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A workshop organized by the Liaison Unit Warsaw in cooperation with UNECE/TC and the Governments of Switzerland and Latvia.

The workshop is organized as a response to Vienna Resolution 1, in which the ministers responsible for European's forests recognized the need for strengthened synergies for sustainable forest management in Europe through cross-sectoral cooperation.

The ECE/FAO European Forest Sector Outlook Study (EFSOS) confirming the views of many analysts, stressed the importance of policies and developments for other sectors in determining the outlook for the forest sector, as well as major contribution which the forest sector can make to other sectors. However these cross-sectoral interactions are not yet well understood, so policies, forest and non-forest, are still being formulated in a suboptimal way.

This workshop aims to address these complex issues, but at the level of policy formulation in practice.

Objectives of the workshop:

1. Improve understanding of major political developments as well as changes outside and within the forest sector that have led to the necessity of cross-sectoral networks,
2. Enhance understanding of how policies and strategies, developed in other sectors, influence the forest sector and vice versa,
3. Analyse selected cross-sectoral issues, actors and interactions, especially concerning the forest sector and policies for energy, nature conservation, trade and globalization, agriculture and rural and urban development.
4. Identify ways of coordination, cooperation or integration for each selected policy sector,
5. Explore examples of cross-sectoral networks, processes and partnerships.