

Declaration of Zidlochovice

From December 9th to 13th 2002 representatives of forest owner associations, responsible state ministries from Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia, FAO, IUCN, CEPF and ProSilva Europe met in Zidlochovice in the Czech Republic to hold a workshop on "Support for multifunctional forestry in Central and Eastern European Countries".

The participants declared the following issues as essential to the successful implementation of sustainable forest management

1. To respect the constitutional legitimacy of private ownership
2. To acknowledge that sustainable forest management encompasses in a balanced way economic, social and ecological aspects
3. To recognise that economic viability of sustainable forest management depends on income from the productive function of forests and on compensation for non-productive functions of forests
4. To emphasise that a participatory approach is based on partnership, mutual respect and agreement between the forest owners, their associations and other stakeholders.
5. To maintain and strengthen a network of representatives of forest owners and their associations, state forest administrations and other stakeholders to share information and knowledge on sustainable forest management of private forests

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