

# 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Future direction of FOREST EUROPE

Ľudmila Marušáková - LUB

Bratislava, 13-14 June 2017



# 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 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

Analyse the achievements and added value of FOREST EUROPE based on the **Review 2009 and the Assessment 2015**. This should comprise a critical look at possible shortcomings.

Take stock of signatories and stakeholders' views on the **achievements and added value** of FE.

Analyse **the interplay of FE with other actors** in the pan-European forest policy arena.

Take stock of signatories' views on **current structures, procedures and modalities of work** of FE.

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

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

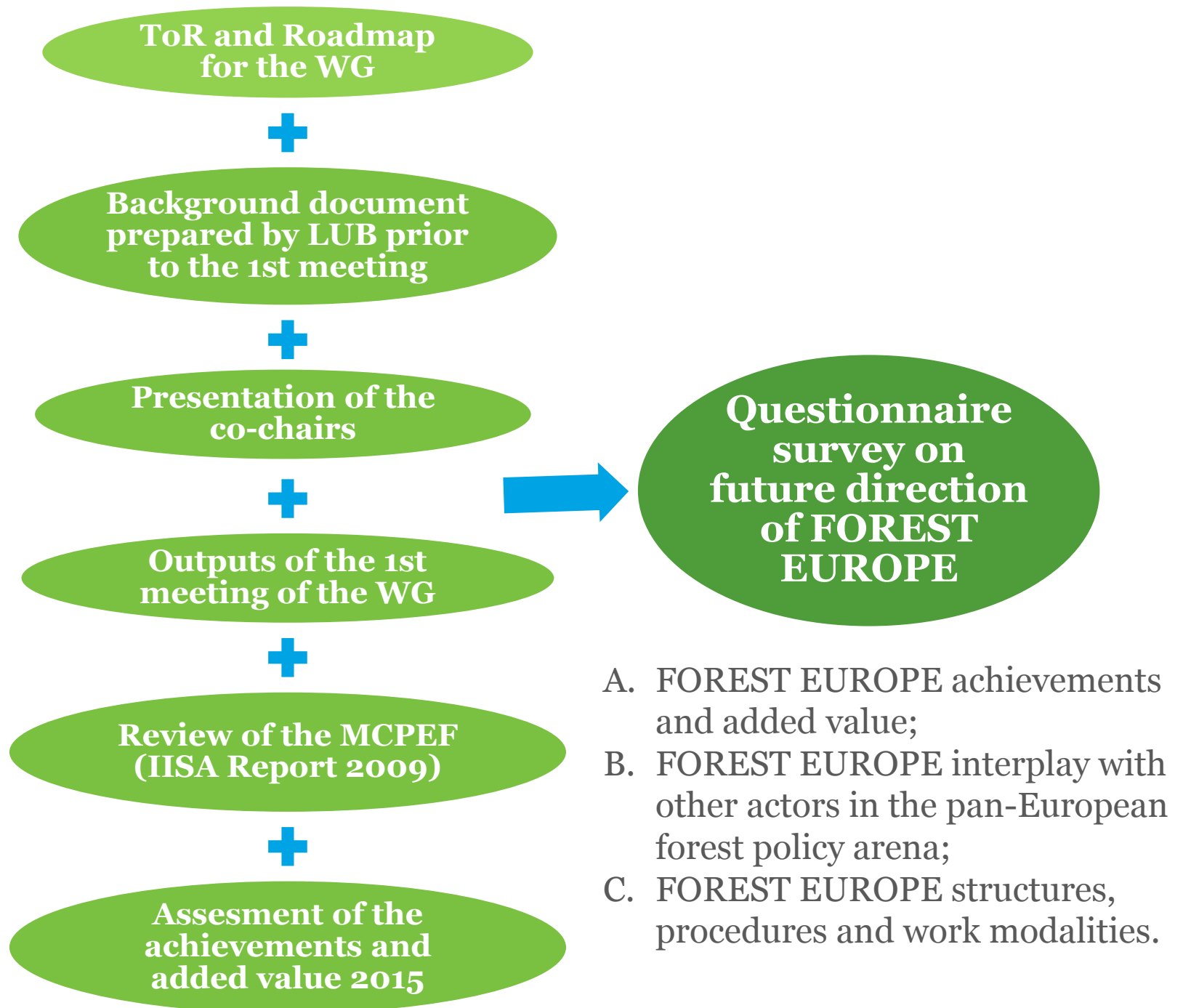
# Steps towards expected outcome

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

**Phase 2:  
Online  
survey**

**Phase 3:  
Final report  
with  
recommen-  
dations**

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



# Development and commenting of the questionnaire

- The preparation of the draft questionnaire was guided by the **Working Group co-chairs** (appointed representatives of Ukraine and France) and elaborated by **two external experts** in close collaboration with the **Liaison Unit Bratislava**.
- **17 Working Group members** representing 15 signatories and 2 observer organizations provided comments on the draft questionnaire, which were incorporated in the final version of the questionnaire

# Timeframe for the preparation of the online survey

**12-13 Oct 2016**

First WG meeting – provision of framework for the survey

**14 Nov-12 Dec 2016**

Preparation of the 1st draft of the questionnaire

**12-16 Dec 2016**

Commenting the draft questionnaire by the co-chairs, LUB and GCC

**16 – 23 Dec 2016**

Implementation of comments sent by co-chairs, LUB and GCC

**23 Dec 2016-9 Jan 2017**

Commenting the draft questionnaire by WG members

**10 – 12 Jan 2017**

Implementation of comments sent by WG members

**16 Jan 2017**

Sending a link of web-based survey

# Structure of the questionnaire

- The questionnaire included a total of **20 questions**, some of those questions also **sub-questions**.
- Most questions - **closed questions with multiple choice options** to be rated.
- Respondents were also invited to provide **alternative items** where perceived necessary.
- Smaller numbers of questions were open questions in order to **collect respondents' views in narrative way**.



# Target groups

- Focal Points of all FOREST EUROPE **signatories** (46 European countries and the European Union)
- Focal Points of all non-European **observer countries** and international **organizations with observer status** to FOREST EUROPE (14 countries and 44 organizations).
- Only **one answer** per signatory and observer country/organization was allowed

# Analysis and interpretation of the survey data

- **13 February 2017** - Sending a reminder to respondents
- **20 February 2017** - Deadline for submission of the survey

**A total of 40 respondents filled the survey, out of them 31 signatories and 9 observer organisations**

- **21 February -10 May 2017:**
  - Analysis and interpretation of survey data by LUB
  - Meeting of LUB with co-chairs
  - Peer-review
  - Preparation of the Part I of the report

# Report on Future direction of FOREST EUROPE – Part I

- Provide **comprehensive overview of signatories´ and observers´ views** on future direction in terms of enhancing political relevance of the process, interplay with other actors, maximizing effectiveness and efficiency of the structure, procedure and work modalities
- Serve as a **basis for formulation of the recommendations**

## **Final report:**

- **Part I – Results of the questionnaire survey**
- **Part II – Set of recommendations for future direction of FOREST EUROPE**

# Expected outcome of this meeting

**To draft the recommendations for future direction** by means of

- **open and transparent discussions** among signatories and observers
  - **based on the survey results and its key findings**
    - **facilitated by the co-chairs**
- To be submitted to the ELM 28-29 November 2017 for its consideration and adoption

# Further steps

<b>13-14 June</b>	Drafting the recommendations based on the online survey at the 2nd WG meeting
<b>15 June – 18 Sept</b>	Finalization of the recommendations for the final report based on the outputs of the 2nd meeting (by the co-chairs and LUB)
<b>18 Sept – 13 October</b>	Commenting the draft final report by WG members (possibly using document sharing portal )
<b>13 – 25 October</b>	Implementation of the comments from WG members
<b>25 Oct</b>	Distribution of the report to FE signatories and observers (5 weeks before the ELM)

# FOREST EUROPE

Liaison Unit Bratislava

c/o National Forest Centre  
T. G. Masaryka 22  
960 92 Zvolen, Slovakia

Tel: +421 45 5314 209  
[liaison.unit.bratislava@foresteurope.org](mailto:liaison.unit.bratislava@foresteurope.org)

