



Workshop Announcement

Workshop on pan-European recommendations for afforestation and reforestation in the context of UNFCCC

Implementation of Vienna Resolution V5 (Climate change and sustainable forest management in Europe)

Dates: **October 24-26, 2006**

Place and venue: **Vilnius, Lithuania, Reval Hotel Lietuva**

Introduction: The need for reduction of carbon dioxide emissions was highlighted in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC, 1992). The Kyoto Protocol and Marrakech Accord to the UNFCCC list carbon sequestration through afforestation and reforestation activities among the possible ways for offsetting CO₂ emissions. In its Vienna Resolution 5, the MCPFE aims to enhance the contribution of forests to reducing net greenhouse-gas emissions and to encourage SFM practices in carbon sequestration measures. One of the actions planned in line with implementation of the Vienna Resolution 5 is elaboration of pan-European recommendations for afforestation and reforestation in the context of UNFCCC. The MCPFE Expert Level Meeting on 5-6 September, 2005, endorsed the IUCN publication on "Afforestation and reforestation for climate change mitigation: potentials for pan-European action" (Warsaw, July 2004) as a building block for preparing these recommendations. The workshop is also organized in the context of implementation of the Framework for Cooperation between MCPFE and Environment for Europe/PEBLDS process.

Organisers: MCPFE Liaison Unit Warsaw; PEBLDS Joint Secretariat, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania

Target group: experts designated by the MCPFE and PEBLDS member countries as well as observer countries and organizations.

Aims of the workshop:

- a) to provide the latest knowledge on ecological, social, and economic aspects of and policy settings for afforestation and reforestation in Europe, including climate change and biodiversity issues;
- b) to review and discuss a proposal for pan-European Recommendations for afforestation and reforestation in the context of UNFCCC

Working modalities: plenary sessions and working group discussions (24-25.10),
excursion focusing on afforestation areas and related topics (26.10).

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