

**Kick-off meeting of the expert group on human health and well-being  
23-24 January 2018, Bratislava, Slovakia**

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**Draft annotated agenda**

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- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme - review of actions and possible future direction on the topic**
- 4. Presenting a draft of the study on existing knowledge and best practices on the topic**
- 5. Sharing of experience on the topic among FOREST EUROPE signatory countries, observers and independent experts**
- 6. Defining next steps – common roadmap of the expert group**
- 7. Any other business**
- 8. Conclusions and closing remarks**

**Meeting hours:** lunch to lunch event (preliminary time schedule is in Annex I to this document)

Tuesday, 23 January 2018, 12.30 - Wednesday, 24 January 2018, 13.00

**Venue:** LOFT Hotel Bratislava, Štefánikova 4, 811 05 Bratislava

**Field trip:** Tuesday, 23 January 2018, 09.45 - 12.00, optional (Bratislava forest park)

**Dinner:** Tuesday, 23 January 2018, 18.30 (restaurant in Bratislava UFO bridge tower)

## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the representatives of the Slovak Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic. Organisational matters will be presented by the representatives of the FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit Bratislava. The opening will be followed by a self-introduction of participants.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda will be presented for adoption.

### 3. Implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme - review of actions and possible future direction on the topic

Under the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme for the period 2016-2020, action 4.6 “Enhancing the social dimension of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) in the context of the benefits of forests on human health and well-being” two main actions are foreseen:

1. Review of knowledge and expertise on social aspects of SFM in the context of human well-being
2. Promotion of social aspects of SFM in the context of human well-being through mainly convening a workshop and formulation of policy recommendations for the integration of human health aspects in SFM.

*Documentation:*

*Background document for the expert group on human health and well-being*

### 4. Presenting a draft of the study on existing knowledge and best practices on the topic

Draft of the study gathering the existing research data, existing policies (international and national level) and current development of the topic is prepared. This study will be presented during the meeting. Participants will be invited to provide initial feedbacks and comments on the draft. Further steps leading to completing the study will be discussed at the meeting.

### 5. Sharing of experience on the topic among FOREST EUROPE signatory countries, observers and independent experts

The key objective of this expert group is to share expertise, exchange experience and formulate policy oriented recommendations on the thematic issues and challenges related to social and cultural benefits of SFM. Participants on the voluntary bases will be invited to present existing practice and/or good examples in their country/organization.

### 6. Defining next steps – common roadmap of the expert group

Participants of the meeting will discuss and decide on the roadmap of the expert group

### 7. Any other business

### 8. Conclusions and closing remarks

## ANNEX I

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### INDICATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

<b>23 January 2018</b>	
12.30–13.00	Opening of the meeting ( <b>Agenda Item 1</b> )
13.00–13.15	Adoption of the agenda ( <b>Agenda Item 2</b> )
13.15–13.45	Implementation of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme - review of actions and possible future direction on the topic ( <b>Agenda Item 3</b> )
13.45–14.30	Presenting a draft of the study on existing knowledge and best practices on the topic ( <b>Agenda Item 4</b> )
14.30–15.00	Coffee break
15.00–18.00	Sharing of experience on the topic among FOREST EUROPE signatory countries, observers and independent experts ( <b>Agenda Item 5</b> )
18.30–20.00	Dinner
<b>24 January 2018</b>	
9.00–11.00	Sharing of experience on the topic among FOREST EUROPE signatory countries, observers and independent experts ( <b>Agenda Item 5 cont.</b> )
11.00–11.30	Coffee break
11.30–12.00	Defining next steps – common roadmap of the expert group ( <b>Agenda Item 6</b> )
12.00–13.00	Any other business and closing remarks ( <b>Agenda Item 7 and 8</b> )

### Field trip

All participants are welcome to visit Bratislava forest park and gain good energy for the rest of the meeting. Transport from the venue to the park will be provided by organizer. Please identify your participation when registering for the meeting!

More about the forest park: <https://www.visitbratislava.com/places/bratislava-forest-park/>