

**FOREST EUROPE Work Programme – progress implementation**

Progress made in WP implementation since the last Expert Level Meeting held in November 2017 is highlighted in green

Activity	Expected outputs	Progress made	Further steps
<b>4.1 Further development and updating of policies and tools for SFM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of possible uses of the pan-European C&amp;I subsets and their application at global, regional, sub-regional and national levels</li> <li>• Definitions and background information related to new adopted indicators and modified indicators</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the Expert Group on UPEI, and the first meeting held in January 2017 to discuss SFM assessment, implementation of updated SFM indicators and preparation of indicators subsets</li> <li>• Second meeting of the Expert Group held in September 2017 to continue discussion on SFM indicators subsets</li> <li>• <b>Development of indicators subsets - Background document</b> <a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Handout_2nd-Meeting_EG-IUPEI_11-10-2017.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Handout_2nd-Meeting_EG-IUPEI_11-10-2017.pdf</a> <b>and report on the progress in the elaboration of subsets of indicators</b> <a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Subsets-and-key-ind_Results_15-11-2018.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Subsets-and-key-ind_Results_15-11-2018.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>Update of relevant terms and definitions used for the updated Pan-European indicators for SFM (reflected and integrated in the Joint FOREST EUROPE/UNECE/FAO Questionnaire)</b></li> <li>• <b>Update of background information for the updated Pan-European indicators for SFM (reflected and integrated in the Joint FOREST EUROPE/UNECE/FAO Questionnaire)</b></li> <li>• <b>Survey on the national sets of SFM indicators. Report</b> <a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Report_national-sets-of-indicators-for-SFM_16-10-2017.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Report_national-sets-of-indicators-for-SFM_16-10-2017.pdf</a> <b>and related comprehensive presentation</b> (<a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Survey-analysis_17-10-17_SL.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Survey-analysis_17-10-17_SL.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• <b>Contribution to preparation of scientific papers on C&amp;I impact and C&amp;I processes</b> (<a href="https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/9/9/578">https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/9/9/578</a>, <a href="https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/9/9/515">https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4907/9/9/515</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of indicators subsets for assessing and communicating the achievements of SFM and addressing other policy areas. Where appropriate further elaborate rationales for subsets and selected indicators.</li> <li>• Considerations on tools to promote and assess SFM</li> <li>• Complete the update of Background information for the updated Pan-European indicators for SFM;</li> <li>• Complete the update of Relevant terms and definitions used for the updated Pan-European indicators for SFM</li> </ul>

<b>4.2 Forest Monitoring and reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative data collection for elaboration of report on Global Forest Resources assessment 2020 <u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation with FAO FRA and Joint UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section (FTS) on the integration of reporting through the common platform hosted by FAO both for global and regional (pan-European reporting)</li> <li>• Cooperation with FAO FRA and UNECE/FAO FTS on updating the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire</li> <li>• Co-organization (with UNECE and FAO) of the Regional workshop for national correspondents (18-20.4.2018, Geneva)</li> <li>• Support to the national correspondents in the ongoing national reporting to the global and regional surveys (March – October 2018)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of national reports (in cooperation with UNECE and external reviewers, LUB team as reviewers of national reports for 19 countries)</li> <li>• Completion of data from International Data Providers</li> <li>• Compilation of datasets</li> <li>• Public release of the joint interactive database</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of Europe's Forests 2020 <u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RoadMap on preparation of the SoEF</li> <li>• Survey on the reporting for State of Europe's Forests 2015</li> <li>• Establishment of the Advisory Group on the preparation of SoEF, first meeting held in September 2017</li> <li>• Elaboration of new reporting forms for all altered indicators. Survey on altered indicator 6.4 "Investments in forests and forestry"</li> <li>• Update of the questionnaires on quantitative and qualitative indicators in accordance with Updated pan-European Indicators (UPEI)</li> <li>• Next AG for SoEF meeting scheduled for 21-22.11.2018, Vienna, followed by the meeting of ToS on MSFM)</li> <li>• Identified Coordinating Lead Authors (M. Köhl, S. Linser, K. Prins) and initiated identification of authors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realization of all remaining tasks resulting from the detailed RoadMap on preparation of the SoEF. More detailed information: <a href="http://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Background_document_SoEF_final-31_10.pdf">http://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Background_document_SoEF_final-31_10.pdf</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot studies on new indicators (2.5 Forest land degradation, 4.7 Forest fragmentation, 4.10 Common forest bird species) <u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyses of the background (state of the art, relevant documents) of each new indicator</li> <li>• Presentation of findings and preliminary decisions to UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists 2016, 2017, discussions on the issues</li> <li>• Presentation of findings and decisions to and discussion with the Expert Group on UPEI and the Advisory Group on the preparation of SoEF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation with JRC Ispra on the reporting of forest fragmentation</li> <li>• Cooperation with Eurostat on the reporting and interpretation of Common Bird Species indicator</li> <li>• Data analyses and completion of pilot studies</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of degraded forest land for the next reporting for SoEF</li> <li>• Cooperation with JRC Ispra on the methods for reporting of forest fragmentation</li> <li>• Discussion at the FOREST EUROPE Communication Platform on indicators implementation (<a href="http://foresteurope.org/forestforum/communication-platform/expert-group-on-implementation-of-the-updated-pan-european-indicators-for-sfm/">http://foresteurope.org/forestforum/communication-platform/expert-group-on-implementation-of-the-updated-pan-european-indicators-for-sfm/</a>) and technical meeting held in Bratislava, leading to conclusions on the implementation of this indicator (<a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Forest_Fragmentation-meeting_conclusions-EG.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Forest_Fragmentation-meeting_conclusions-EG.pdf</a>)</li> <li>• Ongoing reporting of area of degraded forest and supporting qualitative information on all three indicators (March – October 2018)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting on national and pan-European achievements on Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2018-2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyses of the pan-European Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests and interpretation of commitments in cooperation between EFI CEEC, LUB and EG UPI</li> <li>• Incorporation of relevant questions resulting from the analyses into SoEF questionnaires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaboration of preliminary background document for assessment of progress to Goals &amp; 2020 targets</li> </ul>
<b>4.3 Enhancing the role of SFM in a green economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on green jobs and identification of requirements for green jobs in the forest sector</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Expert Group on Green Jobs, Education and Training Systems; first meeting held on January 2017, second meeting in June 2017; identification of requirements for green jobs and presentation of best examples</li> <li>• Workshop “Promoting Green Jobs in the Forest Sector” organized jointly by Organization of the Joint FOREST EUROPE, UNECE and FAO - June 2017</li> <li>• Formulation of the conclusions from the workshop, see <a href="http://foresteurope.org/event/11934/">http://foresteurope.org/event/11934/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work completed</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft guidelines on green jobs promotion</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting requirements for green jobs, recommendations, best practices presented and conclusions from previous activities.</li> <li>• Establishment of cooperation with IUFRO and IFSA to map new skills requirements in private and public sectors and explore possible cooperation with education sector and academia form more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searching for synergies between the work of FOREST EUROPE and UNECE/FAO</li> <li>• Further drafting procedure and finalisation of the draft guidelines;</li> </ul>

		<p>permanent input on skills requirements from the sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online consultation with the Expert Group members and other experts to discuss preparation of the draft guidelines</li> <li>• Draft guidelines on promotion of green jobs in the forest sector in the pan-European region (based on previous and current work of FOREST EUROPE in this field) – sent to signatories and observers for commenting in September 2018 (draft available at <a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Draft_Guidelines_Green_Jobs_2018_09_12.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Draft_Guidelines_Green_Jobs_2018_09_12.pdf</a>)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on a long-term competitiveness in the forest sector <u>Time frame:</u> 2018-2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparatory meeting of Organizing Committee held in September 2017, several online consultations between Liaison Unit, Norway and EUSTAFOR</li> <li>• Preparation of conceptual note and agenda for the workshop</li> <li>• Organization of the workshop on the competitiveness of the forest sector in a green economy in cooperation with Norway, EUSTAFOR, and USSE in May 2018</li> <li>• Workshop report prepared and published <a href="https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Workshop-report_final_1.pdf">https://foresteurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Workshop-report_final_1.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work completed</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.4 Incorporating the value of forests ecosystem services in a green economy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of different approaches, methodologies on valuation of FES and payment schemes existing in the pan-European region</li> <li>• Recommendations for implementation of valuation of and payments for FES <u>Time frame:</u> 2017-2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Expert Group on FES, kick off meeting held in September 2017</li> <li>• Elaboration of the first part of Analysis focused on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of FES</li> <li>• Collecting of case examples of valuation methods applied in signatory countries</li> <li>• Finalization of the first part of Analysis focused on different approaches and methodologies on valuation of FES including formulation of recommendations</li> <li>• Elaboration of the second part of the Analysis of payment mechanisms for FES to be discussed at the Expert Group meeting in November 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of case examples of payment mechanisms implemented in signatory countries</li> <li>• Formulation of recommendations for implementation of payments for FES and finalization of the EG report</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web-based portal on FES <u>Time frame:</u> 2018-2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a demo version of the web-based portal on FES (commenting the demo version by the Expert Group)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalizing the web-based portal on FES</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalization of module on valuation of FES</li> <li>• Development of module on payment mechanisms</li> </ul>	
<b>4.5 Protection of forests in a changing environment including their adaptation to climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaire survey on the current state of implementation of adaptation measures to climate change at national levels</li> <li>• Publication “Integration of adaptation measures into SFM in Europe”</li> <li>• Identification of the best practices and recommendations for integration of adaptation measures into SFM</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Expert Group on adaptation of forest to Climate Change, kick-off meeting held in September 2016, 2nd meeting carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Budapest</li> <li>• Organization of the FOREST EUROPE side event “Perspectives and challenges ahead in European cooperation on forests” at 5<sup>th</sup> World Forest Week at FAO in July 2016</li> <li>• Preparation of draft questionnaire on implementation of adaptation measures in signatory countries</li> <li>• Online survey on the current state of implementation of adaptation measures in the pan-European region including evaluation conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouragement of signatories to contribute to the online-survey on adaptation –responses from more signatories are needed</li> <li>• Based on the results of the questionnaire survey and workshops outcomes recommendations will be formulated and publication on integration of adaptation measures into SFM in Europe will be prepared</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on agroforestry strategies</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of conceptual notes for the workshop</li> <li>• Organization of the Workshop “Understanding the contribution of agroforestry to landscape resilience in Europe” in cooperation with FAO, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Workshop Report containing recommendations and future steps</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on protection of forest against hazards and threats</li> <li>• <u>Time frame:</u> September 2019 (tbc by Turkey)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the concept note</li> <li>• Discussions at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert Group on adaptation of forest to Climate Change on the preparation and organization of the Workshop “Active management of forest against climate- change- driven risks: Policies and measures for increasing forest resilience and climate change adaptation in Europe” hosted by Turkey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and organization of the Workshop</li> </ul>
<b>4.6 Enhancing the social dimension of SFM in the context of the benefits of forests to human health and well-being</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of international research data on social aspects of SFM with special attention on impacts and benefits of forests on human health and well-being</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2017-2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Expert Group on Human Health and Well-being (process of experts’ nomination)</li> <li>• Preparation of a study on social aspects of SFM with special attention to the benefits and impacts of forests on human health and well-being that will serve as a background document for the first meeting of the Expert Group</li> <li>• Ongoing work on improvement of the study “Human health and sustainable forest management” comprising existing knowledge and best practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The study “Human health and sustainable forest management” will be released at the workshop to be held in spring 2019 in Vienna</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Side event “Forest and sustainable cities in Europe: Contribution of forests and SFM to sustainable living and well-being in European cities” organized at the occasion of 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on social aspects of SFM</li> <li>• Publication containing knowledge and the best practices from the review and the workshop</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2018- 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the draft conceptual notes for the workshop</li> <li>• Preparation of the workshop “Forests for Human Health – challenges and opportunities” hosted by Austria in spring 2019</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the outcomes from the workshop, prepare publication containing the best practices and recommendations for the integration of social and cultural aspects into SFM</li> <li>• Preparation of Policy recommendations for strengthening the integration of social and cultural aspects, such as forest recreation, eco-tourism, Forest Pedagogics, green care, forest healing and therapy into SFM in the region leading to diversification of forestry activities and entrepreneurship in the forest sector.</li> </ul>
<b>4.7. Communication and outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing activity</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New webpage <a href="http://www.foresteuropa.org">www.foresteuropa.org</a></li> <li>• New communication platform under the FE webpage</li> <li>• 2 video clips about FE and 2 movies on specific actions of WP</li> <li>• Campaigns for International Day of Forests 2017 and International Forest Week 2017</li> <li>• Information brochures, presentations, promo materials - raising awareness between signatories, observers and universities</li> <li>• Newsletters; Social media</li> <li>• Statement on the occasion of the regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region</li> <li>• Statement on the Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNFF</li> <li>• Statement on the Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting at the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNFF</li> <li>• Preparation of movie on forest and its benefits on human health and well-being</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update version of communication strategy</li> <li>• Implementation of communication strategy and plan</li> </ul>
<b>5. Review of the FOREST EUROPE process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Report of the Working Group comprising recommendations for the future of the FOREST EUROPE process</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the Working Group on Future Direction of FOREST EUROPE</li> <li>• First meeting of the Working Group held in October 2016 to discuss questionnaire survey on future direction of FOREST EUROPE</li> </ul>	<p><b>Implementation of ELM decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen, promote and use a proactive science-policy dialogue for knowledge management, forecasting and response formulation to the broader societal challenges by engaging relevant partners (notably involving EFI and IUFRO)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive questionnaire survey among signatories and observers</li> <li>• Second meeting of the Working Group held in June 2017 to discuss results of the questionnaire survey and proposal of recommendations for the future of FOREST EUROPE</li> <li>• Preparation of the Final Report of the Working Group including formulation of recommendations for future direction of FOREST EUROPE</li> <li>• Final Report submitted to ELM</li> <li>• ELM decision on implementation of proposed recommendations for the future of the FOREST EUROPE process</li> <li>• Draft description of the FOREST EUROPE structures, procedures and work modalities is under preparation to be reviewed by GCC and subsequently submitted to signatories and observers for their consideration</li> <li>• Proposal of rapid response approach is under preparation to be reviewed by GCC and subsequently submitted to signatories and observers for their consideration</li> <li>• Draft study on future funding arrangement of the FOREST EUROPE process including multi-donor trust fund approach is under preparation to be reviewed by GCC and subsequently submitted to signatories and observers for their consideration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider simplification of different supportive structures/collaborative tools for strategic (Roundtable Meeting, Working Group, Advisory Group) and technical debate (Expert Group, Workshop)</li> <li>• Consider operational adjustments of the Liaison Unit that would enhance effectiveness of operation, such as combination of rotating national staff provided by the lead GCC country and seconded staff from other signatories or observer organizations</li> <li>• Consider timely planned transition arrangements of the Liaison Unit with partial overlapping of secretariat teams. Transition of the secretariat should also include transfer of the process documentation (including resolutions, declarations and decisions of ministers).</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Discussion on the follow-up to the Madrid Extraordinary Ministerial Conference</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore possible ways to find common ground on the Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe</li> </ul> <p><u>Time frame:</u> 2016-2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the technical aspects of the Roundtable Meeting</li> <li>• ELM decision on the date, venue and form of the Roundtable Meeting on LBA</li> <li>• Organization of the Roundtable Meeting on LBA concerning all options for the procedural follow-up of the Madrid Extraordinary Ministerial Decision</li> <li>• Official request to UNECE and FAO to summarize and present to FOREST EUROPE, before the next ELM, information previously prepared for the INC and covering procedural option “A” and “B”, and to prepare similar information for option “C”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision of ELM on further procedural steps towards the LBA process</li> </ul>