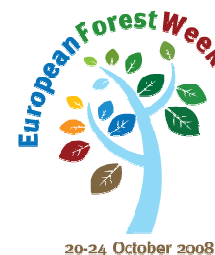




FAO Regional Office
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Information event on “National Forest Programme - experiences in Europe and Central Asia”

Thursday 23 Oct 12:45 – 14:15, Queen Juliana Room (B324)

Report

The information event on “National Forest Programme (NFP)- experiences in Europe and Central Asia” was initiated by the NFP Facility, FAO Regional Office and Finland, and organised in collaboration between NFP Facility and FAO as an input to the European Forest Week (<http://www.europeanforestweek.org/home/en/>). Representatives from eight countries supported the event with presentations, demonstrating national experiences in the use of NFP achievements reached in terms of the development of an efficient policy framework as well as in terms of forest management. They also described challenges ahead with regard to further progress in this field.

The following presentations have been given:

NFP principles and experience gained by the Nfp Facility

NFP in Armenia – achievements in national forest policy reforms

Macedonian NFP – Inputs on Sustainable Forest Management

Serbian NFP – Achievements and challenges ahead

Policy and reality – can those two go together?

Slovenian National Forest Programme

Finland’s NFP 2015

The next Italian NFP: international commitments and national implementation

Jerker Thunberg, National forest programme Facility

Ruben Petrosjan, "Hayantar" National State Forest Enterprise

Jana Jovanovska, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

Branco Glavonjic, Belgrade State University

Aigar Kallas, Estonian State Forest Management Center

Živan Veselič, Slovenia Forest Service

Heikki Granholm, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Lorenza Colletti, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forest Policies – National Forest Corps

34 participants attended this event (see List of Participants attached). The meeting was facilitated by Volker Sasse (FAO Sub-Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe). The discussion stressed that NFP's target the balance between a long term perspective and short term needs. NFP's need to maintain a dynamic role in addressing new demands from forest land use and in the implementation of adequate forest policies and institutions, aiming for that purpose a high political status.

NFP's present an efficient tool for improving contributions of forest management to sustainable development mainly through:

- Participatory policy decision making, the raising of public awareness and the gathering of societal needs from forest management, guiding by this way to a multifunctional forest management;
- Adequate financing of public forest services, promoting efficient policy tools for that purpose;
- Coordination of policies and institutions related to forest management (wood production, nature protection and others) as well as cross-sectoral cooperation;