

Fourth meeting of the Expert Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

5 September 2019, Istanbul, Turkey

Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Preparation of the publication comprising the existing knowledge base and work done on adaptation measures in the pan-European region: Discussion/commenting the first draft with main focus on providing the best practices of integrating adaptation measures into SFM in countries
4. Discussion and revision of recommendations formulated at the workshop as a possible input for Draft Ministerial Resolution on improving adaptation and mitigation capacities of European forests to be presented at the Eighth Ministerial Conference in 2020 (see the questions for the discussion in the Annex I)
5. Further steps and organization of work
6. Any other business
7. Conclusions and closure of the meeting

Meeting hours: Thursday, 5 September 2019, 09.00 – 16.00

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ANNEX I to the agenda of the Fourth meeting of the Expert Group on Adaptation to Climate Change

Questions to be discussed within the Agenda item 4

1. What are in your opinion the most urgent tasks to strengthen the national efforts in order to improve the protection of disturbance risk management in forests?
2. What are in your opinion the most urgent commitments and instruments for transnational cooperation in order to improve the adaptation and mitigation capacities of forests towards climate change?
3. Could the set-up of a Pan-European Forest Risk Facility be part of a solution to be adopted by the Ministers of the FOREST EUROPE countries?
4. What might be, according to your opinion, the main tasks of such a Facility? Would you find the following tasks useful?
 - provide science-based best practice guidance to inform policy makers and forestry practice on how to enhance forest resilience and foster the adaptive capacity in the forest sector in response to increasing forest disturbance risks, (yes/no)
 - support cross border cooperation for disturbance risk management, (yes/no)
 - promote risk prevention and preparedness to improve the ability to cope with future disturbance events, (yes/no)
 - empower personal and institutional expert capacity in disturbance risk management by organizing training workshops and exchanges of experts, (yes/no)
 - engage in public relations and media outreach to keep all actors well informed. (yes/no)
 - do you have further concrete suggestions?