Item 2. Global and Regional Context

FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conferences Madrid 2015

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OUTCOMES of the FOREST EUROPE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES

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1. Challenges and opportunities for European forests

- Forest fires
- Desertification
- Climate change
- Abandonment of rural areas
- Substitution of fossil based products
- Land use changes
- Increasing demand of energy
- Need for more jobs
- Innovation & research
- Improvement of social equity
- Sinergies with other sectors
- … and more

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FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conferences

25 years
Committed to the forests

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

Madrid 2015

220 attendees

39 signatories

18 observer organisations
Madrid Ministerial Documents:

1. **Madrid Ministerial Declaration**: 25 years together promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe

2. **Madrid Ministerial Resolution 1**: Forest sector in the center of Green Economy

3. **Madrid Ministerial Resolution 2**: Protection of forests in a changing environment

4. **Madrid Ministerial Decision**: The future direction of FOREST EUROPE
Madrid Ministerial Declaration: 25 years together promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe

Commitments and Actions:

✓ Enhance the role of forests and reinforce synergies with other areas and sectors
✓ Endorsed the Updated set of pan-European indicators for SFM
✓ Further develop SFM tools and policies to the changing circumstances
✓ Continuous cooperation on forest policies in Europe with other processes and organizations
Madrid Ministerial Resolution 1: *Forest sector in the center of Green Economy*

**Commitments and Actions:**

- Improve understanding & recognition of the contribution SFM to bio-based low carbon economy
- Promotion of innovation & research
- Encourage use of wood from sustainably managed forests
- Promote forest sector & value chain - decent green jobs
- Promote social inclusion and gender equality
- Promote the value of forest ecosystem services in policies and tools
Madrid Ministerial Resolution 2: *Protection of forests in a changing environment*

*Commitments and Actions:*

- Enhancing the protection of forests: underlining the role of SFM in forest protection
- Strengthen cooperation in the pan-European region: transboundary cooperation
Madrid Ministerial Decision: The future direction of FOREST EUROPE

Commitments and Actions:

- Recognition 25 years work and achievements FOREST EUROPE voluntary high level political process for dialogue and cooperation on forest policies in Europe
- Need to be re-examined to respond to current and new challenges – Decision to review the process, specially its structure, procedures and work modalities
- Maintain and enhance good cooperation with forest related organizations in the region
Follow-up of the 7th FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference

1. Ministerial commitments into action

2. Development of the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme to be adopted at the next ELM
Madrid Ministerial Decision

1. Acknowledge the work of the INC

2. Recognise the DNT as a basis for potential further consideration of a LBA

3. Latest by 2020 explore possible ways to find common ground on the LBA.

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Large scale and collaborative process:

1. Structured around the pan-European set of Criteria and Indicators – linkage between QL and QN indicators
2. Data provided by governments and IDP
3. Process guided by the Advisory Group
4. 16 Coordinating Lead Authors and Lead Authors - work of over 60 expert authors
Overall forest policies are increasingly guided by governance mechanisms as “National forest programmes”

C2 Forest Health

3.7 million ha of Europe’s forests are affected by forest damage, most frequently caused by biotic agents.

EUROPE’S FOREST DAMAGE

C3 Productive Functions

Total value of marketed non-wood goods reached 2.3 billion € in Europe in 2010, of which:

- Food: 29.00%
- Raw material for medicines, aromatic products, cosmetics: 1.50%
- Decorative foliage, ornamental plants: 47.20%
- Exudates: 0.70%
- Raw material for textiles, handicrafts and constructions: 0.70%
- Other plant products: 20.90%
- Other edible and non-edible animal products: 0.21%
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- Wild meat: 51.10%
- Wild honey and bees’ wax: 45.68%
- Hides, skins and trigoss: 2.90%
- Livestock animals: 0.08%

Forest area with damage (% of reported forest area):
- 0.50% Forest operations
- 0.20% Unspecified/Mixed
- 0.30% Fire
- 0.50% Abnormal snow
- 1.40% Wildlife and grazing
- 1.20% Insects and diseases

- **C4**: FOREST BIO
  - 87% of European forests are *seminatural*
  - 9% of European forests are *plantations*
  - 4% are forest *undisturbed by man*

- **C5**: PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS
  - In Europe more than *30 million hectares* of forests have been protected with the main objective to *conserve biodiversity or landscape*.

- **110 Million ha**
Forestry activities, wood processing, and the pulp and paper industries combined contribute 0.8% (103 billion €) to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Europe as a whole.

The overall value of marketed roundwood still increased and reached 11,500 million € in 2010, when a total of 407 million m² of roundwood were produced in Europe.


2. Summary for policy makers

3. Infographics: http://foresteurope.org/communications/infographics
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