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Agenda item 2 – Outcome of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission Joint Session and Implications for the Working Party

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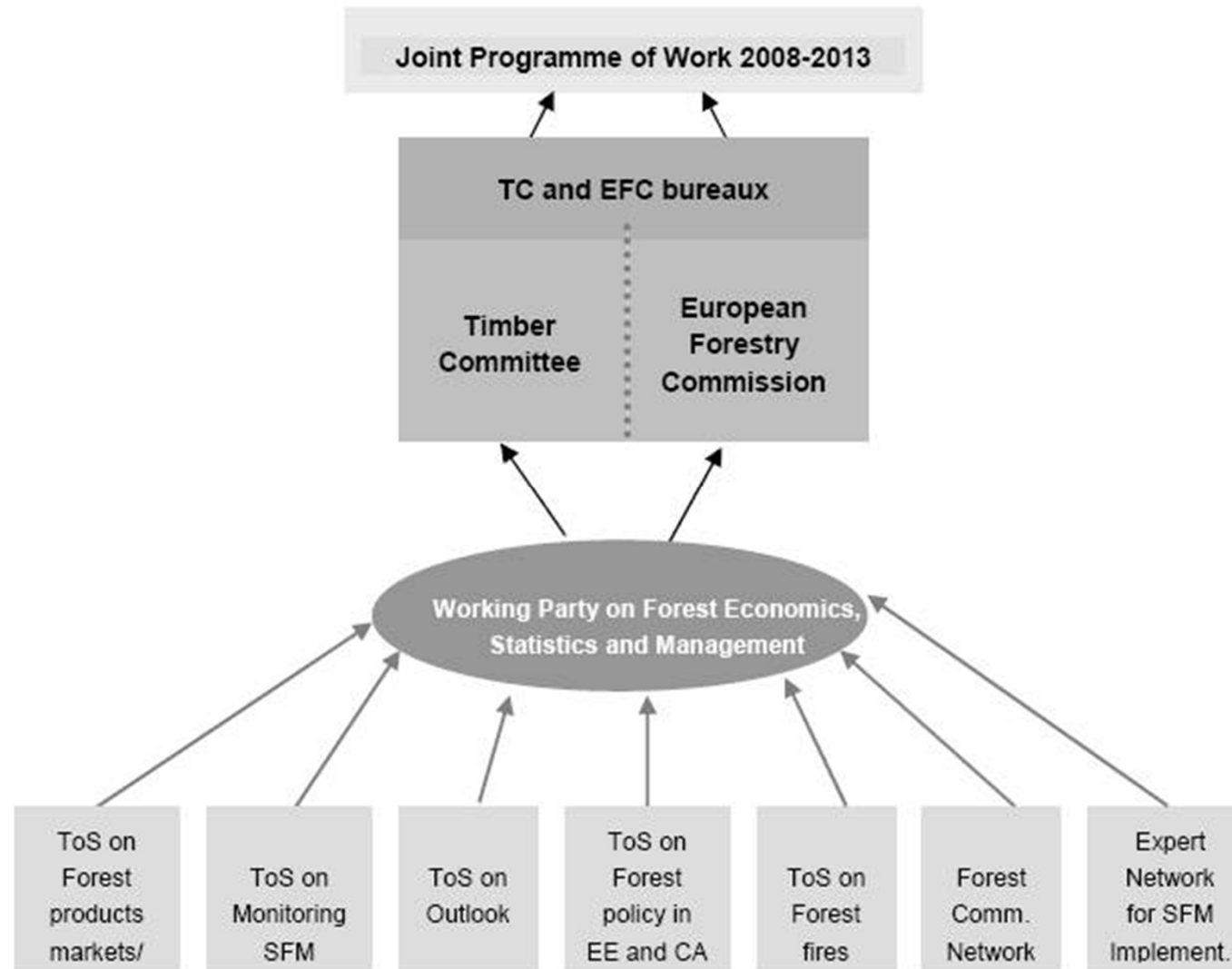
Background

In Antalya, the Committee and the Commission examined a proposal by the TC and EFC Bureaux to extend the mandate of the Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics **to include the work of teams of specialists and harmonize their reporting lines.** (see next slide)

- Bureaux proposal accepted:
 - **Trial period of 2 years**, until completion of Strategic Review and the work of the WP reviewed again.
 - New name: **“Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management”**.



Reporting lines



Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management



Mandate

The Working Party shall:

- (a) Review the needs for statistics and other information relating to **forestry, wood-processing and forest products, wood energy**, and develop programmes to meet these needs. Improve quality, concepts, definitions and methodologies to increase the international comparability of statistics and other information;
- (b) Develop **methodologies** for use in economic analysis of the sector; **techniques** for collecting, validating, analysing and disseminating information and statistics; (upon request from TC/EFC)
- (c) Undertake ad hoc projects in economics and statistics relating to forestry, forest products and forest policies and institutions; (if needed)



Mandate (I)

Within the framework of the integrated programme:

- (a) Contribute and provide technical advice to TC/EFC on:
 - Publications;
 - Teams of Specialists (mandates and work; identify possible synergies; communications);
 - Increase the visibility and impact of the work of ToS among Member States and within the relevant bodies in the United Nations.



Mandate (II)

- (b) Reach out to other sectors on issues such as:
 - forest information and management, best practices in SFM, natural resources management, biodiversity and climate change issues;
- (c) Identify themes of the next workshop held back-to-back with the Working Party session;
- (d) Work together with other international bodies (Forest Europe, Eurostat, ITTO, Conference of European Statisticians) to coordinate activities and avoid duplication.



Other outcomes of the TC/EFC joint session

The TC/EFC:

- Welcomed the [Action Plan \(AP\) for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy](#);
- Requested the secretariat to organize a [2nd stakeholder](#) meeting to identify actions and related actors;
- Requested the secretariat to submit the AP to DESA as contribution to [Rio+20](#);
- Recommended the [refinement](#) of the AP in the margins of relevant meetings before the AP be presented at the next TC/EFC (2013) session for adoption;
- Recommended the member States and international organizations use the AP as one of the bases for identifying relevant topics to be covered by the Joint ECE/FAO Timber and Forestry [Programme of Work](#) during the review process;
- Requested that the Secretariat develop an [online database](#) of relevant case studies and experiences in the ECE region on the forest sector in a green economy to be collected from member States and relevant organizations



Other outcomes of the TC/EFC joint session

The TC/EFC recommended:

- [Marketing activity](#) should continue and the [Market Review](#) should continue as an annual publication;
- Improvements should be made to the [web-based version](#) of the review, based on the suggestions from respondents.

The TC/EFC agreed on:

- Increasing the membership of the TC Bureau from 3 to 4
 - Mr. [Christoph Duerr](#) (Switzerland) was elected to the post of vice-Chair.
 - The Committee elected Mr. [Branko Glavonjić](#) (Serbia), Vice-Chair, Mr. [Heikki Granholm](#) (Finland), and Ms. [Linda Langner](#) (United States), Chair, to hold office until the end of the 70th session.
 - The Commission elected Mr. [Andrey Filipchuk](#) (Russian Federation) as Chair and Messrs. [Peter Blombäck](#) (Sweden), [Bekir Kayacan](#) (Turkey) and [Robert Busink](#) (Netherlands) as vice-chairs, to hold office from the end of the thirty-sixth session until the end of the 37th session

Finland offered to host the next joint TC/EFC session in 2013



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For more information on this agenda item please review the following documents:

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