

**UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2014
– FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK –**

Items for regular reporting to the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management	
1. Name :	
	Team of Specialists on Forest Sector Outlook
2. Period covered:	
	March 2013-June 2014
3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:	
Leader:	To be elected
Deputies:	To be elected
Secretary:	Arnaud Brizay
4. Members:	
	57
5. Countries:	
	Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan (25)
6. Meetings held:	
	10 December 2013 during the European Forest Week and Metsä2013

7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:

The Team was briefed of the results of an online survey on the European Forest Sector Outlook Study (EFSOS II) and on a telephone enquiry conducted with the main actors/partners of outlook studies in the ECE region. The Team agreed to finalize as many as possible discussion papers on EFSOS II by the end of 2014. It expressed strong support for the continuation of the process and took note of the objective to publish the next study (ies) by the end of 2017. When preparing for the next round of Outlook Studies, special attention should be given to:

- Definition of work plan and fund raising.
- Engaging the decision makers and stakeholders for the planning of the study.
- Distribution of tasks among the secretariat, partners and donors.
- Involvement of national correspondents and other stakeholders throughout the process.
- Consideration of available data, models and methodologies.

The secretariat was requested to draft a concept paper to be reviewed along with the Team work plan by the next meeting of the Team to be held immediately before the Working Party meeting.

Seven articles on EFSOS were published in Estonia. EFSOS II results were presented by the Team Leader at the GHG Europe Conference in Antwerp, 16 -18 September 2013. The Team Leader gave also a presentation on EFSOS II at the Swiss Seminar on forest economics (“*Waldökonomisches Seminar*”), with a paper:

- Schelhaas, M.J., 2013. European Forest Sector Outlook Studies II: Switzerland in the European context. *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Forstwesen* 164(9):271-277

One chapter published on the outlook for future storm damage in connection with the EFSOS II projections:

- Prins, C., Schelhaas, M.J., 2013. Future of European Forestry. In: Gardiner et al. (eds) *Living with Storm Damage to Forests: What Science Can Tell Us* 3. European Forest Institute. p116-122.

Some Tem Members also prepared the following paper:

- Nabuurs GJ, Schelhaas MJ, Hendriks CMA, Hengeveld GM 2014. Can European forests meet the demands of the bioeconomy in the future? Wood supply alongside environmental services. Paper for IUFRO Task Force ‘Future Forest Resource’ for Salt Lake City, IUFRO2014

A training course on the EFISCEN model was organised in Driebergen, The Netherlands in October 2013, with sponsoring from the Trees4Future project. Country-specific EFSOS II runs were used as training material for the participants. EFSOS II results were compared to national projections, when available.

8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:

- 1) Guidance on a possible harmonized approach for outlook studies in the ECE region
- 2) Roadmap and towards the next round of outlook studies
- 3) Team work plan for 2014-2015

9. Issues for the attention of the Secretariat and the Working Party:

The level of funding and the continued available capacity within the Secretariat to ensure coordination has been identified as two key issues for a successful work on outlook, at least when the preparation of the studies will enter into an active phase.

10. Comments, lessons learned:

Please refer to the report of the meeting held on 10 December 2013.

Date: 02/06/2014