FOREST EUROPE
Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
FOREST EUROPE Mission:

„To enhance the cooperation on forest policies in Europe under the leadership of ministers, and secures and promotes SFM with the aim of maintaining the multiple functions of forests crucial to society.“

FOREST EUROPE undertakes activities and actions that include development and updating of policies and tools for SFM, implementation of commitments on forests, reflecting latest developments, knowledge, innovation including promotion of forest sector’s contribution to the sustainable development.
7th FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference
FOREST EUROPE Extraordinary Ministerial Conference

held in Madrid (October 20 – 21, 2015)

- Declaration: 25 years together promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe
- Resolution 1: Forest sector in the center of Green Economy
- Resolution 2: Protection of forests in a changing environment
- Decision: The future direction of FOREST EUROPE
- Madrid Ministerial Decision from the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference
1st of January 2016

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FOREST EUROPE priorities for next years

• Implementation of the ministerial commitments from Madrid
• Goals and the European 2020 Targets for Forests

Priority areas:
• Further development of SFM tools;
• Monitoring, assessment and reporting on forests;
• Contribution to efforts in transition to green economy through enhancing the role of SFM in it, including social aspects and valuation of forest ecosystem services;
• Adaptation of forests in Europe to climate change
• Review of the FOREST EUROPE process
• Awareness raising on SFM, communication, outreach
Guiding principles of our future work

- **Cooperation and Partnerships** - with signatories, observers as well as other partners and processes
- **Added value** - generated through coordination and joint implementation of appropriate national actions at the pan-European level.
- **Science-policy interface and capacity building** – for the integration of information, knowledge, innovation and experience in the forest sector
- **Reflecting the latest agenda at the global level** – the Forest Europe activities will be fully aligned with the latest relevant global initiatives
- **Transparency and flexibility** – providing transparent and effective communication as well as ability to accommodate emerging issues