

Team of Specialists on Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Inaugural meeting

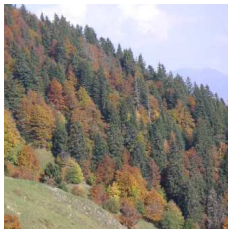
4-6 March 2009

Introduction to Team & its Mandate,

Meeting Objectives



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- UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists and work programme
- Mandate: Objectives & Outputs
- Background:
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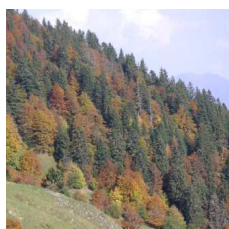
Objectives of this 1st meeting (1)

- Constitute the Team
- **Review and exchange information** on forest policy developments in eastern Europe and central Asia, identify key issues to be addressed (5 March a.m.)
- **Inform about UNECE's and FAO's activities** related to policies and institutions, as well as **work of partners** (CEPF, IUCN)
- Discuss and agree on future Team activities:
work plan 2008-13
 - ...taking into account:**
 - **Mandate**
 - **UNECE/FAO Strategy for Forestry Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
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Objectives of this 1st meeting (2)

- Business items:



- Elect a Leader and Vice Leaders
- Decide upon methods of work
 - Next meeting(s)
 - Cooperation with other UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists
 - How to address climate change issues
- Identify issues for attention of Joint Bureaux of the Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission



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UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists

- **7 UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists:**

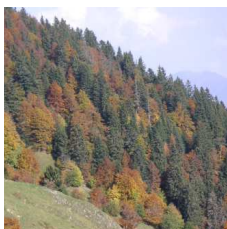
- Forest Products Markets & Marketing
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Forest Sector Outlook
- **Forest Policy in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
- Forest Communicators Network
- Joint Expert Network on Implementing SFM
- Forest Fire

- **Mandate from UNECE Timber Committee and FAO European Forestry Commission**

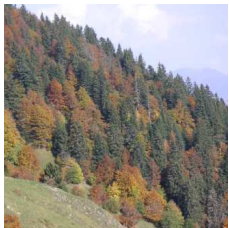
- **Annual Reporting to the UNECE/FAO Bureaux**

- **Outreach** to country and international experts

- **Guidance** to the secretariat on the implementation of the work programme



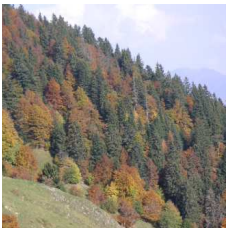
UNECE/FAO Integrated Work Programme on Timber and Forestry (1)



- **Work area 5: Policy & Cross-sectoral issues**
 - **Monitoring and analyzing** developments in forest sector policies, legislation and institutions, including national forest programmes
 - Implementing sustainable forest management through **capacity building** for forest policies and institutions
 - Improving **sectoral and cross-sectoral exchange and communication**
 - Producing **forest and forest products country profiles**
- *How can we best work together to address priority issues in your countries through these activities?*



UNECE/FAO Integrated Work Programme on Timber and Forestry (2)



■ 5 work areas:

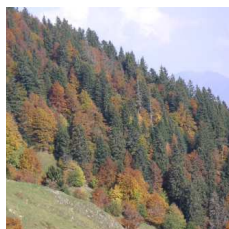
- Markets and Statistics
- Forest Resources Assessment
- Forest Sector Outlook
- Social and Cultural Issues
- **Policy and Cross-Sectoral Issues**

■ Country priorities & needs (Strategic Review):

- Climate change, bioenergy, wood mobilization
- Institutional Changes and Restructuring
(Bulgaria, Italy, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Poland, Serbia)
- Legislative Changes
(Switzerland, Hungary, Serbia, Uzbekistan)



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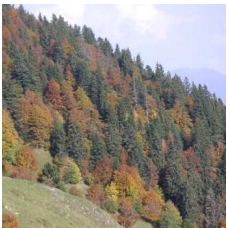


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Mandate: Objectives

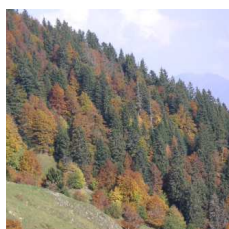
*To enhance effectiveness of international activities intended to **support and contribute to sustainable development of the forest sector in eastern Europe and central Asia**, notably through:*



- **Strengthening** policies and institutions
- **Improving** forest **information** management and communication
- **Identifying emerging issues and facilitating dialogue** and discussion on important policy and cross-sectoral aspects
- **Better integrating** countries of eastern Europe and central Asia in **international networks**
- **Advising** the UNECE/FAO secretariat in the dissemination of its products, and in the implementation of work area 5
- **Monitoring implementation** of the “Strategy for UNECE/FAO Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia,” and UNECE/FAO activities on implementing sustainable forest management



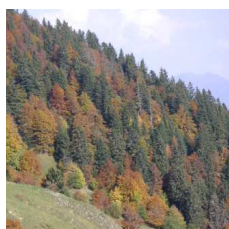
Mandate: Expected major outputs



- 1. Guide the development of a **publication on Forest Policies and Institutions in Eastern Europe**;
- 2. **Improve exchange of information and experiences** on forest sector policies and institutions between member countries;
- 3. Raise awareness of existing **forest policy information and networks**;
- 4. Promote **better integration of countries into international policy networks**;
- 5. Improve **public awareness on forest sector issues** and issues of a cross-sectoral dimension in eastern Europe and central Asia;
- 6. Maintain the **ToS website**.



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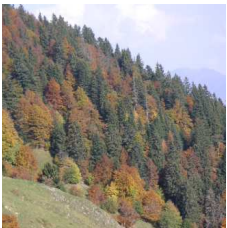
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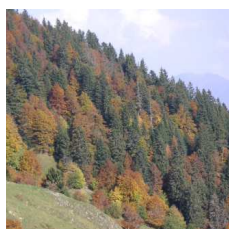
Strategy for UNECE/FAO Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (1)

- Elaborated and reviewed by the former ToS
- **Priority areas for future activities:**
 - **Policy and institutional framework**
 - Coordination of responsibilities for different forest functions and services
 - Forest ownership/tenure
 - Forest law enforcement and governance
 - **Capacity Building**
 - Emphasis on forestry training
 - **Forest information management and communication**
 - Improved access to information on forest sector in EE and CA
 - Integration of countries into forest policy networks

→ Are these still in line with your priorities and needs?



Strategy for UNECE/FAO Activities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (2)



- **Sub-regional approach:**
 - South-East Europe
 - Eastern Europe
 - Caucasus
 - Central Asia
 - New EU members: important experiences

- **Working methods:**
 - Information collection & analysis
 - Sharing of experiences through workshops & seminars
 - Collaboration between countries and with partner organizations
 - Technical assistance to projects (if funded)
 - Training and study tours



Krtiny Process & Declaration



- **Krtiny process:**

3 capacity building workshops organized by UNECE, FAO, Czech Ministry of Agriculture:

- Krtiny, Czech Republic, 2005
- Zamardi, Hungary, 2007
- Krtiny, Czech Republic, 2008

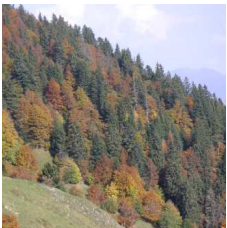
- **Krtiny Declaration: Recommendations by participants to governments and int'l organizations**

- **Recommendations to governments:**

- National Forest Programmes: develop, implement, monitor
- Training in forest policy
- Intensify cross-sectoral cooperation and synergies with other sectors



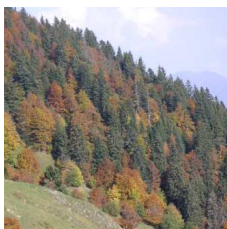
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- **Recommendations to international organizations:**
 - Facilitate harmonization of **terms and definitions** on forest policy, institutions, instruments
 - **Conduct studies** in support of forest policy, **Analyze outcomes** of recent forest policy studies and workshops
 - Organize **workshops** at the national and regional levels, leading to preparation of **high level forest policy conference**
 - Facilitate strengthening of regional and international **training capacities**
 - *„Integrate activities of the ToS with the Krtiny process, considering a sub-regional approach for the organization of corresponding workshops“*



Thank you!



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