



FOREST EUROPE

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

Working Group on the future
direction of FOREST EUROPE

ToR and Roadmap
Background concept

The process of reviewing FOREST EUROPE

Madrid Ministerial Decision 2015:

- The process needs to be re-examined to respond to current and new challenges and opportunities in order to maintain and enhance its contribution to sustainable forest management in Europe, and make FOREST EUROPE fit for the future
- **DECIDE** to review the FOREST EUROPE process, specially its structure, procedures and work modalities, reflecting on the lessons learnt, in order to make it more effective and inclusive



ToR and Roadmap for the WG

Adopted at the ELM on 11-12 May 2016

The key objectives of the Review:

- To further develop the FOREST EUROPE process with a view to adapting to current and new challenges, and to enhancing its contribution to the promotion of sustainable forest management (SFM) in Europe.
- To ensure that the process maintains efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness
- To strengthen the an agenda-setting role

The subject of the Review:

- the FOREST EUROPE process, especially its structure, procedures and work modalities, which will be reviewed reflecting on the lessons learnt in order to make it more effective and inclusive



Tasks of the WG

Analyse the achievements and added value of FOREST EUROPE based on the "Review of the MCPFE" (2009), and on the "Assessment of the achievements and added value of the Forest Europe Process" (2015). This should comprise a critical look at possible shortcomings.

Take stock of signatories and stakeholders' views on the achievements and added value of FOREST EUROPE.

Analyse the interplay of FOREST EUROPE with other actors in the pan-European forest policy arena.

Take stock of signatories' views on current structures, procedures and modalities of work of FOREST EUROPE.

Take into account current and upcoming issues of high political importance and relevance for the further development of SFM to be addressed by FOREST EUROPE.

Elaborate proposals and recommendations in responding to current and new challenges and opportunities, especially on the structures, procedures and modalities of work of FOREST EUROPE.

Expected outcomes

Final report with findings and recommendations for the future direction of FOREST EUROPE submitted to the ELM for consideration and adoption

Methodology and work plan

Phase 1:
Discussion forum
of the WG at the
first meeting

Phase 2:
Comprehensive
survey

Phase 3-4:
Elaboration of the
final report
including
recommendations

Indicative time schedule

- **October 2016** - discussion forum of the 1st meeting
- **October – December 2016** – development of the questionnaire
- **January 2017** – implementation of the questionnaire
- **February – March 2017** - Processing of data collected, interpretation of results, elaborating draft report
- **Spring 2017** – Discussion on results at the 2nd meeting
- **May – October 2017** – preparation of the report
- **October - November 2017** – Presentation of the report to ELM

Discussion forum of the 1st meeting - aims

The aim is to take stock of signatories' and observers' views:

- identify main issues and areas, which are broadly accepted and supported
- identify key issues that need to be further addressed
- gather innovative approaches and new inputs

3 areas:

- A. FOREST EUROPE achievements and added value,
- B. FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities,
- C. FOREST EUROPE interplay with other actors in the Pan-European forest policy arena.

Results will serve for the development of questionnaire.

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