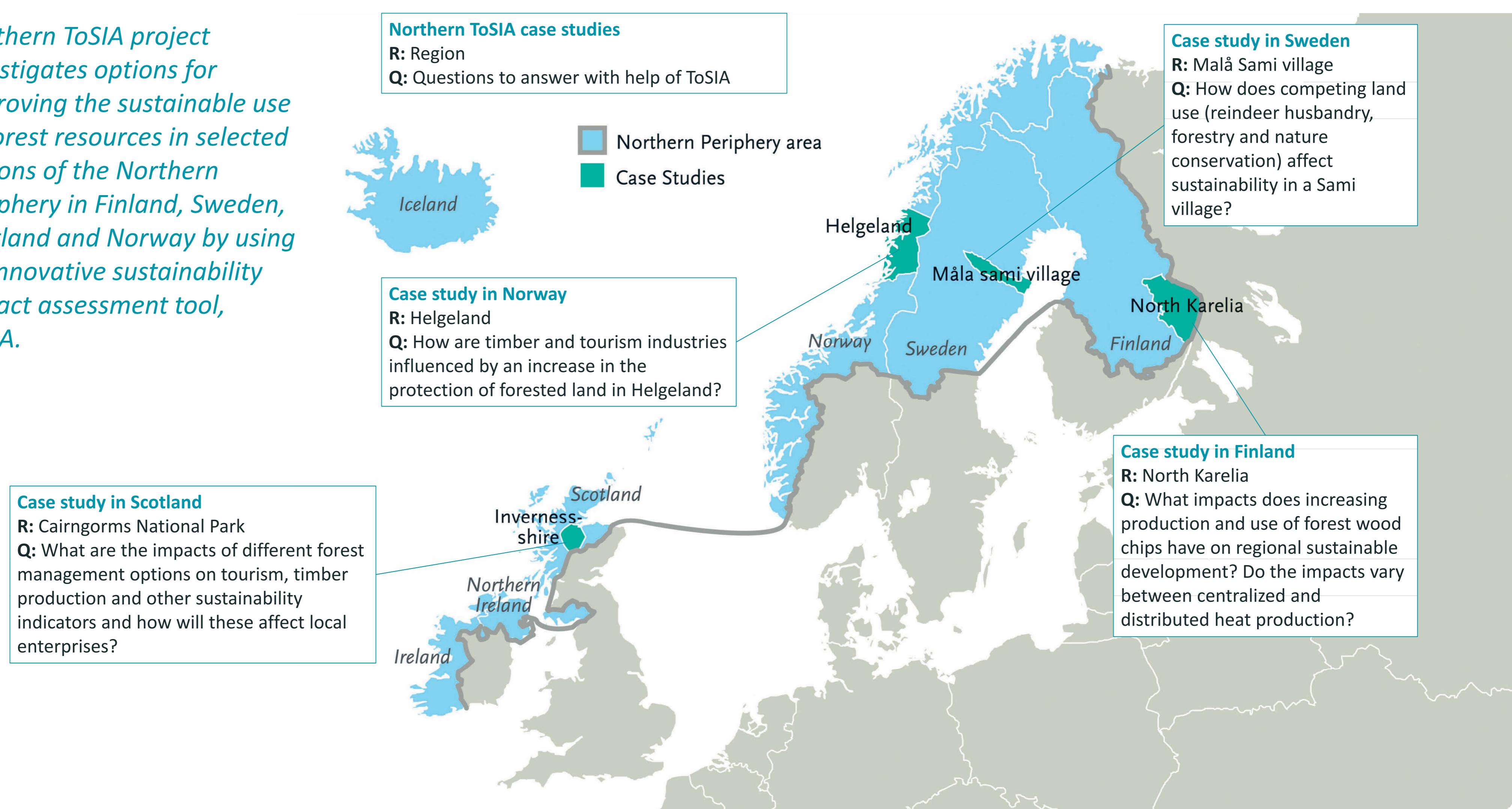
ToSIA analyses the sustainability of production processes in the Forest-Wood Chain in terms of social, economic and environmental sustainability indicators. The ToSIA concept has been developed in the EFORWOOD project financed by the EU Framework Programme for R&D FP6.

*Northern ToSIA project investigates options for improving the sustainable use of forest resources in selected regions of the Northern Periphery in Finland, Sweden, Scotland and Norway by using an innovative sustainability impact assessment tool, ToSIA.*

## Two applications in the Northern Periphery

The project applies the ToSIA tool in two real-world settings:

- public organisations test the tool for regional development strategies, and
- companies using forest resources test the tool for their sustainability assessment and reporting routines.



## Multi-stakeholder approach

The Northern ToSIA applications are developed in multi-stakeholder approach utilising feedback from the end-users. The regional development dialogue between research, public administration, business sector and other stakeholders in analysing the possible future scenarios contributes to efficient and sustainable management and utilization of resources in the Northern Periphery.

## Partners:

European Forest Institute EFI, Finland  
Forestry Centre of North Karelia, Finland  
Forest Research FR / Forestry Commission Scotland  
Department of Forest Ecology and Management, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences SLU, Sweden  
Department of Agriculture, County Governor of Nordland, Norway

In addition, there are several Associate Partners involved in the project implementation e.g. regional organisations and development bodies, as well as forest sector companies.

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