

Workshop

Enhancing the Long-term Competitiveness of the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

Policies for Forest-based Bioeconomy in Europe

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- Implementation of the activity 4.3.3. of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme
- Organized in cooperation with Norway, EUSTAFOR and USSE



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Purpose:

Identifying relevant topics for further cooperation at Pan European level in the field of the sector's competitiveness

Participation:

About 70 participants

wide spectrum of stakeholders



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Workshop conclusions:

- Policies should aim at stable and predictable operational environment as well as setting equal conditions for all the sectors – level playing field to encourage healthy competition and long-term innovation.



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Workshop conclusions:

- Development of appropriate **common European standards** (fire protection , water resistance and sound insulation for wooden constructions to promote wood as building material, promoting wood-based textile chains)

...or **certification** of European value chains

...or **certification** of local source at lower levels



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Workshop conclusions:

Support is needed for the base of value chains to motivate forest owners and managers as well as forestry workers to mobilize wood from European forests and to secure availability of skilled workforce

Building acceptance and even active involvement of society with positive attitudes to products based on wood from European forests



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- Development of a common concept of forest-based bioeconomy



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Workshop conclusions:

- Need to better understand forest dynamics including carbon emissions and sequestration – taking into account carbon sequestered not only in trees but also stored in soils and wood-based products
 - need for coordination among policies to apply coherent approach in this issue

- Market foresight – demand at European as well as global level



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Workshop conclusions:

- Sustainable supply of wood and the development of the bioeconomy depend on healthy, dynamic and resilient forest ecosystems. It is therefore necessary to anticipate climate change impacts and to adapt forest structure and management as well as to adapt forest industry to changing quantity and quality of the European wood supply.



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