

## Second meeting of the Expert Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

11 October 2018, Budapest, Hungary

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### Draft Annotated Agenda

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5. Brief update on ongoing work carried out by international organisations and regional initiatives towards adapting European forests to climate change
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10. Conclusions and closure of the meeting

**Meeting hours:** Thursday, 11 October 2018, 09.00 – 18.00  
**Venue:** Ministry of Agriculture (Agrárminisztérium), Kossuth Lajos tér 11, 1055 Budapest  
**Lunch:** 13.00 – 14.00 (provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary)  
**Field trip:** Wednesday, 10 October, 13,00 – 18,00

## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. Opening of the meeting

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

### 3. Discussion on the outcomes of the workshop: “*Understanding the contribution of Agroforestry to landscape resilience in Europe*”

This joint FOREST EUROPE and FAO workshop hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary will be held on 9 – 10 October 2018, back to back to this meeting. The members of the Expert Group will be informed about its main outcomes of the workshop with an opportunity to comment them and to consider them in the following work of the Expert Group.

### 4. Results of the online survey on the current status of implementation of adaptation measures in the pan-European region

“FOREST EUROPE Survey on the adaptation to climate change in pan-European region” has been conducted recently with the aim to gather in-depth information on particular measures implemented in countries (with more technical details than typically available on official websites). Signatories had an opportunity to participate in this online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdaptationToClimateChange> and to report on existing political, institutional and legal frameworks, financial mechanism, information instruments as well as challenges and good practice examples.

The preliminary assessment of the available results will be presented at the meeting by LUB staff together with representatives of EFI.

Until now, 25 countries or their lower administrative units responded. As the best example of national reporting, Ms. Ana Isabel González Abadías from Spain will deliver a presentation on existing adaptation measures for the whole country as well as for 4 Autonomous Communities as “lower administration units”.

The experts will be encouraged to comment the first results and consider them in the future work/ outcomes of the Expert Group. Experts might provide clarification to some unclear answers and/or more detailed information regarding the adaptation measures on behalf of their countries, if relevant.

The EG members will consider possibilities of the encouragement of the countries that have not responded the questionnaire yet, to answer the questionnaire within a new deadline to get more comprehensive overview of current state of implementation of adaptation measures in the pan-European region.

### 5. Brief update on ongoing work carried out by international organisations and regional initiatives towards adapting European forests to climate change

Mr. Marcus Lindner – the leader of the *EIP- AGRI Focus Group on Forest Practices & Climate Change* will present the current work of this initiative in the field of adaptation to climate change. EIP- AGRI Focus Group was established in the spring 2017 to explore the question “Which new management practices and tools can improve the climate mitigation and adaptation potential of EU forests?”

The Focus Group consists of 20 experts from different European countries, selected based on their practical experience & technical knowledge or involvement in topic-related practical research and innovation actions. The Focus Group prepared 10 Mini-Papers covering important aspects of Forest Practices & Climate Change, spanning a range of topics from Communication, various Techniques & Practices to Decision Support Systems. The final report

of the focus group is currently in preparation and contains also suggestions for Operational Groups to follow up the work of the group.

The project “*Resilience mechanisms for risk adapted forest management under climate change*” coordinated by the Irstea – National research institute of Science and Technology for Environment and Agriculture (France) will be briefly presented for the EG members.

## **6. Preparation of the workshop: “*Protection of forests against climate change induced risks*”**

The workshop “Protection of forests against climate change induced risks” is scheduled to be held in 2019 in Turkey. European countries recently experienced a series of noticeable forest disturbances (several storms in the fall/winter 2017-2018; extended drought in the spring-summer 2018 with subsequent bark beetle outbreaks and forest fires). Evidence is mounting that climate change is contributing to the increased frequency and intensity of forest disturbances. There is increasing urgency to respond to disturbance risks with prevention and mitigation measures. At the kick-off meeting, there was a common agreement among experts that the main aim of the workshop will be to identify possibilities for improved cooperation for different kinds of threats at policy and practical levels and as expected outcomes were foreseen to draft a set of recommendations for cooperation at different levels: (i) governmental, (ii) practical, and (iii) science and academia and to elaborate a gap analyses of adaptation measures.

The members of the Expert Group are invited to brainstorm on further details of the workshop, such as agenda, the target audience, as well as to suggest relevant key-note speakers.

## **7. First round of discussion on the preparation of the publication covering the existing knowledge base on adaptation measures in the pan-European region including policy recommendations**

Experts are invited to examine the preparation of the prepared Set of policy recommendations for the integration of adaptation measures into SFM in the pan-European region. More specifically, the discussion will include following topics: the main focus of the recommendations, their structure, content, level (political and/or operational level) as well as procedural issues.

## **8. Further steps and organization of work**

The members of the EG will suggest the road map for further work and future step. The participants will be invited to use the communication platform of the FOREST EUROPE website, that will provide an efficient tool for communication between meetings. Adding of proper groups and topics into the platform will be discussed.

## **9. Any other business**

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

## **10. Conclusions and closure of the meeting**

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