

First meeting of the Expert Group on Valuation of and Payments for Forest Ecosystem Services

12-13 September 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia

Draft Annotated Agenda

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5. Discussion and completion of the Analysis on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of forest ecosystem services in the pan-European region
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Documentation: EG1_FES/2017/1/Background Concept for Expert Group on FES
EG1_FES/2017/2/Draft FES Analysis_partI

Other related documents: [FOREST EUROPE Work Programme 2016-2020](#)
[Final report of FOREST EUROPE Expert Group and Workshop on valuation of forest ecosystem services \(2014\)](#)

Meeting hours: Tuesday, 12 September 2017, 14.00 – 18.00
Wednesday, 13 September 2017, 09.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 17.00

Venue: Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel, Zabotova 2, Bratislava, Slovakia

Reception: Tuesday, 12 September 2017, at 19.00, Mercure Bratislava Centrum Hotel

Field trip: Tuesday, 12 September 2017, 09.00 – 12.30

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Main tasks and expected outcomes of the Expert Group

Acknowledging the Madrid Ministerial Commitments, FOREST EUROPE Work Programme for the period 2016-2020 was adopted by the Expert Level Meeting held on 11-12 May 2016, in Bratislava, Slovakia.

In accordance with the Work Programme Action 4.4 “Incorporating the value of forests ecosystem services in a green economy”, an Expert Group was established with the aim to analyse different approaches, methodologies and best practice examples on valuation of and payments for FES particularly in the signatory countries.

Experts may wish to give more accurate views on objectives, tasks and expected outcomes presented in the Background Concept for the Expert Group on FES.

***Documentation:** EG1_FES/2017/1/Background Concept for Expert Group on FES*

4. Exchange of information on former and ongoing work on valuation of and payments for FES

Liaison Unit Bratislava will provide an overview on the main outcomes of the work done by the former FOREST EUROPE Expert Group and of the Workshop on valuation of FES held in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2014.

Experts are invited to exchange information, share experience and lessons learnt on former and ongoing work carried out by signatory countries, organizations or initiatives in the pan-European region.

5. Discussion and completion of the Analysis on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of forest ecosystem services in the pan-European region

In line with the Work Programme and the Background Concept, a draft of the first part of the analysis on different approaches and methodologies on FES valuation existing in the pan-European region was prepared by Slovak experts guided by the Liaison Unit Bratislava. The draft analysis was commented by the Expert Group members and their comments were taken into consideration accordingly.

The Expert Group is invited to discuss and agree on finalization of the first part of the Analysis on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of forest ecosystem services in the pan-European region.

***Documentation:** EG1_FES/2017/2/Draft FES Analysis_partI*

6. Discussion on FES Web-based portal

Results of the Analysis will serve as a base for establishment of the Web-based portal in order to promote exchange of information, experience and best practices on valuation of and payments for FES in the pan-European region.

Liaison Unit Bratislava will provide the Expert Group with presentation of the demo version of FES Web-based portal.

Experts are invited to comment on the scope, structure and content of the portal.

7. Further steps and organization of work

Experts may wish to exchange views and agree on possible further steps, time schedule and work modalities.

An online communication portal will be launched by the Liaison Unit Bratislava in order to facilitate further communication and work of the Expert Group.

8. Any other business

The Expert Group may wish to exchange information on upcoming relevant events and any other matters.

9. Closure of the meeting

Indicative Time Schedule

Day 1: Tuesday, 12 September 2017	
9.00–12.30	Field trip to Municipal Forests of Bratislava
13.30–14.00	Registration
14.00–14.10	Opening of the meeting (Agenda Item 1)
14.10–14.15	Adoption of the agenda (Agenda Item 2)
14.15–15.15	Main tasks and expected outcomes of the Expert Group (Agenda Item 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Getting to know each other</i> • <i>Presentation of the role/objectives and expected outcomes of the Expert Group according to Background concept</i>
15.15–16.00	Exchange of information on former and ongoing work on valuation of and payments for FES (Agenda Item 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of the main outcomes of the former FOREST EUROPE Expert Group and Workshop on valuation of FES (Belgrade, 2014)</i> • <i>Presentation of the work carried out by signatory countries/organizations/initiatives</i>
16.00–16.30	Coffee break
16.30–18.00	Exchange of information on former and ongoing work on valuation of and payments for FES (Agenda Item 4 cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation of the work carried out by signatory countries/organizations/initiatives</i> • <i>Discussion, sharing experience</i>
19.00	Reception
Day 2: Wednesday, 13 September 2017	
9.00–10.30	Discussion and completion of the Analysis on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of FES in the pan-European region (Agenda Item 5)
10.30–11.00	Coffee break
11.00–12.30	Discussion and completion of the Analysis on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of FES in the pan-European region (Agenda Item 5 cont.)
12.30–14.00	Lunch break
14.00–15.30	Discussion on FES Web-based portal (Agenda Item 6)
15.30–16.00	Coffee break
16.00–16.30	Further steps and organization of work (Agenda Item 7)
16.30–16.50	Any other business (Agenda Item 8)
16.50–17.00	Closure of the meeting (Agenda Item 9)

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