



**First meeting of the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE
12-13 October 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia**

Draft Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Starting points for discussion on the work of the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE**
 - information on the main tasks, objectives and expected outcomes of the Working Group in accordance with ToR and Roadmap
 - main outcomes and recommendations from “Review of the MCPFE” (2009) and “Assessment of the achievements and added value of the FOREST EUROPE Process” (2015)
- 4. Discussion forum and taking stock of signatories’ and observers’ views on achievements, added value of FOREST EUROPE, its current structure, procedures, work modalities and interplay with other actors**
- 5. Further steps in the Review of the FOREST EUROPE process and discussion on comprehensive questionnaire survey**
- 6. Any other business**
- 7. Closure of the meeting**

Documentation: WG1_Review/2016/1/Background Concept

Meeting hours: Wednesday, 12 October 2016, 14.00 – 19.00

Thursday, 13 October 2016, 09.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 18.00

Venue: Hotel Falkensteiner, Pilárikova 5, Bratislava, Slovakia

Reception: Wednesday, 12 October 2016, at 20.00, at Hotel Falkensteiner

Boat trip: Wednesday, 12 October 2016, 10.00 – 12.00

ANNOTATIONS

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Starting points for discussion on the work of the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE**

At the ELM held in Bratislava, 11-12 May 2016, the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE has been established by adoption of its Terms of Reference and Roadmap to re-examine the FOREST EUROPE process, especially its structure, procedures and work modalities in order to make it more effective and inclusive.

The Working Group members may wish to give views on their objectives, tasks and expected outcomes presented in ToR and Roadmap. Introductory presentations will provide an overview on important milestones and main achievements of the process as well as the main outcomes and recommendations from “Review of the MCPFE” (2009)¹ and “Assessment of the achievements and added value of the FOREST EUROPE Process”² (2015) including a critical look at possible shortcomings of FOREST EUROPE.

- 4. Discussion forum and taking stock of signatories' and observers' views on achievements, added value of FOREST EUROPE, its current structure, procedures, work modalities and interplay with other actors**

In accordance with ToR and Roadmap, the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE shall take stock of signatories and observers' views on:

- 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.

The Working Group is invited to discuss and exchange their views and ideas on above mentioned thematic areas with the aim to gain an overview of all issues to be tackled within the review process. A background concept will serve as a base for the discussions.

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- 5. Further steps in the Review of the FOREST EUROPE process and discussion on comprehensive questionnaire survey**

The Working Group may wish to exchange views and agree on possible further steps and time schedule of the review process.

Based on the discussion and key issues identified in the previous point, the Working Group shall agree on the organisation of comprehensive questionnaire survey including survey methodology, data collection, analysis and interpretation of results.

- 6. Any other business**

The Working Group may wish to exchange information and views on the other matters.

- 7. Closure of the meeting**

¹ http://www.foresteuropa.org/sites/default/files/MCPFEReviewfinalreport_2009.pdf

² http://www.foresteuropa.org/sites/default/files/Assessment-of-the-achievements_FINAL.pdf

INDICATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

| Wednesday 12 October 2016 | |
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| 14.00-14.05 | Opening of the meeting |
| 14.05-14.10 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 14.10-15.00 | Starting points for discussion on the work of the Working Group on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE |
| 15.00-16.00 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE achievements and added value |
| 16.00-16.30 | Coffee break |
| 16.30-17.30 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE achievements and added value – implementation of the mission and tasks |
| 17.30-18.30 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities |
| 20.00 | Reception |
| Tuesday 13 October 2016 | |
| 9.00-10.30 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities <i>cont.</i> |
| 10.30-11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00-12.00 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities <i>cont.</i> |
| 12.00-14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00-15.00 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities <i>cont.</i> |
| 15.00-15.30 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE interplay with other actors in the pan-European forest policy arena |
| 15.30-16.00 | Coffee break |
| 16.00 - 17.00 | Discussion on FOREST EUROPE interplay with other actors in the pan-European forest policy arena <i>cont.</i> |
| 17.00-17.40 | Further steps in the Review of the FOREST EUROPE process |
| 17.40-17.55 | Any other business |
| 17.55-18.00 | Closure of the meeting |