

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

13-14 November 2018, Bratislava, Slovakia

Draft Agenda

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Documents: EG2_FES/1/2018/FES Valuation
EG2_FES/2/2018/PFES Study

Meeting hours: Tuesday, 13 November 2018, 14.00 – 18.00
Wednesday, 14 November 2018, 09.00 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.00

Venue: Hotel Mercure Bratislava Centrum, Bratislava, Slovakia

Reception: Tuesday, 13 November 2018, at 19.00, Restaurant Hotel Matyšák

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Summary of the work done by the Expert Group on Forest Ecosystem Services

Analysis of different approaches and methodologies for valuation of FES was conducted in 2017. A final study reflecting comments and recommendations of the Expert Group members will be introduced at the meeting by LUB staff.

Document: EG2_FES/1/2018/FES Valuation

In line with the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme 2016-2020, "a web-based portal shall be established to serve as a platform for knowledge and information exchange on valuation methodologies and payments for FES as well as sharing best practices in this field."

A module on valuation of FES was finalized and will be introduced at the meeting by LUB staff. Following this, experts from the Austrian Research Centre for Forest (BFW) will present an overview of various case studies on valuation of FES to be published at the web-based portal.

At the kick-off meeting of the Expert Group held in September 2017, experts from Spain presented development of a new methodology for valuation of forest ecosystem services. As it was of interest for the Expert Group members a final methodology "Implementing a PFES in a warming world: introducing a computer application to value FES and as a decision-making support system for Spanish Forest Ecosystems and for other International Organizations" will be presented by Spanish experts.

4. Discussion on the draft of the study on existing knowledge on payments for forest ecosystem services in the pan-European region

A draft of the study on existing knowledge on payment mechanisms for FES in the pan-European region was prepared by the Slovak experts from National Forest Centre in cooperation with the Liaison Unit Bratislava.

Experts are invited to provide feedbacks and comments on the draft. Further steps leading to completing the study will be discussed at the meeting.

Document: EG2_FES/2/2018/PFES Study

5. Further steps and organization of work

The members of the Expert Group will agree on further steps and the road map leading to finalization of the Expert Group's outcomes:

- Final report of the Expert Group including recommendations for policy makers,
- Web-based portal on FES – Module on payments for FES. The module on PFES shall comprise an interactive map of signatory countries including case studies on financial mechanisms for FES implemented in particular countries. Expert Group is also invited to discuss template and possible data sources for case studies.

6. Any other business

The Expert Group may wish to exchange information on forthcoming related international meetings and on any other matters.

7. Closure of the meeting