70th Session of the Timber Committee

Item 6
Communication and Outreach activities

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Outline

• International Year of Sustainable Energy for All
• Educational tool on Forests in Europe
• 2nd European Forest Week
• Recommendations
International Year of Sustainable Energy for All

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Why an International Year of Sustainable Energy for all?

- Ensuring universal access to modern energy services
- Doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency
- Doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.
Wood energy related activities in 2012 (2)

8 May 2012, Geneva, Switzerland
Policy Debate on Wood Energy

11-13 June 2012, Paris, France
Capacity building workshop on improving wood energy data for better policy making

New network and improved cooperation

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Educational tool on the state of Europe’s Forests
Welcome to the State of Europe’s Forests Educational Tool

This online educational tool is based on information and data from the FOREST EUROPE/UNECE/FAO State of Europe’s Forests 2011 report.

It was developed by United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Forestry and Timber Section, with the involvement of Peace-Child International and the Forest Pedagogies Europe group.

It contains two main sections; one for students (12-14 years old) and one for teachers.

Learn more about European forests through a series of videos, quizzes and other exciting materials.

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Test your knowledge on European Forests through quizzes, interactive maps and interesting stories.

Intro
Forest Quizzes
Maps of Europe’s Forests

Teachers
Prepare for your class and share your knowledge using innovative and interactive materials.

Teachers Guides
Lesson plans
Maps of Europe’s Forests

Key Messages
Familiarize yourself with key facts on forests and the products and services they provide by studying the link below.

See more

Reference Material
The section gives you access to all original data and information underlying the publication.

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Links

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Structure of the educational tool

Europe's Forests
State of Europe's Forests: Regional Indicators
Click an arrow below to see results on the map.

- Total Area of Forest (2012)
- Area of Managed Forest (%)
- Growth vs. Felling (million cubic metres)
- Value of Wood Products (€ millions)
- Value of Non-timber goods (MNEU35) (€ millions)
- Natural Forest undisturbed by man (%)
  - Boreal Forests (%)
  - Plantations (%)
- Protected Forests (%)
- Gross added value of forest sector (€ billions)
- No. Employed in Forestry (1000 persons)
- Value of Forests Exports (€ millions)
- Forest Contribution to Energy Supply (%)
- Cultural / Spiritual Forest Values

Forest quizzes
How much do you know about forests in Europe?
Test your knowledge and find out more!

Maps of Europe's forests
Learn more about forests, their statistics and services through a series of interactive maps

- Enshrinement
- Acid rain damage
- Animal's trampling the soil

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Educational tool

- Press Release, wide dissemination
- TC invited to provide comments on the tool
- Involve national stakeholders (educational centers, forest pedagogics)
- Develop national versions (translations, data etc.)
- Help disseminate the tool
2nd European Forest Week
Key messages:

• Forests are a sustainable source of products and essential services

• Forests support the economy through:
  ✓ the provision of a variety of goods
  ✓ the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services

• Forests generate wealth and income

• Forests play an important role in maintaining a healthy environment
Considerations for the Timber Committee

- Take note of the outcomes from the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,
- Welcome the educational tool and provide guidance on how to improve the tool.
- Support the organization of a 2nd EFW in the margins of METSA2013
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