Report on *Silva Mediterranea* activities and main conclusions of the Enlarged Executive Committee meeting (Antalya, 13-16 April 2010)

European Forestry Commission

Lisbon – Portugal

27 to 30 April 2010
1) What is Silva Mediterranea?

2) Working groups, recent activities and main conclusions of the last Enlarged Executive Committee held in Antalya (Turkey - 13 to 16 April 2010)

3) Proposal on the integration of Silva Mediterranea activities in the programme of work on Timber and Forestry of UNECE/FAO (FO:EFC/2010/3.6 Add.1)

4) Proposal to endorse the “position paper” for the Ministerial conference in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean (FO:EFC/2010/3.2 Add.1)?
What is *Silva Mediterranea*?

**Committee on Forestry (COFO)**

Several Regional Forestry Commissions:
- Europe
- Near East
- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- Latin America and Caribbean
- North America

Technical Statutory Bodies

Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – *Silva Mediterranea*
What is *Silva Mediterranea*?

27 countries are members of the *Silva Mediterranea* Committee.
What is *Silva Mediterranea*

1. *Formal Session:* Every four years

2. *The Enlarged Executive Committee* (with a meeting every year): Portugal, Morocco, **Bulgaria**, France, Turkey & the coordinators of the different Working Groups

3. *Extraordinary meetings of Silva Mediterranea are organized during COFO (Rome)*

4. Secretariat: FAO with Nora BERRAHAMOUNI (*Forestry Officer for Arid Zones*) and Christophe BESACIER (*Forestry Officer*)
Silva Mediterranea Working Groups

Action Plans 2009-2012 for the following six working groups:

1. “Forest Fires” (lead by Ricardo VELEZ – SPAIN);
2. “Cork Oak” (lead by M.C. VARELA – PORTUGAL);
3. “Management of Forests and Sustainable Development” (lead by P. ICARD - PLAN BLEU);
4. “Forest Genetic Resources” (lead by Fulvio DUCCI – ITALIE);
5. “Mediterranean Forests and Climate Change” (lead by A. HOUMY – MOROCCO);
Recent activities and main conclusions of the last EEC?

- A workshop with south Mediterranean countries in March 2010;
- A workshop in Hammamet for Cork Oak Working Group;
- A first “Mediterranean Forests Week” in Antalya (13 – 16 April 2010);
- A “working paper” on the State of Mediterranean Forests;
- An inception workshop in September 2010, for a new project funded by GTZ; Organization of several events in Rome during COFO in October 2010 (Side Events);
- A specific effort on communication tools;
- A full document on “State of Mediterranean Forests”;
- A collaboration with EFIMED;
- Agreement for integration of Silva Mediterranea activities in the programme of work on Timber and Forestry of UNECE/FAO with five main items of collaboration in 2010/2011;
- A continuous effort for advocacy concerning Mediterranean Forests during 2010/2011 in particular in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM);
Proposal on the integration of *Silva Mediterranea* in the programme of work on Timber and Forestry of UNECE/FAO

*Why?*

- Include *Silva Mediterranea* in the Strategic Plan of the Integrated Programme of Work on Timber and Forestry of the EFC and Timber Committee;

- *Enhance dialogue between the parent and subsidiary body:* Informing policy makers of substantive work and policy implications;

- Draw attention of the EFC (and AFWC and NEFC) to Mediterranean issues, particularly on forest policy matters.
Options for enhanced cooperation between Silva Mediterranea and UNECE/FAO?

- Climate Change adaptation;
- State of Mediterranean Forests;
- Forest Fires;
- Wood energy;
- Share experiences across the UNECE region.
Proposal to endorse the “position paper” for the Ministerial conference in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)?

A position paper on the “contribution of forests and other wooded lands to food security in the Mediterranean” (Annex I) was prepared by a panel of experts and endorsed by the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea during the first Mediterranean Forest Week, held on 14-16 April 2010 in Antalya, Turkey.

This position paper was prepared for adoption and inclusion as part of the declaration of Ministers of Agriculture at the “Ministerial Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on Food security, Agriculture and Rural Development” taking place on 15-16 June 2010, in Cairo, Egypt.

The EFC is invited to take note of this position paper and to endorse it for onward submission to Ministers of agriculture for adoption at the “Ministerial Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean on Food security, Agriculture and Rural Development”.
Highlights of this “position paper”

- Mediterranean forest and other wooded lands contribute significantly to poverty alleviation and food security.

- In the context of climate change and other increasing human pressures, investment in avoiding deforestation and in sustainable forest management are key issues.
Highlights of this “position paper”

- develop an integrated strategy for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests;
- implement the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda 2010-2020
- organise a high level Mediterranean conference with all relevant stakeholders in 2012
A STRATEGIC GOAL:

Union for the Mediterranean

Member states of *Silva Mediterranea*

CONNECTING *SILVA MEDITERRANE A* AND UfM

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION